

STUDENT PAPER AND POSTER COMPETITIONS

2020 Annual Meeting, October 16-17

Middle States Division of the American Association of Geographers

The AAG Middle States Division encourages graduate, undergraduate, and high school students (posters) to submit and present research papers to the Student Paper Competition of the MSAAG annual conference. Student status is as of May 1, 2020. Please note your student level (Graduate/Undergraduate/High School) in your submission.

Paper Competitions: The *graduate* paper competition has a first prize of \$1000 (provided by AAG to fund the awardee's registration and travel costs to the AAG Annual Meeting*). The graduate paper second prize is \$300 and the third prize \$150. The *undergraduate* paper competition has a first prize of \$1000 (provided by AAG to fund the awardee's registration and travel costs to the AAG Annual Meeting*), a second prize of \$300, and a third prize of \$150.

MSAAG registration fees are refunded after the conference for students who both submit the completed paper by the deadline AND present the paper at the conference. Completed papers must follow the *Middle States Geographer* guidelines and can be no longer than 10 pages, single spaced, 10-point Times Roman font, including all figures, tables, endnotes, and references. Further details on the guidelines are found under the Student Competitions tab on the MSAAG website at <https://msaag.aag.org/>. **Students must have a faculty advisor recommend their entry and use the guidelines and rubrics for judging on the website under the Student Competitions tab.** Students should register and send paper abstracts of no more than 250 words to https://www2.aag.org/iCore/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=MSDAAGAM20 and also send their abstract to middlestatesmeeting@aag.org by **September 25**, plus send a digital copy of the completed paper to Nate Gabriel, nategab@geography.rutgers.edu, Middle States AAG Student Paper Competition Chair, by **October 2**.

Poster Competitions: There is also a Student Poster Competition with graduate and undergraduate divisions with first prizes of \$200, second prizes of \$100 and third prizes of \$50. New for this year, there is a **high school poster competition**, with a first prize of \$75 and second prize of \$50. The winners will receive Rob Mason Poster awards named after our past Regional Councilor Dr. Robert Mason from Temple University who passed away in 2017. He served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Division.

To enter the poster competition, register and send poster abstracts of no more than 250 words to https://www2.aag.org/iCore/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=MSDAAGAM20 and also send a poster abstract to middlestatesmeeting@aag.org by **September 25**

*To accommodate awardees' plans in these times of COVID-19, the AAG is expanding this award as follows: Awardees will be allowed to use the award money to cover registration and travel to the 2021 AAG Annual Meeting in Seattle, or they can use the money to register for the virtual 2021 AAG Annual Meeting, and the remainder can be spent on later meeting costs, including the costs to attend an AAG Regional Division meeting in 2021 and/or the costs to attend the 2022 AAG Annual Meeting in New York.