



# Paul Polzin Prize for Best Paper

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**Purpose:** To raise the level of academic rigor on some (but not all) panels; encourage peer-reviewed publication of AUBER papers and presentations; and to provide a more academic experience during the AUBER conference for those who need it.

**Eligibility:** To be considered for the Polzin Prize, the following rules are established:

- The paper's lead author must be an individual AUBER member at the time of the Fall Conference or be employed at an AUBER member unit whose membership is in good standing; (Fall Conference registration fees include a one-year membership for non-AUBER members who submit papers for consideration)
- The paper must be presented on a panel at the Fall Conference;
- The paper should be prepared in academic format (APA or other commonly accepted scholarly style);
- Because the purpose is to encourage new work, submissions should not have been previously published or accepted for publication.

**Process:** Each eligible paper will be read by all members of an evaluation committee (the three most-recent AUBER Past Presidents) and evaluated against the criteria below. Committee members must decline to judge papers if they have the following special relationships with the author(s) of the papers submitted: relatives, students, colleagues, or co-authors. The winner will receive a \$500 cash award during the Fall Conference Awards breakfast.

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## **Submission Deadline: August 1, 2023**

Submit one copy of your paper by email as a PDF attachment to the Conference Committee Program Chair Brian Lewandowski (brian.lewandowski@colorado.edu) no later than the deadline. The winning paper will be announced during the AUBER Fall Conference.

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**Selection Criteria:** Papers will be blind reviewed and judged based on the criteria described below. Each paper will be given a score of 0 - 10 (where 0 is the lowest and 10 is the highest) for each element. The score allocated to each paper by each reviewer will be multiplied by the weighting and then added. The highest-scoring paper will be recommended for the Polzin Prize.

Criteria:

1. **Originality** (weighting 40%): Originality of contribution to knowledge with an emphasis on the paper's innovativeness in one or more of these areas (i) theoretical development, (ii) empirical results, (iii) methodology, or (iv) policy development.
2. **Quality of Argument** (weighting 30%): Quality of argument incorporating (i) critical analysis of concepts, theories and findings, and (ii) consistency and coherency of debate.
3. **Positioning** (weighting 15 %): Clear positioning of paper in existing literature with a conclusion(s) that is both convincing and of significant potential.
4. **Writing Style** (weighting 15 %): Quality of writing style, including accuracy, clarity, readability, and organization.