

Canadian Sociological Association
Violence & Society Research Cluster

Student Paper Awards

Introduction

Following the successful establishment of the Violence & Society Research Cluster, its members have decided to establish a student paper award to recognize burgeoning Violence & Society researchers who are enrolled in post-secondary institutions across the country. This award is designed to be inclusive of a diverse array of potential topics connected to the sociological examination of violence in society. Some of the substantive criteria that will be used to judge entries in the Master's and PhD category are:

- It makes a new contribution to the empirical evidence about the causes of, or societal responses to, violence;
- It represents a development in the theoretical understanding of violence;
- It demonstrates clear quality of research, writing and argument development; and/or,
- It broadens or reconsiders what we mean by violence.

Eligibility Criteria

- Only student members of the Canadian Sociology Association are eligible to submit a paper.
- Papers must be sole authored by students or co-authored with another student and must represent their original work.
- Papers must conform with a standard citation and bibliography format and the referencing style must be consistent throughout.
- Papers must be no longer than 10,000 words, including references.
- Papers must not be published or approved for publication.
- Students may only submit only one paper per year.
- Papers must clearly relate to sociology of violence and society.
- The recipient of the award must also present the paper at a Violence & Society cluster session at the following Congress.
- Papers must be submitted by the deadline stipulated. Late papers will not be eligible

How to Apply

- Students must submit their papers via email by 11:59 p.m. March 31, 2017 to Violence & Society Research Cluster Chair Myrna Dawson at mdawson@uoguelph.ca.
- The student must indicate if they are submitting the entry to the Master's or PhD category of the paper competition.
- Each student must have their supervisor confirm their student status by email address provided below.

- Papers will undergo blind review so no identifying information should be included in the paper. Name, university affiliation, contact information and/or any other identifiers should be included under separate cover.

Competition Details/Paper Review

- All eligible papers will be reviewed by the members of the Student Paper Award Committee.
- The review of papers will be blind, meaning that reviewers will not have knowledge of the authors of the papers being considered.
- Papers will not be returned to students nor will comments or feedback be provided.
- Students will be notified at the completion of review if their paper was successful in the award competition.

Award Recipients

- A single paper in each category (MA and PhD) will win the ***Violence & Society Research Cluster Best Student Paper Award***.
- Each recipient of this award will receive a Certificate acknowledging their receipt of this award and a \$250 case prize donated by the ***Centre for the Study of the Social and Legal Responses to Violence*** (www.violenceresearch.ca), University of Guelph.
- The award will be presented at the Cluster's Annual Meeting held during Congress. The winners will also be announced through the VS-RC website.