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**Michael P. Lynch
Honored with 2019 George Orwell Award**

Michael P. Lynch has been named the winner of the 2019 George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language for *Know-It-All Society: Truth and Arrogance in Political Culture*. The Orwell Award emphasizes the importance of honesty and clarity in public language, and Michael Patrick Lynch's book reminds us that honesty and clarity is more than just listening to speakers behind a podium; honesty and clarity in public language also refers to how we interact every day with those around us. Lynch accessibly explores aspects around and within public language, including the ideas of how our convictions affect both our worldview and the resulting discourse, and how intellectual arrogance and intellectual humility shape our interactions with others. Relying on the frameworks of philosophers from Dewey to Montaigne to Socrates, Lynch offers us a path to consider for how we speak with and listen to others in our 21st century political landscape. For more information, please go to the [W.W. Norton website](http://www.norton.com).

The Orwell award was established in 1975 by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). This award recognizes an author, editor, or producer who has made outstanding contributions to the honesty and clarity in public language through critical analysis of public discourse.

He will be announced as the recipient of the George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language at the NCTE Awards Presentation Session on Saturday, November 23, during the 2019 NCTE Annual Convention in Baltimore, MD (<http://convention.ncte.org/>).

For more information about the NCTE George Orwell Award, including past winners, see <http://www2.ncte.org/awards/george-orwell-award/>.

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