Undergraduate Student Paper Competition

This symposium will engage scholars, practitioners and community members in an exploration of the intersections of social justice and criminal justice in an increasingly diverse society. The objective of the symposium is to develop a better understanding of criminological issues related to “diversity” and “multiculturalism,” which include, but are not limited to, the ways in which race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, age, marital status, or veteran status (1) shape individual and collective experiences with victimization, offending, and social control outcomes and (2) are connected both to public opinion and the construction of social meaning in relation to crime and justice.

The paper competition seeks to identify excellent student papers to be presented at the symposium and encourages undergraduate students to submit their work for consideration. Papers should be empirical or theoretical, and should range from 15-30 pages in length. The selection panel will be looking for high quality papers that make an original contribution to the field. Literature reviews will not be accepted. Student authors are encouraged to seek guidance from faculty advisors. Submissions from female and/or minority scholars are actively encouraged.

The Criminology format for text, references, and citations should be used. The authors’ names and affiliations should be listed on a separate title page, so that submissions can be reviewed anonymously. The second page should include the title and a 150-200 word abstract. Students should also include a letter indicating the author’s enrollment status, co-signed by the dean, department chair, or undergraduate program director.

Lead authors of the first, second and third place papers will receive the following:
- Travel and lodging (double occupancy)
- Symposium registration fees
- Paper presented at symposium

Please submit a brief statement of intent to justiceinstitute@albany.edu no later than December 15, 2012. Paper submissions are due by February 1, 2013. Send papers electronically to Assistant Professor Justin Pickett, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany at justiceinstitute@albany.edu.

For more information about the symposium and the Justice & Multiculturalism Project, please visit our website at www.albany.edu/justiceinstitute or contact Dr. Pickett at the email above.