

### Cover Sheet for: The James B. M. Schick Midwest Quarterly/ Graduate Studies Best Essay Prize

Open to students in any discipline at Pittsburg State University; submission must be created to earn graduate credit at PSU. *Students may be graduate or undergraduate so long as the material is created to earn graduate credit in the competition year (after the deadline for the previous year's award).*

One Prize will be awarded annually: \$500.00 and publication (pending any necessary revisions) in an upcoming issue of *The Midwest Quarterly*.

Please submit only ONE essay for consideration in any competition year. Email the essay in .doc or .pdf format *with a scan of this completed cover sheet, signed also by the faculty sponsor, by March 1* (type "Essay Prize Submission" on the subject line) to [midwestq@pittstate.edu](mailto:midwestq@pittstate.edu).

Essays should:

- Be between 12 and 18 typed, double-spaced pages
- Say something original and be of interest to a general, academic reader (these will be significant judging criteria)
- Ideally be formatted in either MLA or APA style, depending on typical practice for the discipline (note: if in Turabian or Chicago and accepted for publication, the style will need to be changed but no changes are required before submission for prize consideration); style should be consistent and correct throughout
- Include an appropriate Works Cited or References list and use in-text citations where needed
- Contain images only where absolutely necessary and, if these are not the author's own, for which permission to publish could be granted by the copyright holder to the author in the event of future publication in the journal

#### Student Information

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT GRADUATE PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFORMATION: Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

ESSAY TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Sponsor** Note: the sponsoring faculty member does not have to be the professor who assigned the essay, but should be familiar with the field of study the essay represents.

**Note to faculty sponsor:** By signing below, I affirm that I have read this essay, that it reflects graduate-level work in my field and contributes something original and interesting to a general, academic reader. The research reflected in the essay and its works cited list is appropriate for the thesis and scope of this essay. If this essay should win the award, I am prepared to advise the student and the journal on what additional work may be necessary to prepare it for publication.

FACULTY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature **OF FACULTY SPONSOR** and Date : \_\_\_\_\_