

# SOCIAL SCIENCE WRITING AWARD EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

The Departments of Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology-Anthropology of Eastern Illinois University invite students to participate in the Annual Social Science Writing Award competition. Regardless of major, undergraduate students who write research papers as a regular assignment in all social science courses may submit them for recognition and one of the cash awards.

## **Past Awards Have Ranged From \$50.00 to \$150.00**

Participants are encouraged to revise papers before submitting them. Students need not be enrolled at EIU during the semester when the awards are made (that is, papers written during the preceding Spring/Summer/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, History, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology-Anthropology.
- Include two cover sheets: one with the students name, paper title and course number (and semester taken) for which paper was originally written; the second with paper title only.
- Papers may be submitted to Departmental Chairs any time during the year, but must be submitted by the 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.

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

David Carwell, Political Science, Chair  
Darren Hendrickson, Sociology/Anthropology  
Ronan Bernas, Psychology

Tesa Leonce, Economics  
Mark Voss-Hubbard, History