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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS—KLINE BEST MASTERS STUDENT PAPER AWARD

Each year at the annual conference, SECoPA recognizes the most outstanding paper written by master's students in the SECoPA region. To be eligible, 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). Students cannot be enrolled in a joint master's/doctoral program; *only master's students are eligible for the Kline Award.*

Papers may be co-authored with other students. 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.

The winner(s) will receive a 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 make a decision on registration fee waivers for co-authored papers.

Application process:

- Eligible students are encouraged to submit abstracts of their papers by **May 15, 2017**, to _____
- Deadline for full paper submission is **September 15, 2017**. Full papers should not exceed 30 pages total. Full papers should be submitted to _____
- The Kline Award Committee Chair will notify the award winner(s).
- The winning author, or at least one 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.