

Cover Sheet for: The James B. M. Schick Midwest Quarterly/Graduate Studies Best Essay Prize

Open to work submitted for PSU graduate credit in the competition year (March 1 – March 1). Students do not have to be enrolled at the time they submit, and upper division undergraduates are eligible to submit work provided it earned graduate credit in the competition year. Students should submit the strongest version of the essay they have.

One prize will be awarded annually: \$500.00 and publication (pending any necessary revisions) in an upcoming issue of *The Midwest Quarterly*.

Please submit only ONE essay for consideration in any competition year. Submit 2 hard copies of the essay with this completed cover sheet to Graduate and Continuing Studies, 112 Russ Hall **OR** email the essay in .doc or .pdf format *with a scan of this completed cover sheet* **by March 1** (type “Essay Prize” on the subject line) to midwestq@pittstate.edu.

Essays should:

- Be between 12 and 18 typed, double-spaced pages
- Not have any foot- or end-notes added to the text
- Say something original and be of interest to a general, academic reader (these will be significant judging criteria)
- Be formatted in either MLA or APA style, depending on typical practice for the discipline
- Include an appropriate Works Cited list and use in-text citations where needed
- Contain images only where absolutely necessary and, if these are not the author’s own, for which permission to publish could be granted by the copyright holder to the author in the event of future publication in the journal

Student Information

STUDENT NAME: _____

DATE: _____

STUDENT GRADUATE PROGRAM: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION: Email _____ Phone _____

ESSAY TITLE: _____

Faculty Sponsor

Note: the sponsoring faculty member does not have to be the professor who assigned the essay, but should be familiar with the field of study the essay represents.

NAME: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____

By signing below, I affirm that I have read this essay, that it reflects graduate-level work in my field and contributes something original and interesting to a general, academic reader. The research reflected in the essay and its works cited list is appropriate for the thesis and scope of this essay. If this essay should win the award, I am prepared to advise the student and the journal on what additional work may be necessary to prepare it for publication.

Signature: _____ Date: _____