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Student Paper Competition

Chico, CA
Saturday May 3rd, 2008

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 California State University, Chico, May 2-4, 2008. 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 presented 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 additional 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. To the degree possible, presenters should use visual aids that they have themselves taken/prepared, and give proper citation to aids that were taken/prepared by others.

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:** April 4th, 2008.
3. All digital presentations (PowerPoint or other) should be on a USB thumb drive **AND** a backup CD. The CGS will provide a PC and digital projector. 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.

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