

# **SOCIAL SCIENCE WRITING AWARD**

## **EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

### **Due: February 15, 2016**

The Departments of Economics, Geology-Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology-Anthropology of Eastern Illinois University invite students to participate in the Annual Social Science Writing Award competition.

Participants are encouraged to revise papers before submitting them. Students need not be enrolled at EIU during the semester when the award are made. Papers written the preceding Spring, Summer, and Fall are also eligible.

### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

The Selection Committee requires double-spaced, typed papers that consistently follow a recognized style of documentation and prefers papers between eight and thirty pages. Winning papers will have the following qualities:

Precise and Effective Use of Language  
Well-defined and Logically Developed Thesis  
Creative Topic Development  
Relevant, Superior Documentation  
Strong Command of the Subject – Including Current Points of View  
Cogent Synthesis and Conclusions

### **CONTEST GUIDELINES**

Undergraduates (or instructor with the consent of the student) may submit graded papers to one of the chairpersons of the Departments of Economics, Geology-Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology-Anthropology.

Include two cover sheets: one with the student's name, paper title, course number, and semester taken for which the paper was originally written; the second with the paper title only.

Papers may be submitted to Department Chairs any time during the year, but must be submitted by the posted due date.

Chairpersons will submit no more than three papers to the Dean of the College of Sciences by the due date. The Dean of the College of Sciences presides over the Selection Committee, which is composed of a faculty member from each of the participating departments.

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For further information, see your instructor, department chairperson, or one of the following Social Science Writing Award Selection Committee members:

Mukti Upadhyay, Economics  
Betty Smith, Geology-Geography  
Malgorzata Rymsza-Pawlowska, History

Karen Swenson, Political Science  
Meg Floress, Psychology  
Angela Glaros, Sociology-Anthropology