Labor and Employment Relations Association

Calls for Awards Open to Students
Deadlines: January 15, 2016

**James G. Scoville Best International Paper Award** — $500 Cash Prize — January 15, 2016

LERA has issued a call for international and comparative employment issues papers for consideration for this award. The Award has been established in conjunction with the Industrial Relations Center at the University of Minnesota to honor retiring professor and long-time member of the LERA, James G. Scoville. The Scoville Best Papers Award, awarded for the best contributed paper on international and comparative employment issues will offer an annual cash prize of $500 and a plaque. Papers concerned with international and comparative employment issues that address research and evaluation of international institutions and processes within employment relations and/or provide comparative analysis of employment relations systems and types will be considered. Individual country studies that address employment relations issues of international significance can also be considered. LERA members who are faculty, students, researchers, or researchers/practitioners are welcome.

**Thomas A. Kochan & Stephen R. Sleigh Best Dissertation Award** — $1,000 Prize — January 15, 2016

LERA has established an annual competition for post-doctoral students in the field of industrial relations* or related fields such as history, political science, economics, sociology, etc., as long as they are broadly related to employment relations as reflected in the publications and membership of the LERA. This competition is open to doctoral students who completed or will complete their thesis at an accredited college or university between the dates of January 1, 2011 and June 30, 2016. Dissertations and correspondence must be in the English language. Prizes include both $1000 and a one-year membership in the LERA. Entry forms must be accompanied with electronic copies of your dissertation, your vita/resume, and a letter of nomination from a member of the student’s PhD committee stating why the thesis is especially meritorious.

**UCIRHRP Best Student Paper Competition** — $300 Cash Prize — January 15, 2016

The University Council of Industrial Relations and Human Resource Programs, UCIRHRP, is sponsoring a student paper competition at the LERA Annual Meeting. New developments in employment relations, organizational behavior, and social movements call for a closer look at emergent processes, outcomes and organizational forms. The motivation for this special call for papers is to reflect the diversity of theoretical and methodological approaches to researching emergent phenomena in the field. Examples include, but are by no means restricted to new forms of labor market institutions; diversity in organizations; social movements; and international/transnational actors and organizations. UCIRHRP will select the top papers to organize a session during the LERA Annual Meeting, offering selected authors the opportunity to present their papers. A monetary award of $300 will be given to the author of the top paper chosen for this session.

**Submission Requirements**

Submissions can be made online and should be accompanied by a vita (or link to a vita). Complete submission details for each award are available online. Awardees will be recognized at the LERA Annual Meeting.

Find information and submission guidelines here:
[http://www.leraweb.org/deadlines](http://www.leraweb.org/deadlines)

Distinguished selection committees with representatives of the various constituencies of the LERA have been appointed and will determine the awardees. Find LERA Awards Committees at our website under ‘About’.