GUIDELINES: This award is based on competitive review of original research papers submitted to Edith Garland Dupré Library.

TOPIC: No restrictions are placed on the topic or subject matter of submitted papers; however, all papers must cite or directly investigate primary source materials held in the Special Collections Department of Dupré Library (University Archives and Acadiana Manuscripts Collection, Louisiana Room, Rare Book Collection, Ernest J. Gaines Center, Cajun and Creole Music Collection, and U.S. Government Information).

FORMAT: All papers must be typed in a standard non-script font no smaller than twelve characters per inch, double-spaced, unbound and adherent to the style manual recommended in the author’s discipline. Text of papers should not exceed thirty pages.

ABSTRACT: All papers are to include an abstract of no more than 250 words. Please identify the style manual being followed.

GENERAL: All papers must be in English and must be the work of a single author.

PROCEDURE: The competition is open to both undergraduate and graduate students of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette who are not full-time continuing faculty or staff. The students must be currently enrolled or have completed the submitted paper during the previous two academic semesters. A judging panel consisting of the University Library Committee, Head of Special Collections, and referees designated by the panel will evaluate all submissions using the Caffery Award Rubric, louisiana.libguides.com/cafferyrubric. The winning candidate should meet the “exceeding expectations” elements of the rubric.

SUBMISSIONS: Papers are to be submitted electronically, with all contact information, no later than February 28, 2020 to librarydeanoffice@louisiana.edu. Winner will be announced in May 2020.

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