

2021 RISTOW PRIZE IN THE HISTORY OF CARTOGRAPHY

This prize, offered by the Washington Map Society since 1994, recognizes academic achievement in the history of cartography and honors the late Dr. Walter W. Ristow, former chief of the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress.

THE AWARD

\$1000 cash award, a one-year membership in the Washington Map Society, and publication of the winning paper in *The Portolan*, the journal of the Washington Map Society. Honorable Mention may be awarded to an additional paper or papers at the judges' discretion.

ELIGIBILITY

Full or part-time undergraduate, graduate, and first-year postdoctoral students attending accredited U.S. or foreign colleges and universities are welcome to apply.

ENTRY CRITERIA

The competition seeks research papers in the field of the history of cartography, completed in fulfillment of coursework requirements or based on original research. All papers must be in English, documented in a style selected by the author, and not in excess of 7500 words. Inclusion of clear graphics (maps) supporting the paper is encouraged. Papers entered for the Prize may have been previously presented at academic symposia or entered in other competitions. They must not, however, have been published, selected for publication, or in consideration for publication at the time of entry.

FORMAT

Papers should be converted to a PDF document and submitted to kaparker18th@gmail.com by 12:59 PM EST on the date of the submission deadline. Please ensure that the PDF includes a cover sheet including the entrant's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and school, department, and academic status. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON ANY PAGE EXCEPT THE COVER PAGE.

JUDGING CRITERIA

1) Importance of research (e.g., originality, sources used), 2) quality of research (e.g., accuracy, source reliability), 3) writing quality (e.g., clarity, organization, command of cartographic terms).

DEADLINE

Emailed no later than 1 June 2021. Email to Dr Katherine Parker, Chair of the Ristow Prize, kaparker18th@gmail.com; more information is available on the website of the Washington Map Society: <http://www.washmapsociety.org/Ristow-Prize.htm>, or contact kaparker18th@gmail.com.