Robert H. Zieger Prize for Southern Labor Studies: 2017 CFP

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The Southern Labor Studies Association is currently accepting submissions for the Robert H. Zieger Prize for Southern Labor Studies. SLSA awards the Zieger Prize at the biennial Southern Labor Studies Conference for the best unpublished essay in southern labor studies written by a graduate student or early career scholar, journalist, or activist. The Zieger Prize includes a $500 award.

The Robert H. Zieger Prize was established in 2013 with the cooperation of the Zieger family and members of SLSA. The prize is named in honor of the late Robert H. Zieger—teacher, scholar, and tireless union activist. Zieger was a prolific, award-winning writer whose books include *For Jobs and Freedom: Race and Labor in America since 1865 and The CIO, 1935-1955*, and three field-defining edited volumes on southern labor history. Zieger served as an officer in the North Central Florida Central Labor Council and an organizer for the United Faculty of Florida. Along with his wife of fifty years, Gay Zieger, an English professor at Santa Fe College, he maintained a strong commitment to social justice his entire life. Many of his former students went on to become labor organizers. SLSA hopes that the spirit of Zieger's combination of rigorous scholarship and his dedicated commitment to improving the lives of working-class people will live on in this prize.

Eligibility

Graduate students and scholars, activists, and journalists who are no more than five years beyond the author's highest degree are eligible to apply. Essays must be in English and should be primarily concerned with southern labor and working-class history broadly conceived. Applicants are not required to be members of SLSA at the time of the submission.

To be considered for the 2017 Robert H. Zieger Prize, applicants must submit their essays by **October 15, 2016**, to the prize committee chairperson:

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