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Salvatore J. Natoli Dissertation Award

Deadline: February 1, 2016

Eligible Candidates: Doctoral research

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Purpose: To recognize and support outstanding doctoral research.

Eligibility and application procedures

- a) Applicant must have completed dissertation in 2014, 2015 or early 2016.
- b) Submit the following materials via e-mail to awards@ncge.org :
 1. A maximum of 15-pages total (including figures, tables, bibliography), double-spaced paper drawn from the dissertation, font size 12, 1-inch margins.
 2. A maximum of 200-word abstract.
 3. A cover letter that states the name and contact information of the applicant, the title of the dissertation, date of the degree, and the major professor's name and institution.
 4. A letter from major professor confirming the relationship between the paper submitted and the dissertation.

Application process and evaluation criteria

- a) Contribution of the research to geography education
Describe impacts of the research on advancing knowledge and practice in geography education. For example, this research may be a follow-up or replication of previous work; addresses a significant research gap; involves student population that has received little attention in the past; and/or responds to recommendations from the Road Map reports etc. (Maximum 1 page).
- b) Literature review
Provide a review of the literature that sufficiently provides context for your research and how your work builds on past work.
- c) Research design and methods
Provide details of the methodology sufficiently for one to replicate the research, including participants, instruments, and procedures of data collection and analysis. Explain and justify the analytic techniques



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applied. Use appendix if you want to present tests, questionnaires specific images, and tools that were used.

d) Findings and discussion

Summarize the results of the study. Discuss the meanings and implications of the findings in the context of teaching and learning geography and/or geography education research.

e) Extending the research

Briefly discuss how this work may be extended or enlighten future research (Maximum 1 page).

Note: The award is not restricted to Ph.D. dissertations in geography.

One prize of \$500 will be awarded. In addition, 1st place and runner-up will receive a waiver of conference registration fees and a certificate of award.

Submission Deadline for all required documentation: **February 1, 2016**

All applicants are expected to make an oral presentation of their research at the National Conference on Geography Education at the **Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina, 700 South Florida Ave, Tampa, FL 33602, July 28 – 31, 2016.**

Questions? Please feel free to contact NCGE Headquarters either by e-mail: mlepak@ncge.org or phone: (202) 216-0942.