

THE DAVID E. SOPHER NEW SCHOLAR AWARD 2019

Description: The purpose of The David E. Sopher New Scholar Award is to promote intellectual enquiry from new scholars into geographies of religions and belief systems through the presentation of papers at the AAG meeting. Papers will be judged on potential contribution to the field of Geography of Religions and Belief Systems, organization, and written composition.

Eligibility: Both graduate students and untenured/non-permanent faculty, who are not currently serving on the GORABS board, can apply for the award.

Award: The amount for the 2019 award is a travel grant of \$250. The recipient will also be given an official certificate.

Disbursement: A check will be disbursed to the winner at the 2019 Geography of Religions and Belief Systems Annual Business Meeting at the AAG event.

Requirements: The paper and application form must be emailed to the GORABS chair in rich text or Microsoft Word format by March 25, 2019. The paper must subsequently be presented at the national AAG meeting, though it does not have to be in a GORABS sponsored session. A panel drawn from the GORABS board will judge the papers and determine a recipient. The winner will be announced in time to attend the awards luncheon with a GORABS representative. GORABS reserves the right to not make an award in a given year.

Vincent M. Artman, *Vice-Chair & Secretary* and **Maxim Samson**, *Assistant Secretary*, coordinate this award on behalf of the Board of Geography of Religion and Belief Systems (GORABS) – Email to both: artmanvm@miamioh.edu and msamson6@depaul.edu