

2009 A-MSA GRADUATE PAPER COMPETITION GUIDELINES, PROCEDURES AND AWARDS

DEADLINE for Submission: February 1, 2009

1. Students interested in participating in the Graduate Student Paper Competition should register for the conference via the Online Registration and Paper Submission System at the A-MSA Conference Website.

An abstract of no more than 300 words must be submitted online at www.A-MSA.org and the final manuscript must be submitted to the Graduate Paper Competition Chair, Dr. Thomas Kersen (thomas.m.kersen@jsums.edu).

2. All authors of a participating paper must be graduate students. The lead author of each paper must be registered at an accredited college or university, as a graduate student, and must have written the paper while registered. All communications will be with the lead author.
3. Co-authorship with other graduate students is permitted but **co-authorship with undergraduate students and faculty members is not permitted.**
4. Graduate students competing in the graduate paper competition **MUST** be current members of A-MSA.

The final paper must be double-spaced using 12-point Times New Roman font and not exceed 20 pages in length including all figures, tables, and references. The final manuscript must be submitted to the Graduate Paper Competition Chair, Dr. Thomas Kersen (thomas.m.kersen@jsums.edu) no later than February 1, 2009.

5. The lead author or another student author must present the paper at the annual meeting.
6. Each student author will receive a Certificate of Recognition for having his/her manuscript accepted for presentation in the competition and will be considered for the AMSA On-Line Sociological Review.
7. All Submissions will be read carefully and evaluated by Competition Judges prior to the annual meeting. The Competition Judges will select the outstanding graduate student paper. A special certificate will be awarded to the student author(s) of the outstanding paper. The monetary award is \$200.00 for the selected paper.
8. The outstanding paper will be announced during the banquet. In addition, the authors' names and paper title will be posted on the A-MSA website and announced in the A-MSA newsletter.

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