

# NORTH CENTRAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

## 2019 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The North Central Sociological Association is pleased to announce its annual competition for all students.

### TWO DIVISIONAL AWARDS

- 1) Graduate Student Division (open to all MA and PhD students in the region)
- 2) Undergraduate Division (open to all students at 2-year and 4-year colleges, universities, and community colleges)

### AWARDS

- Up to three awards will be given in each category. Division winners will receive a certificate in recognition of their award.
  - **Undergraduate division** winners will receive a cash award of \$100 from the NCSA at the annual meeting.
  - **Graduate division** winners will receive a cash award at the NCSA annual meeting and will be distributed as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place receives \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives \$125, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place receives \$100. Additionally, the first-place winner in the graduate division will be honored as the recipient of the John Seidler Award and the winner's paper will be considered for publication in Sociological Focus.
- Co-authored or multiple authored winners will share the specified monetary award.
- All award winners will be honored at a special time during the annual meeting of the NCSA.

### COMPETITION RULES

- 1) The maximum length of a paper is 5,000 words (approximately 18-20 pages). An abstract of no more than 100 words must also be included.
- 2) The title page must include the author's name, institutional affiliation, divisional status (graduate or undergraduate), email address, and the name, address, and telephone number of the student's advisor/mentor. After the title page, no additional pages of the paper should include the author's name, advisor's name, or any school affiliation. Pages should be numbered.
- 3) Papers with multiple authors will be considered provided that all authors are students in the same division category.
- 4) Only papers written while the author(s) was a student are eligible for consideration.
- 5) To be considered for competition, all paper must be made via the online submission portal at <https://goo.gl/forms/DjFgXcbdr4ynC4Ah1>. Applicants must submit a Word document. The submitting author may be contacted via email to provide an additional copy that can be edited, or for questions.
- 6) The Word document should be named following these examples:
  - Jennifer Smith, an undergraduate student, from Big State University → **JSmith\_BSU\_UG**
  - Tom Smith, a graduate student, from Big State University → **TSmith\_BSU\_G**
- 7) As a security feature for submitting to the competition, you will need to 'sign in' to the submission form. You will be able to use any email address and the password of your choosing. As this is a Google form, if you have a Gmail or Google account – use that email address for ease of use. However, you DO NOT need to have a Gmail account. Creating a simple Google account is as easy as using the email address of your choice and

creating a password. We suggest you create the account using an email address you check often so you will be able to respond to requests for additional information and/or receive notifications regarding your submission. If you have questions regarding creating an account, contact Joyce at [nlsa@paragonme.net](mailto:nlsa@paragonme.net).

- 8) Winners are expected to present their papers at the 2019 annual meeting to receive the monetary award.
- 9) All papers submitted by **graduate students** will be automatically included in the regular program. Thus, graduate students should submit an **ABSTRACT** by **December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, using the normal conference submission system. The full paper is due to Pam Koch ([kochp@hope.edu](mailto:kochp@hope.edu)) by **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.
- 10) All papers submitted by **undergraduate students** for consideration in the student paper competition should be submitted to the 2019 annual meeting (undergraduate paper submission system) and incorporated into the undergraduate program. The undergraduate deadline to submit an ABSTRACT for the conference is **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.
- 11) For additional information, please contact Pam Koch at [kochp@hope.edu](mailto:kochp@hope.edu)

## JUDGING

A panel of judges will blind review papers. The judges will employ conventional scholarly criteria -- including thesis development, theoretical application, methodological application, discussion/findings, and mechanics -- in their deliberations. The graduate student paper award will also be reviewed for its potential for publication. The awards committee reserves the right not to award any or all prizes in a division should papers not be of sufficient quality or of sufficient number.

**Please submit full entries no later than January 10, 2018**

### Questions?

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