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**

Participants may choose to address on either topic for their abstracts/papers:

- **Option 1:** Employing a social justice lens, analyze relationships between social determinants and health inequities or health disparities. Argue for at least one remediation that social justice would support.

- **Option 2:** Employing a social justice lens, analyze how culture, class, and other social factors influence healthcare inequities/disparities. Argue for at least one way that healthcare professionals or institutions should respond.

**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 January 15, 2017.

Abstract selection notification: January 23, 2017

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 27, 2017.

Notification of results: March 10, 2017

**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 10th Annual health Disparities Seminar, April 29, 2017 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.

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