



Dr. Frank T. Peak Memorial



Health Disparities Essay Competition 2019

The Dr. Frank T. Peak Health Disparities Essay Competition is designed to encourage outstanding student scholarship at the intersection of public health, healthcare, and the social sciences that promotes health equity in lives of ethnic/racial minorities and other disadvantaged populations.

TOPICS

Analyze the current state of mental health. Consider mental health ideology, norms and public perception in communities of: age, dis/ability, race, gender, religion and socio-economic strata. Through policy initiatives, argue how a particular community can significantly reduce mental health inequities/disparities. Emphasize racial/ethnic minorities, the poor, and LGBTQ individuals, or consider mental health norms and perception for people in occupations where the topic is historically avoided and resisted (sports, entertainment, corporate, agriculture and not limited to industry). Argue for an ethical rationale/justification. Consider the following as a base for your argument /rationale / justification:

- Building sustainable support for mental health services through increasing protective factors within communities to prevent and reduce trauma and promote healthy living
- Building mental health service organizations' capacity through increasing mental health service providers or strengthening community linkages between existing providers
- Developing new or improving current city, state or national policies regarding mental health related incidences or procedures

ELEGIBILITY

To be eligible, a student must be currently enrolled in an accredited, academic graduate program in the state of Nebraska and be able to present the essay during the 12th Annual health Disparities Seminar, **April 27, 2019** in Omaha, Nebraska. The student must be the author of the manuscript. The paper must not be published, accepted, or under consideration for publication at the time of submission.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Manuscripts are reviewed without author or institutional identification. Please be certain the text contains no such identifying information or obvious clues. All submissions will be reviewed anonymously by an independent panel on the basis of the following:

- Abstract: Content relevance and importance, organization, clarity, English expression
- Manuscript (if invited): Content relevance, significance, and development; organization and structure, objections and/or counterarguments and responses; conclusion; clarity, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

PRIZES

The award recipient(s) will receive:

- **1st Place:** \$500, approved travel expenses to, and lodging accommodations in, Omaha, Nebraska; presentation at the Annual Addressing Health Disparities Seminar, abstract publication in seminar proceedings
- **2nd Place:** \$250, abstract publication in seminar proceedings
- **3rd Place:** \$150, abstract publication in seminar proceedings

DEADLINE

All abstracts for the Memorial Health Disparities Essay must be received by the CPHHE business office via e-mail cphhe@creighton.edu **by 11:59 p.m. CST December 14, 2018.**

Abstract selection notification: **December 31, 2018**

All manuscripts for the Memorial Health Disparities Essay must be received by the CPHHE business office via e-mail cphhe@creighton.edu **by 11:59 p.m. CST February 11, 2019.**

Notification of results: **March 4, 2019**

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