

2005 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITIONS AND OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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Society for the Study of Social Problems

COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Deadline: 2/15/05

The SSSP Community Research and Development Division announces its 2005 Graduate Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage scholastic endeavors which enhance our understanding of issues affecting the community. Relevant paper topics can focus on various aspects of the community including its capacity (i.e., social capital), development, design, empowerment, renewal, and its impact on other social phenomena (e.g., personal well-being). Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses and theoretical papers are welcome, as are evaluations of the effectiveness of community-based programs. To be eligible for submission, a paper must not be published or accepted for publication. Papers must be student-authored; they may be authored by a single student or co-authored by more than one student, but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. Papers must not exceed 30 pages including all notes, references and tables. To be considered for the award, the author must make a commitment to present the paper at a Community Research and Development Division session during the 2005 SSSP meeting. Send two copies of the paper and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the Community Research and Development Division Graduate Student Paper Competition to: Mark Peyrot, Center for Social & Community Research, Loyola College, 4501 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210, mpeyrot@loyola.edu. A letter should be included from each author's advisor certifying the persons' status as a student and incorporating some comments about the research. The winner will be announced and will receive a \$100 cash award at the SSSP Annual Meeting in August 2005.

CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE DIVISION

Deadline: 5/1/05

The Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division will award \$100 for a solely written paper by a current graduate student on issues related to the division's mission. Please send three copies of the paper to: Chris Baker, Walters State Community College, Morristown, TN 37813; chris.baker@ws.edu.

CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DIVISION

Deadline: 1/31/05

The Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division announces its 2005 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of crime, deviance, and/or social control. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2004, and it may not be published, accepted for publication, or under review for publication. Papers which have been presented at a professional meeting or accepted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible. Papers must be student-authored; they can be single-authored or co-authored by students, but may not be co-authored with a faculty member or other non student. There is a 25-page limit, including all notes, references, and tables. Send papers and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the SSSP Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division Graduate Student Paper Competition to: Ken Kyle, Department of Social Sciences and Community Psychology & Social Change, School of Behavioral Sciences and Education, Pennsylvania State University, 777 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057. Include a letter from your advisor certifying your graduate student status and incorporating some comments about the paper. The winner will be announced in Spring 2005, will receive a \$300 stipend, and will be invited to present the paper at a regular Division panel session at the 2005 SSSP Annual Conference.

DRINKING AND DRUGS DIVISION

Deadline: 3/15/05

The Drinking and Drugs Division is holding its 2005 Student Paper Competition. The first place winner will receive a \$100 stipend, a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet, and be recognized at the 2005 meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. The division reserves the right to identify additional prizes or to not award a first place winner at its discretion. Papers must present original research (empirical and/or theoretical) related to drinking and/or drugs from a social problems perspective. To be eligible, participants must be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program and have not yet received a Ph.D., J.D., or M.D. degree at the time of submission. Participants must have had primary responsibility for preparation of the paper. All entries must be endorsed by a sponsor who is a current (2005) member of the division. Send three copies of the paper and a short letter of submission identifying your graduate program and signed by your sponsor to: SSSP Drinking and Drugs Student Paper Competition, Dr. Andrew Golub, National Development and Research Institutes, 71 West 23rd St., 8th floor, New York, NY 10010.

EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS DIVISION

Deadline: 5/16/05

All graduate students are encouraged to apply for the SSSP Educational Problems Division annual paper award competition. The paper should be associated with the specific interests of the Division, namely, those social problems within the broad area of education. The submitted paper should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages and should be prepared for anonymous review. The author's name, contact information and institutional affiliation should appear on a separate page at the beginning of the paper, along with an abstract of 150 to 200 words. All references to the identity of the author within the text should be removed. Current graduate students, and recent graduates who received their degrees after January 2005, may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. **DO NOT SUBMIT THE THESIS OR DISSERTATION ITSELF.** Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed

authors are current graduate students. Double submissions to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2005 SSSP annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA. It is strongly recommended that an abstract of the paper be submitted to any Educational Problems Division session organizer by the January 31, 2005 deadline. The award recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$100, student membership to SSSP, SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Papers should be submitted electronically or by regular mail with a letter of introduction describing your graduate program to: Professor Deirdre M. Smythe, Chair, Educational Problems Division Student Paper Competition, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Sociology Department, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada E3B 5G3; smythe@stthomasu.ca.

ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

Deadline: 4/1/05

The Environment and Technology Division is pleased to announce its 2005 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be theoretical and/or empirical and may be on a topic relevant to environment and technology, including environmental movements, technology and risk, political economy and the environment, or environmental justice, among others. The winner will receive a monetary award plus payment of the winner's SSSP membership fee for the 2005 SSSP meeting to help the winner attend the meeting. The winner will also be offered the opportunity to present this paper at one of the Environment and Technology sessions held at the 2005 SSSP meetings. To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria: 1) the paper must have been written between January 2004 and April 2005; 2) the paper may not have been submitted for publication (papers presented at other professional meetings or that have been submitted for presentation at other meetings are eligible); 3) the paper must be authored by one or more students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student; 4) the paper must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; and, 5) the paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's university nominating the paper for the Environment and Technology Division Graduate Student Paper Competition. Students should send one copy of their paper accompanied by a letter of support to each reader: Erin Robinson, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208; robins5@canisius.edu and Tammy Mix, Department of Sociology, PO Box 756480, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK 99775-6480; fftlm@uaf.edu.

FAMILY DIVISION

Deadline: 1/15/05

The Family Division announces its 2005 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should be of professional quality, and may relate to any aspect of sociology of the family. Authors should be currently enrolled as graduate students, or individuals who received their Ph.D.'s in May 2004 or later. To be eligible, a paper may not be published, accepted, or under review for publication. Papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or submitted for presentation at a professional conference are eligible. Papers must be student-authored; they can be authored by one or more students, but may not be co-authored with a faculty member or non-student. Papers should be no more than 35 pages in length, including all notes, references, and tables. Send papers and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered for the Family Division Graduate Student Paper Competition to: Nancy Mezey, Department of Political Science/Sociology, 400 Cedar Avenue, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ 07764-1898. Alternatively, papers may be sent electronically to Dr. Mezey at: nmezey@monmouth.edu. The winner and any runners-up will be announced in Spring 2005. The winner(s) will receive a modest cash stipend, registration fees, and an opportunity to present her/his paper at the SSSP conference, held in August 2005 in Philadelphia.

HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

Deadline: 6/1/05

All graduate students are encouraged to apply for this annual paper award competition. The paper should be related to the broad Division interest, including health and illness, health policy, and health services. The paper submission should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages and should be prepared for anonymous review (with the author specified on a title page but not referred to in other parts of the text). Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2004) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. (Please do not submit the thesis or dissertation itself.) Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all the listed authors are current graduate students. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2005 SSSP annual meeting in Philadelphia. Thus it is strongly recommended that an abstract of the paper be submitted to any Health Division session organizer or the roundtable organizer by the January 31st deadline. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$100, student membership to SSSP, SSSP conference registration, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Send three copies of the paper and a short letter of submission identifying your graduate program to: SSSP Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Student Paper Competition, Professor Judith N. Lasker, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 681 Taylor Street, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY DIVISION

Deadline: 3/15/05

The Institutional Ethnography Division solicits papers for its 2005 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should advance institutional ethnography scholarship either methodologically or through a substantive contribution. Authors must be currently enrolled graduate students or Ph.D.'s who have completed their studies by March 2004 or later. Prize includes a \$100 cash award, registration fees and an opportunity to present the paper at the 2005 SSSP meetings, and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet. Students who submit papers should be prepared to attend the conference. Send one copy each to: Marjorie DeVault, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244 and Eric Mykhalovskiy, Community Health and Epidemiology, Faculty of Medicine, Center for Clinical Research, Dalhousie University, 5790 University Avenue, Halifax, NS B3H 1V7, Canada.

LABOR STUDIES DIVISION

Deadline: 6/1/05

One of the most important activities of the Labor Studies Division is to recognize the work of graduate students. As in the past, the division is soliciting graduate student papers that build on the legacy of the late Harry Braverman. The Award consists of a \$200 cash prize and a ticket to the annual SSSP Awards Banquet. The Braverman tradition includes work in a variety of areas, including (but not limited to): labor process studies, critical organization studies, research on the intersections of gender, race, and class at work, technical and organizational change and its impact on work culture, labor movements and resistance in the workplace, critical perspectives on labor markets and occupational transformation. Papers co-authored with faculty members will not be accepted. Single authored papers by graduate students and papers co-authored by graduate students are welcome. All papers will be evaluated by a committee composed of at least three Labor Studies Division faculty scholars. E-mail your paper and a short letter of submission identifying your graduate program to: Kevin D. Henson, khenson@luc.edu. Snail mail: Department of Sociology, Loyola University Chicago, 6525 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60626.

LAW AND SOCIETY DIVISION

Deadline: 3/1/05

The Alfred R. Lindesmith Award is annually given to the best paper presented at the previous year's (2004) SSSP annual meeting that is law-related and written by one or more untenured faculty and/or graduate student(s) and has not been accepted for publication prior to presentation at the SSSP meeting. If your paper or that of a friend meet these criteria, please submit three copies of the paper to: Otis Grant, Chair, SSSP Law and Society Division, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, P.O. Box 7111, South Bend, IN 46634-7111; ogrant@iusb.edu; W: 574-520-4157. The winner will receive a plaque and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet.

MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

Deadline: 2/15/05

The Mental Health Division announces the 2005 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should involve some sort of empirical analysis, either qualitative or quantitative, and they may deal with any aspect of the sociology of mental health. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2004, and it may not be published or accepted for publication. Papers that have been presented at a professional meeting, submitted for presentation at a professional conference, or are under review for publication are eligible. Papers must be student-authored. They may be single-authored by the student or co-authored by more than one student, but may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student. Papers must not exceed 28 pages including all notes, references and tables. Send two copies of the paper and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the graduate student paper competition to: Dr. Pamela Braboy Jackson, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, Ballantine Hall 744, Bloomington, IN 47405; pjackson@indiana.edu. Please include a letter from your advisor certifying your graduate-student status and incorporating some comments about the research. The winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting in August 2005 and will receive a \$100 cash award.

POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY DIVISION

Deadline: 3/28/05

The Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division seeks nominations for two awards. The 2005 Michael Harrington Distinguished Teaching Award recognizes outstanding teaching on poverty and inequality. Teaching that incorporates service learning or community outreach in the spirit of Harrington's commitment to social change is particularly appropriate. The 2005 social action award recognizes the contribution that progressive organizations make in challenging the structures that foster class polarization and poverty. These groups can focus on attempts to alter institutional practices and/or provide social services that empower disenfranchised populations. Self-nomination is acceptable and both awards will be presented at the 2005 meeting in Philadelphia. Winners will receive a plaque at the division's reception. One-page nomination letters should be sent to Eric Swank, Department of Sociology, Social Work & Criminology, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY 40351; e.swank@morehead-st.edu. Supplemental materials may be requested.

RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES DIVISION

Deadline: 2/15/05

The Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division invites papers that cover any aspect within the field of race and ethnic relations. Papers may be empirical or theoretical. To be eligible, a paper must have been written in 2004, may not have been accepted for publication, or currently under review. Papers which have been presented at previous meetings or conferences are eligible. Papers must be single authored by the student. Papers must not exceed 25 pages, including notes, tables, and references. Papers should be accompanied by a cover letter specifying their submission as consideration for the graduate student paper competition to: Ione Y. DeOllos, Department of Sociology, Ball State University, Muncie, IN 46306; W: 765-285-5470; ideollos@bsu.edu. The winner will be announced in the spring 2005 and will receive a \$100 stipend and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet.

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS, AND COMMUNITIES DIVISION

Deadline: 3/1/05

The Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division announces its 2005 graduate student paper competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of sexuality, including sexual behavior, sexual identity, sexual politics, sex law, political activism, or sexual communities. The winner will receive a stipend of \$100, payment of the winner's SSSP registration fee for the 2005 SSSP meeting (to help the winner attend the meeting), and a ticket to the banquet. The winner will be expected to present their winning paper at one of the SBPC sessions being held as part of the 2005 SSSP meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2004 and February 2005; 2) The paper may not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 3) The paper must be authored by one or more students, and not co-authored with a faculty member or colleague who is not a student; 4) The paper must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; and, 5) The paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's college or university nominating the paper for the SBPC Division Student Paper Competition. Students should send five copies of their paper, accompanied by a letter of nomination from a faculty member to: Sandra Schroer, Department of Sociology, Muskingum College, CH 124, New Concord, OH 43762; W: 740-826-8287; sshroer@muskingum.edu.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY DIVISION

Deadline: 4/1/05

The Social Problems Theory Division of the SSSP invites papers for its annual Student Paper Competition. To be eligible, papers must be authored or co-authored by students, have relevance to social problems theories, and cannot have been accepted for publication. Papers co-authored with faculty are not eligible. Please limit manuscripts to 25 pages. The 1st place winner will receive \$150 and the 2nd place winner will receive \$100. Both winners will have their meeting registration fees paid and receive a banquet ticket for the 2005 Annual Meeting. Send electronic submissions as a Word attachment to lara-foley@utulsa.edu. If you do not have e-mail access, submit three copies of the paper to: Lara Foley, Department of Sociology, University of Tulsa, 600 S. College Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74104; Fax: 918-631-2057. The Student Awards Committee consists of Lara Foley (chair, University of Tulsa), Josh Gamson (University of San Francisco), and Karen Lutfey (University of Minnesota).

SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WELFARE DIVISION

Deadline: 4/1/05

The Sociology and Social Welfare Division announces its 2005 student paper competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical and must be on a topic relevant to the Division, including social activism, social problems related to sociology/social welfare, among others. The first place winner will receive a cash award of \$150 plus payment of the winner's SSSP membership/registration fee for the 2005 meeting. The second place winner will receive a cash award of \$100 and the third place winner will receive, a cash award of \$50. To be eligible, papers must meet the following criteria: 1) must be authored by one or more students and not co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student; 2) must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references and tables; and 3) must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's university nominating the paper for the Sociology and Social Welfare Division Student Paper Competition. Interested students should send two copies of the paper accompanied by a letter of support to: Anne Broussard, Department of Social Work, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824. Papers will also be accepted through email: anne.broussard@unh.edu. The winner will be announced by June 1, 2005.

TEACHING SOCIAL PROBLEMS DIVISION

Deadline: 3/15/05

The Teaching Social Problems Division announces its 2005 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be on any aspect of teaching about social problems. Topics for papers can include "best practices" in the classroom, service-learning courses, using technology, using media, assessment of learning, and other areas. The winner will receive a stipend of \$100 plus a ticket to the 2005 SSSP Banquet. The winner will be offered an opportunity to present this paper at one of the Teaching Social Problems Division sessions being held as part of the 2005 SSSP meeting. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2004 and March 2005; 2) The paper may not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 3) The paper must be authored by one or more students, and not co-authored with a faculty member or colleague who is not a student; 4) The paper must be 25 pages or less, including notes, references, and tables; and, 5) The paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's college/university nominating the paper for the Teaching Social Problems Division Student Paper Competition. Students should send five copies of their paper, accompanied by a letter of nomination from a faculty member to: Professor Glenn W. Muschert, Department of Sociology and Gerontology, 366 Upham Hall, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056-1879; W: 513-529-1812; muschegw@muohio.edu. The winner will be announced prior to the 2005 SSSP Annual Meeting.

YOUTH, AGING, AND THE LIFE COURSE DIVISION

Deadline: 3/1/05

All graduate students are encouraged to apply for this annual award competition. The paper should be related to the broad Division interest. The paper should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages and should be prepared for anonymous review (with the author specified on a title page but not referred to in other parts of the text). Current graduate students and recent graduates (who received their degrees after January 2004) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. Please do not submit the thesis or dissertation itself. Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all listed authors are current graduate students. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. The award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at the 2005 annual meeting in Philadelphia. Thus, applicants MUST submit at least an abstract of the paper to any Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division organizer (or co-sponsored organizer) by the January 31, 2005 deadline. Two awards, providing at least two papers are deemed meritorious, will be made. The first place winner will receive a monetary prize of \$100 and SSSP registration for the 2005 annual meeting. The second place winner will receive a monetary prize of \$60. In addition to submitting the abstract to a session organizer by the January 31, 2005 deadline, applicants must send three copies of the paper along with a letter of application for the award no later than March 1, 2005 to: Dr. Tracy L. Dietz, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, P.O. Box 25000, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL 32816.

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