

## 2024 LASG BEST PAPER AWARDS

The Latin America Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers invites paper submissions for the 2024 LASG Best Paper award. This award is intended to recognize graduate students' contributions to the field of Latin American geography with a \$100 cash award, and to encourage publication of excellent papers in the *Journal of Latin American Geography*. Since 2019, the LASG Best Paper award is given in a single unified category that is open to sole-authored and co-authored papers provided that the lead (or sole) author is a graduate student (at any level). We welcome submissions on a wide range of issues relating to Latin American geography and from the diverse disciplinary and interdisciplinary fields of our membership.

**All submissions should be made via email with the Subject line: LASG PAPER AWARD to Amy Thompson (amy.thompson@austin.utexas.edu) no later than March 15, 2024 @ 11:59 pm Eastern Time.** The submission should include the applicant cover sheet (see submission guidelines) and the complete manuscript.

Papers will be evaluated on the quality of the manuscripts, including the following criteria:

1. Potential impact of the research
2. Originality of the research question, topical area, and/or methodology
3. Clarity of the argument and writing.

A selection committee will review all submissions and make a recommendation to the Committee Chair. Awardees will be notified by April 10, 2024. The winning submission will be announced and recognized at the 2024 LASG business meeting during the AAG meeting.

### *Eligibility:*

- Lead author must be a registered graduate student in a geography department or related discipline for at least one semester during the 2023-2024 academic year; in special circumstances, highly qualified undergraduate students may be considered.
- Regional area of research in Latin America, including the Caribbean, is given priority. If the proposed area of research is outside of Latin America, a clear explanation/justification should be provided within the proposal's narrative.
- Lead author must be a member of LASG in the year in which they apply for the award.
- LASG Best Paper Award recipients from prior years are ineligible for this year's competition, as are papers that have been previously published.
- For co-authored submissions, the lead author must meet all of the above eligibility qualifications. The lead author must also submit a short note explaining the relative contributions of all authors. It is *not* required that all authors be graduate students, just that the lead author be a graduate student.

All papers should be original contributions, and papers with incomplete or late paperwork will not be considered. The Committee Chair reserves the right to reject a paper on the grounds that it does not fit the criteria specified. The ad-hoc Student Paper Awards Committee also reserves the right to select an outside reader in particular areas of expertise. Members of the committee may be drawn from the membership of LASG, as well as members of our affiliated organization, the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG).

In addition to the \$100 cash award, the winning paper will be eligible for submission for peer review for publication in the *Journal of Latin American Geography*. If the author of the winning paper would rather the paper *not* be submitted, that paper will also *not* be disqualified from the award. In order to be submitted to *JLAG*, the paper will have to meet all of the submission requirements of the journal. And submission for peer review *does not* mean automatic acceptance for publication in the journal. Award-winning papers submitted to *JLAG* will go through the same rigorous peer review process as all other all submissions to the journal.

*Formatting Guidelines:* All papers must be double-spaced and include references and bibliographic information. Papers should follow the guidelines for style and format of the *Journal of Latin American Geography* (<http://clagscholar.org/publications/jlag/>). Papers should be no longer than 8,000 words (exclusive of references), and can be submitted in English, Spanish, or Portuguese.

**Submit all items and questions to:**

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COVER SHEET**

Applicant Information	
Applicant Name:	
Applicant pronouns (i.e.,: he/his, she/hers, they/theirs)	
Title of Manuscript:	
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Co-Authored Award (if applicable)	
Please briefly outline the relative contributions of all authors, including yourself:	