



## MAPOR Fellows Student Paper Competition

### Are We Ready for Change? Public Opinion Research in the 2008 Presidential Election

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November 21-22, 2008  
Avenue Hotel (formerly Radisson Hotel & Suites), Chicago

Annual Conference of the  
Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research

The first place winner will receive an award of \$200, a free conference registration, and a free ticket to the Saturday MAPOR brunch. Any other top-quality papers judged Honorable Mention will earn authors \$50 and free conference registration and a free Saturday brunch ticket. The winning paper will also be accepted for presentation at a session at AAPOR conference, should they choose to go. Winners should alert the paper competition chair, Rob Daves, that they want to present their paper at the annual AAPOR meeting. A committee composed of MAPOR Fellows will make the awards. Winners will be announced at MAPOR's annual conference.

#### Eligibility

For the purposes of this competition, a student is someone currently enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program. A paper authored by more than one person is a student paper if all parties are students according to the above definition. Students need not be members of MAPOR.

The topic of the paper must conform to the general areas of scholarship that MAPOR addresses, which are (1) public opinion and (2) survey methods. The papers need not be quantitative nor must they report data in order to qualify for consideration in this competition.

#### Procedures

- 1) Students first need to submit an abstract of their paper, conforming to the 2008 MAPOR Call for Papers (see the call for more information). Deadline for submission is **5 p.m. CDT, June 30, 2008**. Students should specify on a page accompanying the abstract that they are students. Send the submission by electronic mail to [abstracts@mapor.org](mailto:abstracts@mapor.org)
- 2) Once a student has been informed that his/her paper has been accepted for the 2008 conference, the student will need to submit a full paper electronically to Rob Daves at [rob@davesandassociates.com](mailto:rob@davesandassociates.com) by **September 26, 2008**, to be eligible for consideration for the 2008 student paper competition. No hard-copy papers will be accepted. All papers must be accompanied by the student's name, USPS address, phone number, e-mail address, and the name and e-mail address of the student's faculty sponsor for the paper.

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