**Robert K. Barney Graduate Student Essay Award**

The Center for Sociocultural Sport and Olympic Research (CSSOR) welcomes submissions for its inaugural Robert K. Barney Graduate Student Essay Award. This international prize will be awarded annually to one graduate student (Masters or Doctoral candidates) who submits the most outstanding piece of original research in the area of Olympic studies. We encourage submissions that examine the Olympic and Paralympic Movements from the fields of history, philosophy, management, sociology, communication, classics, literature, anthropology, cultural studies, economics, marketing, and law. The winner of the contest will have expenses covered for travel, accommodations, and registration for the CSSOR conference, and will be invited to present his or her paper in a special session at the annual CSSOR conference at California State University, Fullerton, taking place on March 27-28, 2020. For more details on the conference, please visit our website, <https://www.cssor.org/>.

The winning essay will be forwarded to the *Journal of Olympic Studies* (<https://www.press.uillinois.edu/journals/jos.html>) for peer review and possible publication.

Applicants must follow the below criteria to be considered for the award:

1. The essay must be between 6,000 and 10,000 words in length, including notes. An abstract of no more than 150 words should be included at the beginning of the article.
2. The author must include a cover sheet detailing the author’s name, current email address, institution, advisor’s name, and degree program.
3. Authors should follow the Chicago Manual of Style and manuscripts must be written in English. If this is not the first language of the author, contributions should be checked for grammar and syntax, prior to submission, by a person fluent in academic English.
4. The essay must be submitted as a Word document.

Applications and questions should be sent to the Chair of the Award Committee, Toby Rider ([trider@fullerton.edu](mailto:trider@fullerton.edu)). The deadline for submissions is 1 December 2019.