

Awards information
THE DAVID E. SOPHER NEW SCHOLAR AWARD 2023

Description: The purpose of the David E. Sopher New Scholar Award is to promote intellectual inquiry 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 2023 award is a travel grant of \$250. The recipient will also be given an official certificate.

Disbursement: A check will be disbursed to the winner at the 2023 Geography of Religions and Belief Systems Annual Business Meeting at the AAG event.

Requirements: By March 16, 2023, please send your paper abstract via the contact form under “Contact” if you would like to apply. 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 GORABS Annual Business Meeting at the AAG event. GORABS reserves the right to not make an award in a given year.

THE WILBUR ZELINSKY AWARD 2023

Students are encouraged to apply for the Wilbur Zelinsky Award upon submitting a session of papers to the AAG relevant to the geographies of religions and belief systems, 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 2023, whereby a certificate and \$200 will be given to the best session of papers that qualifies in the above categories.