



Labor and Employment Relations Association  
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**Thomas A. Kochan & Stephen R. Sleigh**  
**Best Dissertation**  
**Award Competition**

**\$1,000 Award**

**Entries due July 1, 2010**

**PURPOSE:** The Labor and Employment Relations Association has established an annual competition for post-doctoral students in the field of industrial relations<sup>1</sup> or related fields such as history, political science, economics, sociology, etc., as long as they are broadly related to employment relations as reflected in the publications and membership of the LERA. The purpose is twofold: (1) to stimulate greater awareness and interest among doctoral students at colleges and universities of the field of industrial relations, and (2) to provide a vehicle by which an outstanding thesis by a doctoral student can be made more widely known to scholars in the field.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The competition is open to doctoral students who have completed their thesis at accredited colleges and universities in the calendar year of 2009 or prior to June 30, 2010. All dissertations and correspondence must be in the English language.

**AWARDS:** The competition prize to be awarded annually shall be \$1,000 (one-thousand-dollars). The winner shall be announced at the Association's Annual Meeting and the prize paid within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the meeting in January. A one (1) year complimentary LERA membership will also be granted to the winning author.

**JUDGING:** Entries will be judged on the basis of originality, quality of analysis, quality of research, style and organization, practicality and timeliness of subject. The entries will be judged by members of a special Academic Awards Committee.

**ENTRY PROCEDURE:** Students who wish to enter the competition need to complete an entry form and submit it with an electronic copy of their vita/resume, the thesis, and a letter from a member of the student's Ph.D. Committee stating why the thesis is especially meritorious. The official entry form must be completed and returned with the other entry materials. The form, thesis, letter from the student's committee and a vita and send to:

<mailto:LERAoffice@illinois.edu>  
Paula Wells, Executive Director  
Labor and Employment Relations Association  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
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504 East Armory Avenue  
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**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Entries for the 2010 contest must be submitted to [LERAoffice@illinois.edu](mailto:LERAoffice@illinois.edu) on or before **July 1, 2010**. The thesis may not be submitted by fax. The winners will be notified by mail of their selection by mid-November.

*For further information, contact the LERA Office at (217) 333-0072 or email [LERAoffice@illinois.edu](mailto:LERAoffice@illinois.edu)*

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<sup>1</sup>Industrial Relations is defined as all aspects of the field of labor and employment including employer and employee organizations, labor relations, labor markets, labor economics, human resources, and the workplace.

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THOMAS A. KOCHAN & STEPHEN R. SLEIGH  
2010 BEST DISSERTATION AWARD COMPETITION  
ENTRY FORM\***

*(Please type or print clearly)*

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Conferring University \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Dissertation \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominating Faculty & Contact Information:**

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**Student Contact Information:**

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I understand that the selection of the winning entries is the sole responsibility of the Labor and Employment Relations Association, and I acknowledge that I have been provided with a copy of the competition procedures to which I agree.

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Date

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Student's Signature

\*This Entry Form must be accompanied by a letter of nomination from a member of the student's Ph.D. committee stating why the thesis is especially meritorious, a vita/resume of the student, and a copy of the completed work. **Entry Deadline is July 1, 2010.**

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