

2016 RISTOW PRIZE

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 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.

WHO MAY APPLY

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

ENTRY CRITERIA

The competition seeks research papers in the field of the history of cartography, completed in fulfillment of coursework requirements. 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 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

Four unbound papers with a title page and cover sheet including the entrant's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and school, department, and academic status.

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

Postmarked no later than 1 June 2016, and mailed to Evelyn Edson, Ristow Prize Chair, 268 Springtree Lane, Scottsville, VA, USA. More information is available on the website of the Washington Map Society: www.washmapsociety.org, or contact eedson@pvcc.edu.