$500 Award for Best Student Papers on Race
Undergraduate, Master’s and PhD Level Awards


The Center on Race and Social Problems (CRSP), through the School of Social Work, invites you to submit your paper addressing contemporary race-related issues. The center will award a $500 resource fund to the best papers submitted by an undergraduate, Master’s and PhD level student.

In this university-wide competition, CRSP is soliciting papers in the following seven areas: (a) economic disparities, (b) education disparities, (c) intergroup race relations, (d) health, (e) mental health, (f) criminal justice and (g) youth, families and the elderly.

Submission Criteria:
- The paper must have been submitted for a course (including independent study) during Summer 2014, Fall 2014 or Spring 2015.
- The paper should be 10-30 pages, double-spaced.
- Student papers may be submitted by a student or faculty member.
- Each student can submit more than one paper.
- Although faculty advising is permitted, the work presented in the paper must be the student’s (or student team’s) own work.
- The work presented in the paper must not have been previously published.

Evaluation Criteria
Papers should address contemporary race-related social problems and will be evaluated on originality, analytic quality, clarity, and relevance to current racial issues.

Submission Instructions
Papers must be submitted by end of spring, 2015. Submit papers in MS Word to Center on Race and Social Problems at crsp@pitt.edu as an attachment to an email with a subject line reading “Paper Award Submission.” The cover page should include:

1. Title of paper, name of course and term for which it was written.
2. Student’s name, degree program, postal and email addresses, and telephone number.
3. Faculty name (who taught the course), school/department, email address, and telephone number.