



## 2025 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITIONS AND OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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**PAPER SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Submission deadline for the Call for Papers and the Student Paper Competitions is 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on January 31, 2025.**

The Divisions are pleased to announce the 2025 Student Paper Competitions and Outstanding Scholarship Awards. In order to be considered for any of the Student Paper Competitions, applicants are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting Call for Papers, [https://www.sssp1.org/2025 Call for Papers](https://www.sssp1.org/2025_Call_for_Papers), prior to the January 31, 2025 submission deadline. This will ensure that winning papers are both designated and included in the program.

Please note that students may only submit to one division and that each division has its own deadline and submission process. Papers are not eligible for presentation or division competitions or awards/scholarships/fellowships if they have been published or accepted for publication before being submitted for consideration. Papers are not eligible if they have been presented previously at SSSP or presented or accepted for presentation at other professional meetings, unless they have been revised substantially with new data, findings, or theoretical contributions.

### **COMMUNITY, RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Community, Research, and Practice Division](#) announces its 2025 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Paper topics can focus on various aspects of communities, including their capacity, development, renewal, and relationship with other social issues or problems. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses, applied research, and theoretical papers are welcome. To be eligible for submission, a paper must not be published nor accepted for publication (but it may be submitted for publication, and it may be accepted for publication after submission). 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 25 double-spaced pages (including all notes, references, and tables), and should include a brief abstract. To be eligible for the award, the author(s) must commit to present the paper at a session during the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting in Chicago.

To be considered, submit (a) a copy of the manuscript, (b) a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the Community, Research, and Practice Division Graduate Student Paper Competition, and (c) a short letter from each author's advisor certifying the person's status as a student and including some brief comments about the research. All materials must be submitted electronically to the Annual Meeting [Call for Papers](#) on the SSSP conference website by January 31, 2025, and sent to the Committee Chair, Dr. Annette Mackey, e-mail: [annette.mackay@oneonta.edu](mailto:annette.mackay@oneonta.edu). Please note that students may only submit to one division. The winner will receive a \$100 cash award, student membership and conference registration provided by the SSSP, and recognition at the SSSP awards ceremony.

### **COMMUNITY, RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE: COMMUNITY PARTNER PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Community, Research, and Practice Division](#) announces its 2025 Community Partner Paper Competition. Consistent with our division's mission, this paper award is intended to recognize rigorous academic work that has practical implications for members of marginalized communities and, specifically, to celebrate community-engaged work.

Paper topics can focus on various social issues and problems related to community, such as the causes and consequences of communities' exclusion or marginalization from processes and resources, the capacities and

strengths of communities and community movements, and the development and changes within communities. Qualitative and quantitative empirical analyses, applied research, and theoretical papers are welcome.

The following criteria for this award were developed based on standards of Community Based Research. Although papers do not need to meet all of these criteria, greater consideration will be given to research that demonstrates more of these criteria:

- Research questions and/or focus reflects priorities of community partners;
- Research encourages involvement of community in all aspects of research design including data collection methods to incorporate language, perspectives and experiences of participants;
- Research encourages involvement of community in analysis and writing of paper, including co-authorship with community;
- Research process provides member access to one another's expertise, demonstrating an appreciation of academic and local community knowledge;
- Results are 'owned' by the community;
- Research has consequences for guiding social action, policy or program change for community;
- Research democratizes and decolonizes the knowledge creation process by re-imagining relationships between researchers and subjects of research.

Papers may be pre-published or published in 2023-present. Papers may be coauthored by more than one faculty member, community member and/or student. Community partners are characterized by any community-based entity or representative that is outside of the academy. Papers must not exceed 25 double-spaced pages (including all notes, references, and tables), and should include a brief abstract. To be eligible for the award, the author(s) must make a commitment to present the paper at a session during the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting in Chicago.

To be considered, submit (a) a copy of the manuscript, (b) a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the Community, Research, and Practice Division Community Partner Paper Competition, and (c) a brief letter from the community partner commenting on their role in the paper. All materials must be submitted electronically to the Annual Meeting [Call for Papers](#) on the SSSP conference website by January 31, 2025 and also sent to the Committee Chair, Dr. Urmitapa Dutta email: [urmitapa\\_dutta@uml.edu](mailto:urmitapa_dutta@uml.edu). The winner will receive recognition at the Community, Research, and Practice Division business meeting.

## **COMMUNITY, RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE: STUDENT PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Community, Research, and Practice Division](#) announces its *Student Public Scholarship Award*. These awards seek to recognize undergraduate and graduate student research that improves public welfare, broadly understood, and/or improves the lives of research participants, and generates non-traditional scholarly products presented in a manner that is widely accessible to targeted audiences and/or the general public. Acceptable submissions include publicly disseminated works, such as Op-Eds, public media appearances, infographics, policy briefs, program evaluations, white papers, reports, translations of scientific or other scholarly findings into accessible formats, site revitalization plans, concept maps, videos, or other creative products designed to respond to and inform broader publics.

Submissions should include a brief abstract and a copy of the work. To be eligible for the award, the author(s) must commit to present the work at a session during the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting in Chicago, and be willing to share the work on the Society for the Study of Social Problems website and related social media.

To be considered, submit (a) a copy of the work, (b) a cover letter specifying that the work is to be considered in the Community, Research, and Practice Division Public Scholarship Competition, and indicate if you are applying to the Undergraduate or Graduate Student award, and (c) a short letter from each author's advisor certifying the person's status as a student and including some brief comments about the research.

All materials must be submitted electronically to the Annual Meeting [Call for Papers](#) on the SSSP conference website by January 31, 2025, and also sent to the Committee Chair, Dr. Teresa Gonzales, email:

[tgonzaless3@luc.edu](mailto:tgonzaless3@luc.edu). Please note that students may only submit to one division. There will be one Undergraduate Student winner and one Graduate Student winner; each will receive a \$100 cash award and recognition at the Community, Research, and Practice Division business meeting.

### **CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division](#) is excited to announce its 2025 Graduate Student Paper Award. Students are encouraged to submit empirically based papers with a theoretical contribution addressing topics pertaining to collective conflict, action, and change. Topics for submission might include but are not limited to the following themes: political conflict, repression, and violence, social movement mobilization and protest, peacebuilding and conflict transformation, criminal justice reform, resistance and norm contestation, and institutional change. The winner will receive a \$200 cash award, a one-year student membership to SSSP, conference registration fees, and a plaque commemorating their superb achievement.

Guidelines for submission are as follows: A paper must not yet be published or accepted for publication at the time of submission. It can, however, be under review. Papers must be authored by a current graduate student (either solely or co-authored by more than one graduate student) and may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other nonstudent. The student may not submit the same paper to more than one division.

To be considered, submit:

- a copy of the manuscript,
- a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered for the Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division Graduate Student Paper Competition, and
- a letter from each author's advisor or mentor certifying the person's status as a student and some brief comments about the research.

Papers should not exceed 50 doubled-spaced pages including all notes, references, and tables. Please upload your submission to both the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) submission site AND send an electronic copy of all requested materials to the Division Chair, C Michael Awsumb at [csac.sssp@gmail.com](mailto:csac.sssp@gmail.com) with the subject line: "CSAC 2025 Student Paper Award." The advisor's letter can arrive separately or from the graduate student directly (if separately, please use the same subject line).

### **CONFLICT, SOCIAL ACTION, AND CHANGE: OUTSTANDING ARTICLE AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division](#) is excited to announce our Outstanding Article Award for 2025. With this award, the division aims to recognize published and pre-published work exemplary in its contributions for scholars and activists with work advancing the rigorous critical-scholarship and activist-informed understandings of the character and causes of oppression, conflict, social movements, and social change central to the division's mission. Articles on a broad range of topics are welcomed (e.g., poverty, criminal justice, social movements, mobilization and protest, political conflict, repression, violence and war, peacebuilding and conflict transformation, global inequality, labor, the environment, migration, human rights, race, gender, and sexuality-based oppression and inequality, the body, intersectionality, teaching for change, resistance and norm contestation, and institutional change); however, nominated articles should demonstrate commitment to social justice and research of, by, and/or for those most affected by social inequalities in the global world.

Guidelines for submission of nominations are as follows. Eligible articles must have been or will be published between January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2025. Single- or multiple- authored articles are accepted. Nominees must be members of SSSP. Authors are encouraged to nominate their own work. Nominations are submitted the Division Chair, C Michael Awsumb, via email at: [csac.sssp@gmail.com](mailto:csac.sssp@gmail.com).

Emailed nominations should be titled "CSAC 2025 Outstanding Paper Article Nomination" and include as attachments:

- a copy of the article,
- a cover letter specifying the article is to be considered for the CSAC 2025 Outstanding Article Award,

- current Vita(s) of the nominated author(s), and
- a cover letter describing the research, project, and/or work from which the publication originates and a brief biographical statement and affiliation for all authors.

Nominees and nominated articles will be reviewed and awardee(s) determined by the Outstanding Article Award Committee. The awardee(s) will receive a plaque of recognition at the Conflict Social Action and Change business meeting and be featured in the division newsletter.

## **CRIME AND JUSTICE: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Crime and Justice Division \(CJD\)](#) invites submissions for its annual graduate student paper competition. Papers submitted to the CJD Student Paper Competition may be empirical or theoretical papers covering a broad range of topics in crime and justice.

### **Award:**

The CJD winner will receive:

1. a \$150 cash prize on behalf of the CJD,
2. an award plaque provided by the SSSP,
3. compensation covering membership dues and conference registration provided by the SSSP, and
4. recognition at the CJD divisional meeting and the SSSP awards ceremony.

Please note, if the paper is co-authored, there is only one cash award, one membership award, and one conference registration award. A recognition plaque will be provided for each co-author.

### **Eligibility requirements:**

1. All authors are a graduate student at the time of submission to the graduate student paper competition; therefore, the paper must be student authored or student co-authored. The paper may not be co-authored with a faculty member.
2. The paper is not published or accepted for publication at the time of submission.
3. You have not submitted your paper to another SSSP division student paper competition. As per SSSP rules, you may only submit your paper to one division student paper competition.
4. Papers that have been presented previously at SSSP or presented or accepted for presentation at other professional meetings, unless they have been revised substantially with new data, findings, or theoretical contributions will not be considered.

### **Submission guidelines:**

1. Recommended length is thirty pages or less, which includes tables, charts, figures, and bibliography; longer papers will be considered but length is one criterion of evaluation. Submissions should use 12-point font, one-inch margins, and double spacing.
2. All award-winning papers will be included in the SSSP annual meeting program; therefore, all submissions to the CJD paper competition must also be submitted through SSSP's online annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) submission portal

### **To submit:**

E-mail the paper and a cover letter confirming eligibility to CJD Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Chair Dr. Stephani Williams, Northern Arizona University ([stephani.williams@nau.edu](mailto:stephani.williams@nau.edu)). Please send Microsoft Word or PDF files only. The submission deadline is January 31, 2025, but early submissions are welcome and encouraged.

## CRIME AND JUSTICE: SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Crime and Justice Division](#) (CJD) seeks nominations for its Scholarly Achievement Award.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor crime and justice members for their distinguished contributions to teaching/mentorship, scholarship, or leadership in the fields of crime and/or justice.

1. **Award category one: Teaching and/or Mentoring.** Be a distinguished contributor to teaching and/or mentorship in the areas of crime and/or justice, which can be demonstrated through educational achievements and various avenues of educational productivity. Includes, but is not limited to, recognition of teaching and/or mentoring through awards or other recognitions, publishing teaching and/or mentoring materials (e.g., Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in the areas of crime and/or justice), certificates of teacher training, unsolicited letters from students or community members, or community education via events or other contributions in the areas of crime and/or justice.
2. **Award category two: Research and Scholarship.** Be a distinguished contributor to scholarship in the areas of crime and/or justice which can be demonstrated through scholarly achievements and various avenues of scholarly productivity. Includes, but is not limited to, books, articles, reviews, technical reports, grants, and papers presented to scholarly associations.
3. **Award category three: Leadership and/or Activism.** Substantial leadership and/or activist contributions to the Crime and Justice Division and the SSSP, to a college/university in the areas of crime and/or justice, or to other institutions where their leadership and/or activism had a direct contribution to improving social justice responses to crime and/or justice (e.g., includes academic-community partnerships, community coalitions, government or public service).

### **Submission Guidelines:**

1. The nominee should apply to only one award category: teaching/mentoring OR research/scholarship OR leadership/activism. Nominees who submit their application and include more than one award category will not be eligible.
2. Nominee narrative demonstrating their scholarly contributions to teaching/mentoring, research/scholarship, or leadership/activism that is no longer than 1000 words.
3. No more than two nomination letters supporting the nominee's noteworthy contributions to teaching/mentoring, research/scholarship, or leadership/activism.
4. Nominee's current CV with relevant items related to the award highlighted.

### **Eligibility:**

The nominee must be a current member of the SSSP and the CJD.

### **To submit:**

Please send your nomination to CJD Scholarly Achievement Award Committee Chair Dr. Lloyd Klein, LaGuardia Community College ([lklein@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:lklein@lagcc.cuny.edu)). The submission deadline is January 31, 2025, but early submissions are welcome and encouraged.

### **Award:**

1. An engraved award plaque
2. Recognition at the annual CJD division meeting and in the CJD newsletter
3. Recognition on the Award Winner's section of SSSP's website

## **CRITICAL RACE AND ETHNIC STUDY: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Critical Race and Ethnic Study Division](#) invites graduate student papers that cover any aspect within the field of race and ethnic studies to be submitted for consideration for our Graduate Student Paper Award. Authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) process as a condition for consideration. Each paper may only be submitted for consideration to one SSSP Division Graduate Student Paper Award. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and must be single authored by the student. Papers must adhere to guidelines on the most current edition of the American Sociological Association's Style Guide. Length 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, addressed to CRES Co-Chair, Marta Maria Maldonado ([marta.maldonado@oregonstate.edu](mailto:marta.maldonado@oregonstate.edu)). Nominations must be received no later than January 31, 2025. The winner will be announced in early Summer 2025. The winner will be recognized at the SSSP Awards Ceremony at the upcoming SSSP meetings and will receive a plaque of recognition, a \$150 honorarium, complimentary SSSP student membership, and conference registration.

## **CRITICAL RACE AND ETHNIC STUDY: KIMBERLÉ CRENSHAW OUTSTANDING ARTICLE AWARD**

**Deadline: 4/15/25**

The [Critical Race and Ethnic Study Division](#) is pleased to announce its call for nominations for the 2025 Kimberlé Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award. This award recognizes the author(s) of the best research article in the study of race and ethnicity published in the past three years (2021-2024). We are especially interested in articles written from a critical race studies lens. The nomination letter should be no more than 3 pages and should explain the scholarly significance and innovations of the research article. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP in order to qualify for the award, although they will not be required to present a paper at the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting. The winner will be announced in early Summer 2025. Winner(s) will be recognized at the CRES business meeting and receive a certificate of recognition. To nominate a journal article, please email the following: 1) a copy of the article, 2) a nomination letter, and 3) contact information for the nominee(s), including e-mail, to CRES Co-Chair Marta Maria Maldonado ([marta.maldonado@oregonstate.edu](mailto:marta.maldonado@oregonstate.edu)). Nominations must be received no later than April 15, 2025.

## **CRITICAL RACE AND ETHNIC STUDY: EDUARDO BONILLA-SILVA OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD**

**Deadline: 4/15/25**

The [Critical Race and Ethnic Study Division](#) is pleased to announce its call for nominations for the 2025 Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Outstanding Book Award. The award honors the significant theoretical and empirical contributions Eduardo Bonilla-Silva has made to understandings of contemporary race and racism. We are interested in any books that address issues of race or racism. We are especially interested in books that make an attempt to eradicate contemporary racism, either in the U.S. or on a global scale. Books must have been published within 3 years of the meeting (2021-2024). Single or multiple-authored books will be accepted. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP in order to qualify for the award, although they will not be required to present the work at the 2025 Annual Meeting. The winner will be announced in early Summer 2025. Winner(s) will be recognized at our CRES business meeting and receive a certificate of recognition. Nominees should first send a letter with full publication information and a paragraph outlining the reasons for their nomination to CRES Co-chair, Marta Maria Maldonado, at [marta.maldonado@oregonstate.edu](mailto:marta.maldonado@oregonstate.edu). All nominating correspondence should include "Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Award Nomination" in the email subject heading. Once your nomination letter has been received, the Committee Chair will be in contact to let you know the mailing addresses to which copies of the book should be sent. Nominations must be received no later than April 15, 2025.

## **DISABILITY: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Disability Division](#) is pleased to announce its 2025 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, may concern any social aspect of disability, and should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages. Current and recent graduate students (who received their degrees after May 2023) may submit a paper if it was written while still a student. Co-authored papers are acceptable if all listed authors are current graduate students. Double submission to other SSSP award competitions will be disqualified. Applicants must submit their papers through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) process as a condition for consideration for the award, and the award recipient will be required to present the winning paper at a Disability Division-sponsored session at the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$150, a one-year student membership in SSSP, SSSP 2025 conference registration, a plaque, and recognition at the conference awards ceremony. Please send an electronic copy of your paper (in Word format) and a cover letter identifying your graduate program to: Colleen Kavanagh at [cxk462@case.edu](mailto:cxk462@case.edu).

## **DRINKING AND DRUGS: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Drinking and Drugs Division](#) invites graduate students to apply for the 2025 Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award. The first place winner will receive a \$100 stipend, a plaque of recognition, student membership in SSSP for one year, registration for the 2025 Annual Meeting, and be recognized at the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting. Papers under consideration must present original research (empirical and/or theoretical) related to drinking and/or drugs.

To be eligible, entrants 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. Applicants must have sole/primary responsibility for preparation of the paper. Please note, if the paper is co-authored, there is only one cash award, one membership award, and one conference registration award. Self-nominations are permitted. Recommended length is thirty pages or less, which includes tables, charts, figures, and bibliography. Submissions should use 12-point font, one-inch margins, and double spacing. The Division reserves the right to identify additional prizes or to not award a first-place winner at its discretion. Applicants should send an electronic copy of the paper (that does not indicate their name) and a cover letter identifying the title of the paper, the author's name and contact information, and the accredited graduate program where the applicant is a student **by 1/31/25** to Dr. Honoria Guarino ([honorio.guarino@sph.cuny.edu](mailto:honorio.guarino@sph.cuny.edu)). Please note that in order to be considered for an award, applicants are also required to submit their papers online through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#). This will ensure that winning papers are included in the program. Please be aware that per SSSP rules a paper submission may only be made to one Division's student paper competition.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Educational Problems Division](#) announces its 2025 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers must address a contemporary educational problem and may be empirical or theoretical in nature. Authors must be current graduate students. In addition to single-authored papers, co-authored papers will be considered for this award if co-authors are graduate students but not co-authored with a faculty member or colleague who is not a student. Papers are not eligible for this award if they have been published or accepted for publication before being submitted for consideration. Papers are not eligible if they have been presented previously at SSSP or presented or accepted for presentation at other professional meetings, unless they have been revised substantially with new data, findings, or theoretical contributions. Papers must not exceed 30 double-spaced pages (excluding notes, references, tables, and figures). All papers must include a 150-200 word abstract and be prepared for anonymous review with the author's name and institutional affiliation appearing only on the title page. Authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) process as a condition for consideration for the award. Students may only submit to one division.

All papers must also be submitted electronically (as a PDF attachment) to the Division Chair, Dr. Kyla Walters at [kyla.walters@sonoma.edu](mailto:kyla.walters@sonoma.edu) with the following e-mail subject line: SSSP Educational Problems Student Paper Nomination. Please include your name, institutional affiliation, and contact information in the body of your e-mail. The paper should be submitted no later than 11:59pm (Eastern Time), January 31, 2025.

**Award:**

1. An award certificate
2. A modest cash stipend
3. Student membership in the SSSP
4. Conference registration to the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting
5. Recognition at the annual meeting Awards Ceremony
6. Recognition at the annual Educational Problems division meeting
7. Recognition in the Educational Problems special edition newsletter
8. Recognition on the SSSP's website under award winners

**EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS: OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD****Deadline: 3/1/25**

The [Educational Problems Division](#) announces its Outstanding Book Award. The award will be geared toward division members on their first book. The goal is to award an early career scholar and those who recently turned their dissertation into a book or recently published their first book. The hope is to support their professional journey whether it is toward tenure or a career outside the academy.

To be eligible for consideration, books must have been published within 3 years of the meeting (2022-2025 for this year's award) and not have been nominated for this award previously. Single or multi-authored books and edited collections will be considered. Books must address a contemporary educational problem and may be empirical or theoretical in nature. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP to qualify for the award, although they will not be required to present a paper at the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting. Nominations can be made by members of the Educational Problems division as well as by publishers; self-nominations are welcome.

Nominees should send a 1-page letter with full publication information and a paragraph outlining the reasons for their nomination to Dr. Kyla Walters at [kyla.walters@sonoma.edu](mailto:kyla.walters@sonoma.edu) with "SSSP Educational Problems Outstanding Book Award Nomination" in the e-mail subject line. Once your nomination letter has been received, Kyla will confirm the mailing addresses to which copies of the book should be sent directly. Committee members choose whether they want a physical or electronic copy of the book. Authors or nominators will be responsible for facilitating copies of a physical and/or an electronic copy of the book (if available) from the publishers to be sent to each member of the award committee by the nomination deadline of 11:59pm (Pacific Time), March 1, 2025.

**Award:**

1. An award certificate
2. Recognition at the annual Educational Problems division meeting
3. Recognition in the Educational Problems special edition newsletter
4. Recognition on the SSSP's website under award winners

**EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS: CONTRIBUTION OF THE DISCIPLINE AWARD****Deadline: 2/15/25**

The [Educational Problems Division](#) announces its Contribution to the Discipline Award. This award will be teaching/mentoring geared toward academic ranks of full or associate professors and nonacademic hires who are doing meaningful work, namely in their teaching, mentoring, advising, etc. Nominees should demonstrate achievements through various avenues of teaching and/or mentorship via innovative practices, receipt of awards or other recognitions, publishing on mentoring, publishing on teaching, certificates of teacher training, unsolicited letters from students/mentees or community members, community education via events, and/or other contributions in the areas of education.

Assistant professors may apply, but this award aims to recognize contributors who have been working in the field for many years and are thus more likely to be in a career place where they can focus on teaching and/or mentoring. The purpose of the Contribution to the Discipline Award is to highlight members doing great work advancing pedagogy, and mentoring undergraduate, graduate students, as well other faculty. This award is not limited to division members with academic careers or positions.



**Criteria:**

1. Nominee narrative demonstrating contributions to teaching/mentoring, no longer than 1,000 words.
2. No more than two nomination letters supporting the nominee's noteworthy contributions to teaching/mentoring.
3. Nominee's current CV with relevant items related to the award highlighted.

**Eligibility:**

The nominee must be a current member of the SSSP and Educational Problems division. To submit: Please send your nomination to Dr. Kyla Walters at [kyla.walters@sonoma.edu](mailto:kyla.walters@sonoma.edu) with "SSSP Educational Problems Contribution to the Discipline Nomination" in the e-mail subject line. Nominations can be made by members of the Educational Problems division as well as other SSSP members; self-nominations are accepted. The submission deadline is 11:59pm (Pacific Time), February 15, 2025, but early submissions are welcome and encouraged.

**Award:**

1. An award certificate
2. Recognition at the annual Educational Problems division meeting
3. Recognition in the Educational Problems special edition newsletter
4. Recognition on the SSSP's website under award winners

**ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD****Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Environment and Technology Division](#) is pleased to announce its 2025 Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award. This award honors the late Brent Marshall's (1965-2008) personal and professional commitment to the Division and encouragement of student engagement in academic scholarship and research. Papers will be considered in the areas of environmental sociology, including, but not limited to political economy of the environment, global environmental issues, social movements and the environment, technology and society, natural disasters and society, and risk perception. The winner of the Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award will receive a plaque, a complimentary SSSP student membership, SSSP conference registration, and a cash award.

To be eligible, the paper must meet the following criteria:

- 1) the paper must have been written in 2024;
- 2) the paper must be authored by one or more students and not co-authored by faculty or a colleague who is not a student;
- 3) manuscripts should be limited to fewer than 10,000 words (inclusive of notes, references, and tables) and
- 4) the paper must not be published or accepted for publication.

Students should send their submissions to each member of the award committee: Angus Nurse ([angus.nurse@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:angus.nurse@ntu.ac.uk)), Marko Salvaggio ([msalvaggio@tulane.edu](mailto:msalvaggio@tulane.edu)) and Jonathan Tollefson (last year's student winner - [jonathan\\_tollefson@brown.edu](mailto:jonathan_tollefson@brown.edu)). Please note that students may submit to only one Division for a student paper award. Authors should ensure that they receive a confirmation of receipt for their submission. In order to be considered for the Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award, applicants are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Angus Nurse ([angus.nurse@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:angus.nurse@ntu.ac.uk)).

**FAMILY, AGING, AND YOUTH: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD****Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Family, Aging, and Youth Division](#) announces its annual Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should be of professional quality and may cover a broad range of topics regarding family, aging, and youth.

**Award:**

The winner and any runners-up will be announced in Spring 2025.

The first-place winner will receive:

- 1) a \$100 cash stipend,
- 2) a plaque of recognition,
- 3) student membership,
- 4) conference registration, and
- 5) an opportunity to present their paper at the upcoming SSSP meetings in Chicago, Illinois.

The second-place and third-place runner ups will receive:

- 1) a \$25 cash stipend.

**Eligibility requirements:**

1. All authors are a graduate student at the time of submission to the graduate student paper competition; therefore, the paper must be student authored or student co-authored. The paper may not be co-authored with a faculty member or other non-student author.
2. The paper is not published, accepted, or under review for publication at the time of submission to the competition.
3. The paper has not been submitted to another SSSP division student paper competition. As per SSSP rules, you may only submit your paper to one division student paper competition.

**Submission guidelines:**

1. Papers should be no more than 30 pages in length, including all notes, references, and tables. Submissions should use 12-point font, one-inch margins, and double spacing.
2. In addition, authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) online system. Submissions must be received no later than midnight on January 31, 2025.

**To submit:**

Please e-mail papers and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered for the Family, Aging, and Youth Division Graduate Student Paper Competition to the Division Co-Chair Tia Dickerson at [tia.dickerson@bison.howard.edu](mailto:tia.dickerson@bison.howard.edu). Please include your name, institutional affiliation, and contact information in the body of your e-mail. Also indicate that your paper is being submitted for the Family Division Graduate Student Paper Competition in the subject line of your e-mail. Please send Microsoft Word or PDF files only. The submission deadline is January 31, 2025, but early submissions are welcome and encouraged.

**FAMILY, AGING, AND YOUTH: MAGGIE KUHN AWARD FOR SCHOLAR-ACTIVISTS**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Family, Aging, and Youth Division](#) encourages members to submit nominations for the Maggie Kuhn Award for Scholar-Activists.

Maggie Kuhn was the founder of the Gray Panthers, an intergenerational social justice organization. The Maggie Kuhn Award, established in 2014, is awarded to a scholar-activist who upholds the ideals of social and economic justice and peace for individuals of all ages, in both their scholarship and service. These ideals include, but are not limited to, honoring age, intergenerational work, and scholarship and/or activism that promotes a humane society by putting the needs of people over profits, responsibility over power, and democracy over institutions. The award recipient will be publicly announced at the Family, Aging, and Youth 2025 Division Meeting (held at the annual conference) and receive a monetary prize of \$150 to be shared with a community organization of their choice. For more information or to nominate a scholar-activist, please e-mail Division Co-Chair Brittney Miles at [bsmiles@illinois.edu](mailto:bsmiles@illinois.edu).

**GENDER, SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS, AND COMMUNITIES: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Gender, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division](#) (GSPC) invites graduate students to submit papers for the 2025 Graduate Student Paper Award Competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical and may be on any aspect of gender and sexualities, broadly defined. The winner will receive a cash award of \$150, a

plaque of recognition, student membership in SSSP for 2025, and complimentary registration for the 2025 Annual Meeting to help the winner attend the meeting. The winner will be invited to present the winning paper at one of the GSPC sessions at the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting.

To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria:

- 1) the applicant must be a graduate student at the time of the SSSP Annual Meeting on **August 8-10, 2025**;
- 2) the applicant must be the first (lead) author on the paper;
- 3) the paper must not be co-authored with a faculty member or a colleague who is not a student;
- 4) the paper must not have been submitted to or accepted for publication;
- 5) the paper must not have been presented previously at SSSP or presented or accepted for presentation at other professional meetings, unless they have been revised substantially with new data, findings, or theoretical contributions;
- 6) the paper must not exceed 30 pages including notes, references, and tables;
- 7) the paper must be typed using the 12-point font in either Times New Roman or a similar sized font;
- 8) student papers may only be submitted to one of the SSSP division award competitions.

All submitting authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) process as a condition for consideration for the award. Please submit your paper to be considered for the GSPC Division Graduate Student Paper Competition electronically as a Microsoft Word or PDF file to **alithia zamantakis at [alithia.zamantakis@northwestern.edu](mailto:alithia.zamantakis@northwestern.edu)** and **Meghna Bhat [megbhat@gmail.com](mailto:megbhat@gmail.com)**. Paper submission must be dated via electronic time/date stamp on or before 1/31/25.

#### **GENDER, SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, POLITICS, AND COMMUNITIES: OUTSTANDING ARTICLE AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/15/25**

The [Gender, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division](#) (GSPC) invites members to submit papers for the 2025 Outstanding Article Award. For the 2025 award, the division will consider peer-reviewed articles published between 2023 and 2025. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical and may be in the areas of politics of gender and sexualities, broadly defined. The winner will receive a cash award of \$50 and will be featured in the division newsletter.

To be eligible, the article must meet the follow criteria:

1. the article must have been published by a peer-reviewed journal between January 1, 2023 and January 1, 2025;
2. the article may be written by students or faculty, solo or co-authored;
3. the article may only be submitted to one SSSP division's Outstanding Scholar competition.

Winners are expected to attend the GSPC Division business meeting at the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting.

Applicants must submit a brief letter explaining how their article advances gender scholarship and a PDF copy their article to to **alithia zamantakis at [alithia.zamantakis@northwestern.edu](mailto:alithia.zamantakis@northwestern.edu)** and **Meghna Bhat [megbhat@gmail.com](mailto:megbhat@gmail.com)**. Submissions must be dated via electronic time/date stamp on or before 1/15/25. Self-nominations must be dated via electronic time/date stamp on or before 1/15/25. Self-nominations are encouraged.

#### **GLOBAL: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Global Division](#) announces its 2025 Graduate Student Paper Competition. The goal is to encourage critical scholarship in global studies and social problems. Although the concept of global encompasses an array of subject areas, paper topics must have a global focus and may include but are not limited to the following themes:

• Global South Epistemology • Global Environmental and Climate Justice; Global Social Theory • Political Economy and Development • COVID-19, Health, and the Global South • Global Capital and Local Struggles • Knowledge Production • Neoliberalism and the Global South • Counterhegemonic Globalizations • The Politics of Human Rights • Critical Ethnography • Immigration, Citizenship, and Global Justice • Global Movements, Protests, and Mobilizations • Global Public Sociology • Transnational Organizing within the Global South • Labor and Gender in Globalization • Families in the Global Context • Global Poverty • Displacement and Discontents • Global Movements

Jointly authored papers are accepted; however, all contributing authors must be current graduate students at the time of submission for this award. The award recipient will receive student membership in the SSSP, conference registration at the 2025 Annual SSSP Meeting, a plaque, be recognized at the SSSP Awards Ceremony, and receive a \$200 prize. Award recipients are expected to present their papers at the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting. Papers should be accompanied by a cover letter specifying their submission as consideration for the 2025 Graduate Student Paper Competition to the Chair of the Global Division: Caitlin Schroering ([cschroer@charlotte.edu](mailto:cschroer@charlotte.edu)).

Please submit the paper electronically in a format compatible with MS WORD. Papers should be double-spaced and not exceed 10,000 words, including citations. Authors should ensure that they receive a confirmation of receipt for their submission. Note: previous winners of this award are ineligible to compete, and students may only submit their paper to one division competition. To be eligible for consideration, submissions must be uploaded to the [Call for Papers](#) online submission system for the SSSP Annual Meeting and sent to the chair of the division Caitlin Schroering at [cschroer@charlotte.edu](mailto:cschroer@charlotte.edu) by January 31, 2025.

#### **GLOBAL: OUTSTANDING BOOK AWARD**

**Deadline: 3/1/25**

The [Global Division](#) is pleased to announce its 2025 Outstanding Book Award. The award is intended to recognize published work of exceptional quality in the areas of global studies and social problems and to encourage critical scholarship in these areas. Books on a variety of topics and themes of global relevance will be considered for the award, including but not limited to the following: alternative models of globalization; global dynamics and forms of resistance to neoliberalism; transnational social movements; human rights struggles and global activism (around gender, indigeneity, migration, peace, social justice, etc.); transnational communities and cultural politics; global cities; global environmental/climate justice; global theory; global capital and local struggles. We are particularly interested in books that make critical contributions to our understanding of global political/social/economic/cultural/environmental dynamics.

To be eligible for consideration, books must have been published within 3 years of the meeting (2022-2025 for this year's award) and not have been nominated for this award previously. Single or multiple-authored books will be accepted; however, edited collections will not be considered. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP to qualify for the award, although they will not be required to present a paper at the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting. Nominations can be made by members of the Global Division as well as by publishers; self-nominations are also welcome. The winner will be recognized at the 2025 Global Division business meeting.

Nominees should first send a letter with full publication information and a paragraph outlining the reasons for their nomination to Caitlin Schroering at [cschroer@charlotte.edu](mailto:cschroer@charlotte.edu). All nominating correspondence should include "SSSP Global Division Outstanding Book Award Nomination" in the e-mail subject heading. Once your nomination letter has been received, Caitlin Schroering will confirm the mailing addresses to which copies of the book should be sent directly. Authors will be requested to facilitate with their publishers that both a physical and an electronic copy of the book (if available) be sent to each member of the award committee by the nomination deadline of March 1, 2025.

#### **HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division](#) invites graduate students to apply for its annual Graduate Student Paper Award. Papers should be related to the broad Division interest, including health and illness, health policy, and health services. Current graduate students and recent graduates who received their degrees after

January 2024 may submit a paper if it was written while a student. Papers based on theses or dissertations are acceptable. Co-authored papers are acceptable as long as all listed authors were graduate students at the time the paper was written. Submission to other SSSP award competitions will disqualify the submission. The award recipient will present a version of the winning paper at a session of the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting. Therefore, the paper must also be submitted through the annual meeting's online submission portal (see the [Call for Papers](#)) for presentation at the conference by the conference submission deadline.

The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$150, a recognition plaque, student membership to SSSP, and conference registration. The winner will be recognized at the Division Meeting as well as the SSSP Awards Ceremony. Send an electronic copy of the paper and a cover letter identifying your graduate program and verifying that you meet the eligibility criteria to Virginia Kuulei Berndt ([virginia.berndt@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:virginia.berndt@mcdaniel.edu)) and Raja Staggers-Hakim ([raja.staggers-hakim@uconn.edu](mailto:raja.staggers-hakim@uconn.edu)) by January 31, 2025. The paper submission should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages (including references) and should be prepared for anonymous review. Please include the author's information only on a separate title page document.

### **HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES: OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division](#) invites nominations for the 2025 Outstanding Scholarship Award for contributions to the study of health, health systems, health services, and/or health policy. Nominations may reflect one single, exceptional project or a larger collective body of work. Eligible submissions include a wide variety of types of scholarship (e.g., theoretical, applied) and methodological approaches. Please send a one-page cover letter (self-nominations are welcome) detailing why the nominee should receive the Outstanding Scholarship Award to Virginia Kuulei Berndt ([virginia.berndt@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:virginia.berndt@mcdaniel.edu)) and Raja Staggers-Hakim ([raja.staggers-hakim@uconn.edu](mailto:raja.staggers-hakim@uconn.edu)) by January 31, 2025 for consideration by the award committee. The recipient will receive a \$150 award.

### **INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Institutional Ethnography Division](#) is pleased to solicit papers for its 2025 George W. Smith Graduate Student Paper Competition. To be considered, papers should advance institutional ethnography scholarship either methodologically or through a substantive contribution. For an overview of institutional ethnography and the purposes of the IE Division. Authors must be currently enrolled graduate students or have graduated within the last 12 months.

Submissions are to be 25 pages long or less, excluding notes, references and tables, and be submitted in Word-compatible and PDF formats, following the latest APA guidelines. An electronic letter from the student's supervisor attesting to the lead author's student status must accompany the submission. The student must be the sole author of the paper; submissions with co-authors are not allowed.

The recipient will receive a monetary prize of \$100, a plaque of recognition, student membership, conference registration, and an opportunity to present the winning paper at the 2025 SSSP meetings. The winner of the 2025 paper will be invited to sit on the adjudicating panel for the 2026 paper submissions. Please note that any paper submitted for consideration for the George W. Smith Graduate Student Paper Award must also be submitted through the SSSP [Call for Papers](#) to be presented at the 2025 meeting of the SSSP.

Send submissions to: Naomi Nichols ([naominichols@trentu.ca](mailto:naominichols@trentu.ca)), Liz Brule ([e.brule@queensu.ca](mailto:e.brule@queensu.ca)) and Helen Hudson ([hhuds099@uottawa.ca](mailto:hhuds099@uottawa.ca)) by January 31, 2025. Please be aware that a paper submission may only be submitted to one division.

### **INSTITUTIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY: DOROTHY E. SMITH AWARD FOR SCHOLAR-ACTIVISM**

**Deadline: 3/31/25**

The [Institutional Ethnography Division](#) is pleased to solicit nominations for the 2025 Dorothy E. Smith Award for Scholar-Activism. This award recognizes the activities of an individual or group who has made substantial contributions to institutional ethnographic scholar activism in either a single project or longer trajectory of work.

The contributions may involve IE research conducted and used for activist ends, or it may involve activist efforts that have drawn upon or contributed to IE scholarship. The award committee invites members of the Division to send a one-page statement of the nominee to committee chair Viviane Namaste ([viviane.namaste@concordia.ca](mailto:viviane.namaste@concordia.ca)) by March 31, 2025.

### **LABOR STUDIES: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

#### **Deadline 1/31/25**

The [Labor Studies Division](#) is soliciting graduate student papers that build on the legacy of the late Harry Braverman. Braverman's work on labor processes, his concern with the growth of large corporations, and how machinery would transform and alter work and the role of workers is as relevant today as it was when he was writing. 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 three Labor Studies Division scholars who serve on the awards committee.

To Submit: E-mail papers and a short letter of submission identifying your graduate program to the Labor Studies Division Chair at [emilyhelenyen@gmail.com](mailto:emilyhelenyen@gmail.com) by the 1/31/2025 deadline. In addition, authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) online system.

### **LAW AND SOCIETY: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

#### **Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Law and Society Division](#) announces its 2025 Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of law and society. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2024. At the time of submission for the Award, the paper may not be published or accepted for publication. However, it may be submitted to a journal and/or under review. Papers 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 by a faculty member or other non-student. Papers may be submitted to only ONE division of SSSP per year. Submissions made to multiple divisions will be disqualified. Previous winners are not eligible.

Please submit in MS Word. There is a 25-page limit, including all notes, references, and tables. Submissions should use 12-point font, one-inch margins, and double spacing throughout. Please send papers and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the SSSP Law and Society Division Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Competition electronically to both Dr. Michael Branch, [branchm@hartwick.edu](mailto:branchm@hartwick.edu), and Dr. Jacinta Gau, [Jacinta.Gau@ucf.edu](mailto:Jacinta.Gau@ucf.edu). In addition, authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) online system. The winner will be announced in Spring 2025. The winner will receive a \$100 stipend, a plaque of recognition, and is eligible to present the paper at the 2025 Annual Meeting in Chicago with SSSP membership and conference registration paid by SSSP. Additionally, the winner of the 2025 paper award will be invited to sit on the adjudicating panel for the 2026 paper submissions. Nominations must be received no later than January 31, 2025.

### **LAW AND SOCIETY: EDWIN H. SUTHERLAND BOOK AWARD**

#### **Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Law and Society Division](#) announces the 2025 Edwin H. Sutherland Book Award. The primary purpose of this award is to focus on excellence in scholarship within the study of law and society. Eligible books must have been published in 2023 or 2024. Authors may nominate their work and multiple-authored books are acceptable. All nominees must be members of SSSP. Please e-mail either Dr. Michael Branch, [branchm@hartwick.edu](mailto:branchm@hartwick.edu), or Dr. Jacinta Gau, [Jacinta.Gau@ucf.edu](mailto:Jacinta.Gau@ucf.edu) to arrange for shipment of three copies of the nominated book (or e-book versions) and submission of a letter of nomination. The winner will be announced in Spring 2025, receive a \$100 award, and be recognized at the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting in Chicago. Nominations must be received no later than January 31, 2025.

## **POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division](#)

The Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division would like to recognize graduate student work that addresses issues related to poverty, class, and inequality. Papers should be unpublished, original empirical works of professional quality completed during students' graduate or undergraduate studies. Papers must be student authored; they can be authored by one or more students but may not be co-authored with faculty or nonstudents. Papers should be no more than 35 pages in length, including notes, references, and tables. Self-nominations are acceptable. At least one author must be a member of SSSP. Please note that students may submit to only one Division for a student paper award. The winner will receive an honorarium, one-year membership to SSSP, and waived conference registration fee to attend the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting.

Please send papers (with author name(s) concealed for review), to Dr. Sara Maani, [sara.maani@gmail.com](mailto:sara.maani@gmail.com). In the email subject, please specify: SSSP\_PCID\_STUDENT PAPER AWARD.

In addition, authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) online system.

## **POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY: OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP ARTICLE AWARD**

**Deadline: 4/1/25**

The [Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division](#) invites nominations for the PCID Outstanding Article Award. This award recognizes the author(s) of the best research article in the study of poverty, class, and inequality published in the last year. Preference is given to work that approaches these issues from a critical lens. At least one of the authors must be a member of the SSSP in order to qualify for the award. The winner will receive an honorarium. To nominate an article, please submit a copy of the article along with a brief nomination letter to Dr. Sara Maani [sara.maani@gmail.com](mailto:sara.maani@gmail.com), Dr. Nicole M. Kraus, [nkraus@wtamu.edu](mailto:nkraus@wtamu.edu), and Dr. Brooke Kelly: [brooke.kelly@uncp.edu](mailto:brooke.kelly@uncp.edu). In the email subject, please specify: SSSP\_PCID\_OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP ARTICLE AWARD. Self-nominations are acceptable.

## **POVERTY, CLASS, AND INEQUALITY: MICHAEL HARRINGTON AWARD**

**Deadline: 4/1/25**

The [Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division](#) nominations for the 2025 Michael Harrington Award. This award will be granted to an individual, organization, faculty, or student that by their actions advances our understanding of poverty, social class, and/or inequality, and/or proposes effective and practical ways to attend to the needs of the economically marginalized and reduce class inequalities. The winner will receive an honorarium. Please send one-page nomination letters to Dr. Sara Maani [sara.maani@gmail.com](mailto:sara.maani@gmail.com), and Dr. Anthony Abraham Jack, [aajack07@gmail.com](mailto:aajack07@gmail.com). Supplemental materials may be requested.

## **SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Social Problems Theory Division](#) invites papers for its annual Student Paper Award Competition. To be eligible, papers must:

- (a) be authored or co-authored by students currently enrolled in a graduate program,
- (b) make an original and innovative contribution to the theoretical understanding of social problems,
- (c) not have been accepted for publication,
- (d) may not be co-authored by a faculty member or other non-student, and
- (e) be submitted through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) process as a condition for consideration, preferably to a Social Problems Theory Division session.

Self-nominations are welcome. Manuscripts should be limited to fewer than 10,000 words, including references. The winner will receive membership dues, annual meeting registration, a plaque, and \$200 honorarium. The winner will also be invited to present their paper at the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting. Please also note that students may only submit a paper for consideration to one SSSP Division. A paper submitted to multiple divisions will not receive consideration for the Social Problems Theory Division Award.

Please send all questions and submissions to: Joshua Stout, Chair, Social Problems Theory Division:  
[jhstout@ilstu.edu](mailto:jhstout@ilstu.edu).

### **SOCIAL PROBLEMS THEORY: OUTSTANDING ARTICLE AWARD**

**Deadline: 2/15/25**

The [Social Problems Theory Division](#) requests nominations for its Outstanding Article Award. The Division welcomes articles that critique or advance the ongoing scholarly dialogue about social problems theorizing. More information regarding the Division's vision can be accessed through our [Mission Statement](#). Eligible articles must have been published between January 1, 2023–February 15, 2025. Single or multiple-authored articles will be accepted. Authors are encouraged to nominate their own work. Nominees must be members of SSSP. Please send all questions and submissions to: Joshua Stout, Chair, Social Problems Theory Division, [jhstout@ilstu.edu](mailto:jhstout@ilstu.edu).

### **SOCIETY AND MENTAL HEALTH: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Society and Mental Health Division](#) announces the 2025 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers should involve an empirical analysis, either qualitative or quantitative, dealing with any aspect of the sociology of mental health. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2024 or 2025, 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 nonstudent. Papers must not exceed 30 pages including all notes, references, and tables. Please note that your paper may only be submitted to one division competition. To submit your paper for consideration, send two copies to: Emma Tubens ([etubens.smh.sssp@gmail.com](mailto:etubens.smh.sssp@gmail.com)).

Please include (1) a cover letter indicating that you are submitting your paper for the competition; and (2) a letter from your advisor that certifies your graduate-student status and offers some brief comments about your work. In addition, authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) online system. The winner will be announced at the 2025 Annual Meeting and will receive a \$100 cash award, a plaque of recognition, conference registration, and student membership.

### **SOCIOLOGY, SOCIAL WORK, AND SOCIAL WELFARE: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Sociology, Social Work, and Social Welfare Division](#) (SSWSW) announces its 2025 Graduate Student Paper Competition. *Paper topics can focus on various aspects of sociological, social welfare or social work research. Quantitative and qualitative analyses, applied research, and theoretical papers are all acceptable. There are several requirements for a paper to be eligible for submission.* First is that the paper may not already be published or accepted for publication or conference presentation. Second is that the paper must be student-authored. This means the paper may be authored by either one student or co-authored by multiple students but cannot be co-authored by a faculty member or non-student. Third, papers may not exceed 25 double-spaced pages (including all notes, references, tables, and graphs) and must include a brief abstract. Fourth, students may only submit their paper to one Division. **If selected for the award**, the author(s) must commit to present the paper at a session at the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting in Chicago and will receive: a \$200 cash award; a one-year SSSP student membership; a waiver of 2025 Conference registration fees; and a recognition plaque at the Conference awards ceremony.

**To be considered for the award please submit the following:** (a) a copy of the paper in English; (b) a cover letter specifying that the paper is being submitted for consideration in the 2025 Sociology, Social Work, and Social Welfare Division Graduate Student Paper Competition in English; and (c) a short letter from each author's adviser certifying the author status as a student and including some brief comments about their author's research in English. **All materials must be submitted electronically by January 31, 2025, to:** (1) the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) on the SSSP 2025 Conference website **and** (2) SSWSW Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Chair Dr. William Cabin at [wcabin@umich.edu](mailto:wcabin@umich.edu).



## **SPORT, LEISURE, AND THE BODY: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Sport, Leisure, and the Body Division](#) announces its 2025 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and may be on any aspect of sport, leisure, and/or the body, broadly construed. The winner will receive a cash award of \$150, a plaque of recognition, student membership in SSSP for 2025, and complimentary registration for the 2025 Annual Meeting. One honorable mention will be awarded \$50. To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria:

1. the applicant must be a graduate student at the time of the SSSP Annual Meeting on August 8-10, 2025;
2. the applicant must be the first (lead) author on the paper;
3. the paper must not be co-authored with a faculty member or a colleague who is not a student;
4. the paper must not have been submitted to or accepted for publication (papers that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible);
5. the paper must not exceed 30 pages including notes, references, and tables;
6. the paper must be typed using 12-point font in either Times New Roman or Courier;
7. student papers may only be submitted to one of the SSSP division award competitions.

All submitting authors are required to submit their papers through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) process as a condition for consideration for the award. In addition, please submit your paper electronically as a Microsoft Word or PDF file addressed to Dr. Michael O. Johnston at [johnstonmo@wmpenn.edu](mailto:johnstonmo@wmpenn.edu). Paper submission must be dated (via electronic time/date stamp) on or before 1/31/25.

## **TEACHING SOCIAL PROBLEMS: GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

**Deadline: 1/31/25**

The [Teaching Social Problems Division](#) invites submissions for its 2025 Annual Student Paper Competition. We will consider submissions of short papers (max 2000 words) that answer the following question: *What is the joy you find in teaching social problems?*

**There are several requirements for a paper to be eligible for submission.**

First, the paper should not already be published or accepted for publication.

Second, the paper must be student-authored. This means the paper may be authored by either one student or co-authored by multiple students but cannot be co-authored by a faculty member or non-student.

Third, papers should not exceed the 2000-word length. Text should be double-spaced.

Fourth, author(s) may only submit their paper to one Division.

Author(s) is required to submit their paper through the annual meeting [Call for Papers](#) online system by the deadline indicated on the SSSP website. Moreover, they are required to send their paper to the Teaching Social Problems Division Chair, Dr. Morena Tartari, at the following address: [morena.tartari@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:morena.tartari@northumbria.ac.uk), by January 31, 2025.

In their email to the Division Chair, the author(s) should include (1) a cover letter indicating that you are submitting your paper for the competition; and (2) a letter from their advisor that certifies their graduate-student status and offers some brief comments about your work.

If selected for the award, the author(s) must commit to present the paper at a session at the 2025 SSSP Annual Meeting in Chicago and will receive: a \$150 cash award; a one-year SSSP student membership; waiver of 2025 Conference registration fees; and a recognition plaque.

For further information author(s) can contact the Division Chair at the following address: [morena.tartari@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:morena.tartari@northumbria.ac.uk).