

# NORTH CENTRAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 2018 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 5000 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.
- 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) All submissions must be made via email to Pam Koch, at [kochnp@hope.edu](mailto:kochnp@hope.edu). Applicants should submit both a pdf copy and a copy that can be edited (in order to remove title pages for blind review).
- 6) Winners are expected to present their papers at the 2018 annual meeting to receive the monetary award.
- 7) All papers submitted by **graduate students** will be automatically included in the regular program. Thus, graduate students should submit an ABSTRACT by **December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, using the normal conference submission system. The full paper is due to Pam Koch ([kochnp@hope.edu](mailto:kochnp@hope.edu)) by **January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.
- 8) All papers submitted by **undergraduate students** for consideration in the student paper competition should be submitted to the 2018 annual meeting and incorporated into the undergraduate program. The undergraduate deadline to submit an ABSTRACT for the conference is **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. The full paper is due to Pam Koch ([kochnp@hope.edu](mailto:kochnp@hope.edu)) by **January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.
- 9) For additional information, please contact Pam Koch at [kochnp@hope.edu](mailto:kochnp@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 entries by January 12, 2018**

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