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SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE DEFENDING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY

CALL FOR PROPOSALS - PANEL PRESENTATIONS, PAPERS, AND POSTERS

October 4th – 7th (Wed – Sat), 2017
Crowne Plaza Hollywood Beach - Hollywood, FL

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - COLLINS BEST DOCTORAL STUDENT PAPER AWARD

Morris W.H. Collins Award

Purpose:

Each year at the annual conference, SECoPA recognizes the most outstanding paper written by a doctoral students in the SECoPA region.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Students must be enrolled at a university within the SECoPA region during the academic year preceding the annual SECoPA Conference (e.g. students must be enrolled during the 2016-2017 academic year to be eligible for the 2017 award).
- Papers may be co-authored with other students and may **not exceed 30 pages**.
- Faculty members **cannot** be co-authors.
- Students must adhere to the application process as set forth below. Failure to adhere to the process will result in a withdrawal of the award.
- To receive the award, the author or at least one co-author of the winning paper must register and attend the SECoPA conference, present the paper, and attend the awards function where the award is presented (normally a luncheon).

Award:

Plaque, \$300 cash award, and registration fee waiver. If a paper is co-authored, the cash award will be divided equally among the co-authors. The SECoPA Conference Program Chair will waive up to two registration fees for co-authored papers.

Application Process:

- Eligible students are encourage to submit abstracts of their paper by **May 15, 2017** to the SECoPA Conference Co-Chairs: Agatha Caraballo (acarabal@fiu.edu) and Roslyn Alic-Batson (alic@miamidade.gov) AND the Collins Award Committee Chair, **Kathleen Hale** at halekat@auburn.edu
- Deadline for full paper submission is **August 18, 2017**. Full papers should not exceed 30 pages total. Full papers should be submitted to **Kathleen Hale** at halekat@auburn.edu
- The Collins Award Committee Chair will notify the award winner(s).

- The winning author, or at least co-author, must register for the conference, present the paper, and attend the awards function.

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Topic significance and relevance for public policy and administration.
2. Organization, readability, clarity of style.
3. Soundness of methodology.
4. Appropriate research design.
5. Adequate evidence supporting conclusion.
6. Adequate literature review.
7. Contribution to existing knowledge.

About Morris W.H. "Bill" Collins:



Bill Collins made many contributions to public administration during his distinguished career. At Mississippi State University, he held the John C. Stennis Chair in Political Science and served as the founding director of the Stennis Institute of Government. Before coming to Mississippi State, Dr. Collins served as the Dean of the College of Public Affairs at American University and as Director of the Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia. He personified the ideals of the American Society for Public Administration. A man who bridged the world of academic theory and governmental practice, Bill was involved in significant governmental reform efforts in several Southern states. As he once advised a younger colleague, "When the Governor asks you to do something, you better say yes." At an age when many retirees play golf and clip coupons, Bill ran for President of ASPA. They said he couldn't win because of his age and his region. Bill won, and brought great credit to SECoPA during his ASPA presidency. Bill Collins represented the best in public administration. During his half-century commitment to public administration, he mentored countless students and worked continually to diversify both academia and the public service. Above everything else, Bill was a decent, genteel, and honorable human being.