

**Annual Meeting of the Mid South Sociological Association
November 4-7, 2009
Lafayette Hilton Hotel
Lafayette, Louisiana**

GRADUATE STUDENT “PAPER OF DISTINCTION” AWARD *

The MidSouth Sociological Association invites the submission of student papers for the annual **Graduate Student Paper Session** and **“Paper of Distinction” Award**. The award process is open to graduate students who are members, or become members, of the MidSouth Sociological Association. Among the papers submitted, an award will be presented to any paper that is reviewed and evaluated as possessing a high level of originality and significant potential for contribution to the discipline. If such a paper is so identified, the author(s) will be presented with a “Paper of Distinction” award at the MSSA Banquet. The award will also include editorial review assistance from suitable persons so identified by the Vice President in coordination with the Editors of Sociological Spectrum. Rules for the 2009 Award Process:

1. Papers may be submitted by the graduate student or nominated by faculty, but in any case, each paper must be accompanied by a cover letter requesting consideration for the Graduate Student “Paper of Distinction” Award. The letter must include the title of the paper, author(s) of the paper, the school affiliation, telephone number, and email address (if available) of the author(s). The author’s name and title of the paper should be included on the title page only. The title of the paper must be repeated at the top of the first page of the text.
2. The maximum length of an eligible paper shall be 25 double spaced pages of text, not counting abstract, reference, tables, and figures.
3. Papers may be coauthored with a maximum of three student authors, but no faculty.
4. Papers must not have been submitted for publication prior to submission for award consideration.
5. Papers are evaluated upon (1) originality, (2) contribution or potential contribution to the discipline, (3) clarity of arguments, and (4) mechanics (i.e. neatness, appropriate format, grammar, spelling, etc.).
6. Four copies of each paper must be received and posted marked by **October 15, 2009**. Send papers by “First Class” mail to: Dr. Larry D. Hall, Dept. of Sociology, Spring Hill College, 4000 Dauphin St., Mobile, AL 36608. Also, one copy of the paper can be sent by email to me at the following email address: hall@shc.edu . If you are sending paper by email, please forward a cover letter with title separate from paper and do not put name anywhere on paper submitted for competition. The deadline for papers mail and sent by email **October 15, 2009**.

7. To receive full recognition for participation, submission must meet deadlines and participants must present their papers to the 2009 Annual Meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana.

8. Students are strongly encouraged to seek faculty advice prior to submission of papers.

• Students who do not wish to participate in the award process may choose to present their paper in at a regular Mid-South paper session.