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Student Paper Competition

Borrego Springs, CA
Saturday March 17, 2007

The California Geographical Society invites students - undergraduate *and* graduate - to share and be rewarded for their scholarly work at our annual conference to be held at the Palm Canyon Resort, Borrego Springs, CA March 16-18, 2007. The CGS offers a serious and supportive environment for students to make professional presentations. A panel of geographers will judge all entries. Winners will be announced, and cash awards will be conferred during the CGS Awards Banquet on Saturday night.

Awards

McKnight Professional Paper Awards

- Three undergraduate *and* three graduate awards (\$150, \$125, and \$100)

Geosystems Award

- One Award for best Earth Systems Science Paper, open to both undergraduate and graduate students (\$500)

Paper Judging Criteria

1. **Abstract:** Copies of a clear, succinct abstract (academic summary) of your presentation should be available to judges.
2. **Presentation:** A good paper presentation is structured and organized to fit within a 15 minute time frame, with 5 minutes for questions. Judging criteria also includes your ability to answer questions related to your presentation.
3. **Geographic Content and Analysis:** A good presentation is lucidly presented in logical sequence and includes a well-defined introduction, statement of purpose, methodology and/or theory, and a clearly defined conclusion.
4. **Visual Aids:** Presentations should make use of good visual aids: photos, graphs, tables, and maps are welcome and encouraged.

Entering the Competition

1. Register for the conference (required for all presenters). See www.calgeog.org for details.
2. Submit a title and abstract using the online submission form at www.calgeog.org. **Deadline for submission is:** MARCH 2, 2007.
3. All digital presentations (PowerPoint or other) should be loaded on a laptop/notebook computer (not furnished by CGS). Additionally, students should bring backup files on CD ROM and/or USB thumb drive. The CGS will provide digital projectors compatible with Mac and PC. Please familiarize yourself with all hardware and software before presenting. Further details regarding available audio visual equipment can be found on the online presenter submission form at www.calgeog.org.

Contact Prof. Robert Voeks, paper competition coordinator, with inquiries...

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