

NORTH CENTRAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 2008 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
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 reimbursement of up to \$100 for travel expenses incurred for traveling to the NCSA annual meeting March 27-29, 2008 in Cincinnati, OH.
- In the graduate division, the monetary award for reimbursement of expenses incurred for travel to the NCSA annual meeting March 27-29, 2008 in Cincinnati, OH will be distributed as follows: 1st place receives \$150, 2nd place receives \$125, and 3rd 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.
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. The contestant must submit four hard copies of the paper. We do not accept electronic copies.
6. Winners are expected to present their papers at the 2008 annual meeting to receive the monetary award.
7. All papers submitted by graduate students will be automatically included in the regular program.
8. Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit a copy of their papers to the program chair to be included in the regular program
9. For information, please contact Fayyaz Hussain at (517) 353-9964 or e-mail to hussain3@msu.edu
10. For information on NCSA, please visit our web site: <http://www.ncsanet.org/>

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 7, 2008** to:

Fayyaz Hussain, chair
Student Paper Awards Committee
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