

Past Alpha Kappa Delta Student Paper Competition Winners

2025 Paper Competition Winners

Undergraduate Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Emma Farrow, *Central Connecticut State University*
Paper Title: "Wounds of Inequality: The Intersectionality of Gendered Racism in Healthcare and Autonomy"
- **Second Place:** Erin Farrell, *Georgetown University*
Paper Title: "Left Unsaid: Gendered Differences in Physical Mannerisms Within University Classrooms"
- **Third Place:** Kendall Coney, *Macalester College*
Paper Title: "Death and Inheritance: How Meanings of Money are Drawn from Everyday Life"

Graduate Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Kennedy Chi-Pan Wong, *University of Southern California*
Paper Title: "Resisting China, Supporting Trump? Mapping Political Identities Among Hong Kongers in the United States"
- **Second Place:** Jonathan Ellis, *University of Louisville*
Paper Title: "Contested Spaces: Unhoused Black Men and their Survival Within Urban Landscape"
- **Third Place:** Zhongze Wei, *Washington University in St. Louis*
Paper Title: "Relational Linked Fate and the Racial Position of Asian Americans"

2024 Undergraduate Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Elena Clark, *Southwestern University*
Paper Title: "'Freedom of the streets' or 'Barriers to success?' Factors that Predict Attitudes About Homelessness In The United States"
- **Second Place:** Cedar Bennett, *Colorado College*
Paper Title: "Happier from Home: The Predicting Factors of Employee Well-Being in In-Person and Virtual Workspaces"
- **Third Place:** Emily Wallack, *Loyola Marymount University*
Paper Title: "Invisible Illness: The Silent Epidemic For Women"

2024 Graduate Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Whitney Shervey, *Washington State University*
Paper Title: "The Gender Wage Gap in the Restaurant Industry"
- **Second Place:** Tania Ravaei, *Indiana University, Bloomington*
Paper Title: "The Pathway to a Sexual Relationship: Young Adult Women, Stress, and Depression"
- **Third Place:** Kristin C. Newvine, *Ball State University*
Paper Title: "Telling their Stories and Saying their Names: How Race, Gender, and First-Person Character Performing Impacts Historical Interpreters' Identities"

2023 Undergraduate Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Monica Yike Gao, *University of California - Berkeley*
Paper Title: "A Marker of Assimilation?: Comparison between Chinese and Indian Immigrant Parents' Naming Practices"

- **Second Place:** Ethan Hyslop, *Macalester College*
Paper Title: "Who Gets the Job? Social Reproduction through Student Employment Hiring"
- **Third Place:** Andra Metcalfe, *Colorado College*
Paper Title: "Being Developed Without Being Involved: Assessing the Impact of the Opportunity Zone Program on Residents"

2023 Graduate Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Garrett Pekarek, *Washington University in St. Louis*
Paper Title: "Does Knowledge about Historical U.S. Intervention Shape Attitudes about Refugee Deservingness? Evidence from a Survey Experiment"
- **Second Place:** Tiffanie Vo, *Indiana University, Bloomington*
Paper Title: "Parenthood Premiums and Penalties among Asian American Workers: Exploring Income Differences Across Gender, Marriage, and Parenthood"
- **Third Place:** Anne Johnson, *Portland State University*
Paper Title: "'We always got our blood': A Discourse Analysis of News Covering Law Enforcement Phlebotomy in the United States"

2022 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Ema Smith, *Colorado College*
Paper Title: "Complicating Police Culture: Police Perspectives on Blue Lives Matter and the Thin Blue Line"
- **Second Place:** Glennan Keldin, *Chapman University*
Paper Title: "A Game of Tips: The Social Function of Social Media Activism"
- **Third Place:** Katie Trinh, *Colorado College*
Paper Title: "I Was Accepted Here, But Am I Actually Accepted Here?: The Role of Race, High School Background, and Social Networks in Student Belonging at a Small, Predominantly White College"

2022 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Sara Wozniak, *University of Montana*
Paper Title: "Sexual Harassment is My Job"
- **Second Place:** Shayna Morrison, *Kent State University*
Paper Title: "Toward a Sociological Framework of Touch: Virtual Affectionate Touch and the Stress-Buffering Effect"
- **Third Place:** Gabriele Gomez, *Oklahoma State University*
Paper Title: "Becoming an 'Anti-Diet' Dietitian: Dietitians' Mobilization into the Health at Every Size Movement"

2021 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Alessandra Ahlmen, *Colorado College*
Paper Title: "The World is Stopped, but We Keep Going: Nurses' Processes of Emotional Labor During the SARS-COVID19 Pandemic"
- **Second Place:** Charlotte Matthews, *Georgetown University*
Paper Title: "Fertility Day 2016: the Cultural Construction of Italian Fertility Marketing Campaigns"
- **Third Place:** Abigail Williams, *Colorado College*
Paper Title: "Street Perspectives: How Street Roots Vendors are (Re)Creating the City of Portland"

2021 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Michelle Williams, University of Montana
Paper Title: “‘Its Own Little City’: Customer Service in Truck Stops”
- **Second Place:** Ayrilia Welch, Ball State University
Paper Title: “The Link Between Collegiality and Job Satisfaction Among Faculty: Exploring Variation Across Race, Gender, and Rank”
- **Third Place:** Belal Hossain, Oklahoma State University
Paper Title: “Gender Differences in Hypertension: A Context of Groundwater Salinity and Climate Change in Coastal Bangladesh”

2020 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Paige Toop, Western Washington University
Paper Title: “Beyond Thoughts and Prayers: Understanding Mass Violence through an Investigation of
- **Second Place:** Dan Chai, Washington University in St. Louis
Paper Title: “Navigating the Bottom of the Dating Totem Pole: Politics of Exclusion among Asian American Men”
- **Third Place:** Morgan Bryn, Colorado College
Paper Title: “Coercive Control and Physical Violence: College Students Experience of Intimate Partner Violence”

2020 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Maria Duenas, University of California, Merced
Paper Title: “Three Discursive Mechanisms: Racial and Ethnic Socialization in Middle-Class Latinx Families”
- **Second Place:** Sadie Ridgeway, Washington State University
Paper Title: “The Weight of Stigma: Weight Status, Bullying, and Well-Being in Adolescents”
- **Third Place:** Kristin Kelley, Indiana University, Bloomington
Paper Title: “Who Can Afford to Keep Their Last Name? Gender, Economic Resources, and Marital Name Choice”

2019 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Fatema Kamal, Purchase College
Paper Title: "Taste of Home: A Sociocultural Exploration of Food Habits and Health Among Bangladeshi Immigrants in New York City"
- **Second Place:** Samantha Pentecost, Southwestern University
Paper Title: "Gendering the Boy Scouts: Examining Hegemonic Masculinity at a Co-Ed Backpacking Camp"
- **Third Place:** Veronica Ciotti, Southwestern University
Paper Title: “The Classroom is Sacred: Academic Masculinity as a Response to the Campus Carry Law in Texas"

2019 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Frankie Frank, University of Wisconsin - Madison
Paper Title: “Queering Menstruation: Trans and Genderqueer Identity and Body Politics”
- **Second Place:** Jared Joseph, University of California - Davis
Paper Title: “The Ties that Bribe: State Capital in Organized Crime”

- **Third Place:** Srijana Karki, Oklahoma State University
Paper Title: "Nepali and Indian Media Coverage of the 2015 Nepal Earthquake"

2018 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Lydia Ballantine, Colorado College
Paper Title: "LGBTQ Youth Homelessness: An Examination of Upstream Factors"
- **Second Place:** Jenny Enos, Gettysburg College
Paper Title: "An Exceptional Racism: How Swedes Talk about Ethnoracial Difference"
- **Third Place:** Sara Smyth, Purchase College
Paper Title: "Subway Etiquette: 'Courtesy Counts'"

2018 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Lin Lui, University of Delaware
Paper Title: "Intersectional Approach to Top Executive White-Collar Offenders' Discourses: A Case Study of the Martha Stewart and Sam Waksal Insider Trading Scandal"
- **Second Place:** Cynthia Michelle Williams, Florida State University
Paper Title: "Scientific Controversies and Expertise in the News: An International Comparison"
- **Third Place:** Maria D. Valdovinos, George Mason University
Paper Title: "Recognition and Integration of the 'Subaltern' Experience of Returning Citizens into Criminal Justice Reform Efforts"

2017 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Nicole Hansen, Colorado College
Paper Title: "Sexual Assault as a 'Social Fact' A Cross-Campus Analysis"
- **Second Place:** Casey Sculler, Colorado College
Paper Title: "Haute Couture, Baggy Jeans, and L'homme Virile: Hegemonic Masculinity in French and U.S. Men's Magazine Advertisements"
- **Third Place:** Irene Snyder, Elizabethtown College
Paper Title: "When Two Worlds Collide: The Effects of Sex, Family Structure, and Job Characteristics on Work-Family Spillover"

2017 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Megan Carroll, University of Southern California
Paper Title: "Managing Without Moms: Gay Fathers, Incidental Activism, and the Politics of Parental Gender"
- **Second Place:** Kai Lin, University of Delaware
Paper Title: "The Rule of Law and the Socio-Political Functions of Law in Contemporary China"
- **Third Place:** Kelly Markowski, Kent State University
Paper Title: "Individual Change to Social Change: How Identity Processes Foster Success in the Vegan Identity"

2016 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Guillermo Alvarado, Southwestern University
Paper Title: "'That Gay Gansta Shit': Identity Construction and Community Membership in Queer Rappers' Musical Careers"

- **Second Place:** Alina Drufovka, Colorado College
Paper Title: "Inequality in the Information Age: From the Digital Divide to the Usage Divide"
- **Third Place:** Jeong Hyun Oh, Cornell University
Paper Title: "You Win or You Die: The Effect of Limited Resource on Child Mortality"

2016 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Penn Pantumsinchai, University of Hawaii at Manoa
Paper Title: "Conflicting desires and prosumer control: A case study of an online fansubbing community"
- **Second Place:** Nathalie Rita, University of Hawaii at Manoa
Paper Title: "Migrating to "Paradise": A Qualitative Content Analysis of Letters to the Editor"
- **Third Place:** Maria D. Valdovinos, George Mason University
Paper Title: "'Tiny Publics' and the Extension of the Sociological Imagination to Systems: The Case of Criminal Justice"

2015 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Yun Cha, Vanderbilt University
Paper Title: "College as an Investment: The Impact of Financial Aid Grants on College Majors and Stratification in Higher Education"
- **Second Place:** Joshua Stout, University of Denver
Paper Title: "Sandy Hook and the Media: The Dissemination of Collective Sentiments Through Concentric Mourning"
- **Third Place:** Rebekah Howland, Wheaton College
Paper Title: "Logging On, Getting Off: An Exploratory Study on the Motivations and Conversations of Women Who View Pornography"

2015 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Daniel Auguste, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Paper Title: "Welfare State, Globalization and Income Inequality: Evidence from 23 Industrial Countries, 1990-2009"
- **Second Place:** Kendra Bopp, Cleveland State University
Paper Title: "The Control of Women through Corrective Rape as a Global Social Construct"
- **Third Place:** Amanda Draft, Wayne State University
Paper Title: "Sizing Up Skaters: An Interrogation of Body Discourses in Women's Flat Track Roller Derby"

2014 Undergraduate Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Brianna Billingsley, Southwestern University
Paper Title: "'Literally, My Money Comes From How Happy I Make Them': The Positive and Negative Consequences of Emotional Labor Among Restaurant Servers"
- **Second Place:** April Hearne, Colorado College
Paper Title: "My Mom's Wife: Children and Their Paid Careworkers"
- **Third Place:** Mara Aussendorf, Macalester College
Paper Title: "The Birdhouse and the Bee Hive: Parents' Navigation of Successful Sexual Socialization"

2014 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Katie Kerstetter, George Mason University
Paper Title: "Care Work and Teacher Retention at an Urban Charter School"
- **Second Place:** Nichole Weber, New Mexico State University
Paper Title: "Representations of Global Climate Change in Broadcast Media: A Critical Discourse Analysis"
- **Third Place:** R.C. Morris, Purdue University
Paper Title: "Mitigating the Effects of Parental Incarceration through Social Intervention"

2013 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Madeline Frost, Colorado College
Paper Title: "Speaking of Women: Gendered Language and Discursive Struggle in Domestic Violence Work"
- **Second Place:** Megan Robinson, Southwestern University
Paper Title: "I'm Feeding the World Tonight: The Impact of Moral Identity Standards on Mobile Loaves and Fishes Homeless Outreach Ministry"
- **Third Place:** IndiAna Gowland, Macalester College
Paper Title: "No Boys/Girls Allowed: How Public Schools Respond to Uncertainty in Single-Gender Education"

2013 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Marci Cottingham, University of Akron
Paper Title: "Learning to "Deal" and "De-Escalate": How Men in Nursing Manage Self and Patient Emotions"
- **Second Place:** Deadric Williams, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Paper Title: "The Manifestation of Depression in Families: A Dyadic, Longitudinal Structural Equation Modeling Approach"
- **Third Place:** Susan Hughes, New Mexico State University
Paper Title: "Does Family Capital Reproduce Social Class Inequalities? A Closer Look at Bonding Social Capital and Embodied Cultural Capital"

2012 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Jeremy Carp, Macalester College
Paper Title: "Fermented Origins: The Emergence of State-Level Alcoholic Beverage Regulation in the Post-Prohibition Era, 1933-1935"
- **Second Place:** Diego Mello, Macalester College
Paper Title: "Toward a Theory of Peripheral Welfare Development: Social Policy Legislation in Brazil, Colombia, and Venezuela"
- **Third Place:** Jared Perkins, Abilene Christian University
Paper Title: "Congregations in Community: The Effect of Location on the Social Welfare Outreach of American Congregations"

2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Alex Thompson, University of Colorado at Boulder
Paper Title: "'Sometimes, I Think I Might Say Too Much': Dark Secrets and the Performance of Inflammatory Bowel Disease"

- **Second Place:** Michael Gaddis, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Paper Title: "Discrimination in the Credential Society: An Audit Study of Race and College Selectivity in the Labor Market"
- **Third Place:** Daniel Grey, New Mexico State University
Paper Title: "Identity, Invisibility, and the Legacy of Trauma: Shaping the Narrative of the Contemporary American Indian/Alaska Native Experience"

2011 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Emily Christie, Macalaster College
Paper Title: "'Declaraciones de Deseo y Declaraciones de Realidad': State-Indigenous Relations and Intercultural-Bilingual Education in Peru and Guatemala"
- **Second Place:** Evelyn Daugherty, Macalester College
Paper Title: "Language in the Name of National Security: The Transformation of Arabic Language Instruction in the U.S. Institutions of Higher Education"
- **Third Place:** Toni Nietfeld, Southwestern University
Paper Title: "Welcome to Hell: The Role of Framing and Recruitment in Saving Souls"

2011 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Yok-Fong Paat, University of Oklahoma
Paper Title: "Family and Community Determinants of Mexican Children's Scholastic Performance"
- **Second Place:** Elaina Behounek, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale
Paper Title: "'No Help for the Weary': An Ethnographic Examination of Factors Impacting Burnout in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocates"
- **Third Place:** Morgan Roddy, Ball State University
Paper Title: "Alternative Food Sources and Community Health: Farmers' Markets, Community Supported Agriculture, Community Gardens and Community Food Security"

2010 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Kimberly Lewis, Denison University
Paper Title: "Gender Design and Performance in World of Warcraft"
- **Second Place:** Laura Rogers, James Madison University
Paper Title: "Helping Them Help Themselves: Contradictions Between Volunteers' Moral Identities and Reproduction of Class Boundaries"
- **Third Place:** Joshua Cook, University of Notre Dame
Paper Title: "A Culture of Silence: Social Norms of Rape Reporting"

2010 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Daniel Poole, University of Utah
Paper Title: "Indirect Health Consequences of War: Cardiovascular Disease"
- **Second Place:** Adrienne Brune, University of Oklahoma
Paper Title: "Mothering from Behind Bars: The Experience and Needs of Incarcerated Mothers in Oklahoma"
- **Third Place:** Sarah Samblanet, Kent State University
Paper Title: "Status Inconsistency Among Married Couples: How Status Inconsistency Impacts Perceptions of marital Quality, Global Happiness, and Mental Health"

2009 Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Winners

- **First Place:** Anna Wool, Colorado College
Paper Title: "Like Water off a Duck: Stigma and the Jewish Assessment of Christian Public Religious Displays in an Alabama City"
- **Second Place:** Julia Hudson, Creighton University
Paper Title: "On the Possibility of an Empirical World"
- **Third Place:** Nicole Powell, Southwestern University
Paper Title: "Little Gay Gandhi's: Providing a Safe Space and Empowering Sexual Minorities"

2009 Graduate Student Paper Competition Winner

- **First Place:** Justin Berg, Washington State University
Paper Title: "Opposition to Unauthorized Immigration: Estimating the Effect of Race, Gender, and Class"