

James F. Short, Jr. Research Award

Award: \$500 cash award.

Purpose: To recognize, honor, and promote examples of high quality graduate student scholarship and to provide critical guidance to the winner or winners in preparing work for publication.

Eligibility: All graduate students in good standing in the Department of Sociology.

Criteria: Papers must represent original scholarship by one or more current graduate students. Papers written for classes or stemming from theses or dissertations are encouraged. Papers may have had critical review of faculty members, but cannot be co-authored by a faculty member. All papers must acknowledge any faculty assistance in order to ensure fair and equitable evaluation of papers. Papers should conform to American Sociological Association style. Papers may focus on one or more of the following:

- Explanatory, descriptive, or exploratory research using qualitative or quantitative methods.
- Development or refinement of existing sociological methodologies or statistical procedures.
- Development or refinement of existing sociological theory. No particular subject matter, theoretical orientation, methodology, or procedures will be given priority over any other.

Selection Procedures: The Award's Committee will review all submitted papers. Each graduate student submitting a paper will receive formal, written comments on the strengths and weaknesses of her/his paper. These comments will be similar to constructive feedback provided to authors submitting work to professional journals. Papers will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The importance and originality of the papers contribution to sociology generally, and – if applicable – to specific specialties or sub-problems of the field.
- The conceptualization of the problems or issues.
- Clarity in the development and presentation of the ideas identifying the problems or issues addressed.
- Operationalization and measurement, if applicable, of variables.
- Ability to develop the sociological implications of the paper's findings.
- Quality and clarity of writing.

If no papers meet the above criteria in any given year, no award will be made that year.

DUE: First Monday of March by 5pm (submitted electronically to byersbro@wsu.edu)

Name:

E-mail address:

CV URL:

	YES	NO
Have you submitted a program of study?		
Have you successfully completed an MA?		
Have you passed prelims?		
Number of semesters enrolled in program		
Name of three references		
Reference 1 (main advisor)		
Reference 2:		
Reference 3:		
Major areas of research interest:		

Justification of award merit:

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