Graduate Student Paper Award

Web Announcement:

NASSP Conference Awards for Graduate Students:

The North American Society for Social Philosophy has established the NASSP Awards for Best Graduate Student Papers to promote new scholarship in social philosophy and to encourage student participation in our Conference.

The winners of the annual prizes each receive $300. The prizes are awarded only to conference attendees, though there is no obligation to use the money for conference-related costs. Any graduate student enrolled in a program towards a degree beyond the B.A. or first university diploma is eligible.

The paper may address any topic in social philosophy. Papers should be no more than 3,000 words (include a word count with submission), and they should conform to the requirements set out by the APA for colloquium submissions to annual Divisional meetings.

Those who want to be considered for this award should send their full papers on or before February 15 to gradaward@northamericansocietyforsocialphilosophy.org – and they should also submit abstracts to the site by February 15, 2020. Only those whose abstracts are accepted by the program committee will be considered for the graduate award.

Procedure:

Graduate students submit for the award by sending a paper to the email address gradaward@northamericansocietyforsocialphilosophy.org. They must also submit separately an abstract to the Program committee via the form on the webpage https://www.northamericansocietyforsocialphilosophy.org/category/annual-conference/

Submissions for the graduate student paper award automatically forwarded to the grad award committee via an email forwarded managed by the Webmaster. Please consult the Webmaster for any questions. The Committee chair may opt to have that email forwarded just to the committee chair or to all committee members. (The default is to all committee members.)

Once the deadline for submissions has passed (Feb 15), the chair of the committee:

- Communicates with the committee about the submission review timeline.
- Communicates with the Program Chair to ensure that all submissions for the grad award were accompanied by abstract submissions to the Program committee.
- Optional: Checks list with the webmaster who can access the archived email submissions.

The Chair of the committee maintains the master list of submissions and coordinates the review process. It is expected that all committee members read all submissions.

Procedure as of 2019

It is recommended that the Chair of the committee create a dropbox folder to house all of the submissions and that all submissions be reviewed anonymously by the committee members.

The submission timeline should allow a few weeks for everyone to read and rank the papers individually. After that, a couple weeks are needed to deliberate and agree on a winner.

Once the winning paper is selected, the Committee chair checks with the Program Chair to ensure that the abstract was accepted and that the individual winner intends to attend the conference. The award is given only to attendees. If the presumed winner has dropped out of the conference, the Grad Award Committee must select another winner.

Once confirmed, the Committee Chair communicates with the Society President and the Treasurer in order to get a check for the awardee drafted.

The award is confidential and surprise. The winner is announced at a reception—with a brief speech by the committee chair about the quality of the paper and the quality of the competition-- at the conference.

The award has occasionally been funded by the McBride Fund. Before making the award announcement, the Committee chair should check with the Treasurer. If the McBride Fund paid for the Award, that needs to be included in the announcement.