

ANNOUNCING THE 2022 GORABS DAVID SOPHER NEW SCHOLAR AWARD AND THE WILBUR ZELINSKY AWARD

Please see the following announcements for the 2022 David Sopher New Scholar Award and the Wilbur Zelinsky Award. If you or one of your students are interested in either one of these awards or would like further information about them, please contact any of the following GORABS Board Members:

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THE DAVID E. SOPHER NEW SCHOLAR AWARD 2022

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 faculty, who are not currently serving on the GORABS board, can apply for the award.

Award: The amount for the 2022 award is a travel grant of \$250. The recipient will also be given an official certificate at the AAG awards luncheon.

Disbursement: A check will be disbursed to the winner at the 2022 Geography of Religions and Belief Systems Annual Business Meeting at the AAG event.

Requirements: The paper and application form must be submitted in rich text or Microsoft Word format by February 2022. 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.

THE WILBUR ZELINSKY AWARD 2022

GORABS has recently inaugurated The Wilbur Zelinsky Award, which students can apply to upon submitting a session of papers to the AAG, having first taken out student membership in GORABS and received GORABS group sponsorship. This award was first presented in 2018. Applications are now open for The Wilbur Zelinsky Award 2022, whereby a certificate and \$100 will be given to the best session of papers that qualifies in the above categories.