



Undergraduate Essay Contest in the History of Education

We invite undergraduate students enrolled in California community colleges to submit original essays on the history of education. The jury, consisting of members of the History of Education Society, will select up to eight finalists to present posters of their research at the Annual Meeting of the History of Education Society at the Doubletree Hotel Mission Valley, November 4-7, 2021. Winners will be determined based on these presentations.

Guidelines:

We invite submissions of original essays in the field of history of education, understood broadly to include educational institutions (schools, colleges, museums, etc.), policies, processes (teaching, learning), popular culture (film, literature, art), and ideas (theories, popular culture).

Contest Rules:

- Papers may be sole or group-authored. All authors must be undergraduate students enrolled part- or full-time in a California community college as of Spring or Summer 2021. Authors may not submit more than one paper.
- Papers should be between 3500 and 5000 words. Double spaced. Times New Roman. 12 point. One inch margins. Aligned left and not justified.
- Papers should include primary research situated within secondary literature and make an original argument.
- Footnotes should conform to the journal article format of the *Chicago Manual of Style*.
- Papers previously submitted for course credit are welcome, but should be clean of editorial comments.
- Papers should be clear of any identifying information for blind review (you will have a chance to enter this information when you submit your entry).
- All papers are due no later than **midnight, PST, on Sept 1, 2021**.
- Papers that meet the minimum qualifications above will further be considered based on the following criteria:
 - Clarity of writing, including technical and stylistic excellence
 - Strength of argument
 - Originality
 - Use of sources
 - Engagement with relevant scholarship
- Finalists will be notified by September 24. We will provide finalists guidelines for the poster session.
- Entries should be submitted via the CMT site:
<https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/HESUEC2021/>
 - Instructions: Create a login and click the button Create New Submission. Enter your essay title and abstract. You may upload your essay as a doc, docx, or pdf file. List any co-authors and submit. Questions? Email molly.oconnor@rutgers.edu.