

Visual Sociology: Social Problems Student Photo Essay Contest

The Southwestern Sociological Association invited the submission of abstracts for the 2017 “Visual Sociology: Social Problems Student Photo Essay Contest.”

Description

A photographic essay is a personal and integrative statement about a social problem of importance to the undergraduate or graduate student. The essay is limited to 5-8 photographs, which should reflect the social problem under consideration, elicit an emotive response from the viewer, and be a statement of public affirmation of the student’s position on the issue.

Instructions for the Photo Essay

- Limit the essay to 5-8 photographs
- Place the photographs in an order that “reads” like an essay
- Photographs downloaded from the Internet are acceptable as long as copyright laws are not violated and the complete website URL from which it was downloaded in fine print.
- The presentations should be larger than 3x3 feet.

Juried Competition

The judges will evaluate the appropriateness of the title; whether photographs reflects the social problems under consideration, demonstrate a given position on the issue, elicit an emotive response from the viewer, and read like an essay; the general presentation/mounting, proper citation of location or source of the photos; whether all instructions were followed; and, the student’s verbal responses to viewers at the site of the judging during the session.

Awards

The winners will be announced at the SSA Awards and General Business Meeting held during the annual meeting, April 12-17, 2017, Austin, Texas. The authors of the winning papers will receive a certificate and a monetary prize.

For more information, please contact the Poster Award Organizer, Carson Mencken,
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The deadline for Visual Session submissions is March 22, 2017.