Young Scholar Paper Competition

This symposium will bring together leading researchers on sentencing from an array of disciplines to review the current state of sentencing research, chart future research directions, and reconnect research to ongoing policy debates about sentencing. Some of the topics covered will include: race/ethnicity and sentencing, discretion in criminal justice decision-making, managing criminal justice populations, and risk assessment in sentencing. Papers from the symposium will be published in a special issue of Criminology and Public Policy.

The paper competition encourages graduate students and scholars within five years of receiving their PhD to submit their work for consideration. Papers should be empirical (though theoretical/conceptual papers will be considered), and should range from 15-30 pages in length. The selection panel will be looking for high quality papers that feature original approaches and make new connections to policy. Papers may be co-authored, but senior scholars cannot be included as co-authors. Submissions from female and/or minority scholars are actively encouraged.

The Criminology format for text, references, and citations should be used. The authors’ names, affiliations, and advisors (optional) should be listed on a separate title page, so that submissions can be reviewed anonymously. The second page should include the title and a 100-150 word abstract.

Lead authors of the winning papers will receive the following:

First Place: Travel, lodging (double occupancy), and registration fees; paper included in the poster session*; paper submitted for review at Criminology and Public Policy as part of the special issue.
Second and Third Place: Travel, lodging (double occupancy), and registration fees; paper included in the poster session*.
Honorable Mention: Registration fees; paper included in the poster session*.

The deadline for the paper competition is June 1, 2010. Submit papers electronically to Sara Steen, Associate Professor, University of Colorado—Boulder by emailing steen@colorado.edu. Graduate students should also include a letter indicating the author’s enrollment status, co-signed by the dean, department chair, or graduate program director.

Please also feel free to send questions about the competition or the symposium to Dr. Steen at the email listed above.

* Posters will be professionally printed at the University at Albany. Additional details will be communicated upon selection of the winning papers.