Spring 2016 AU Student Poster Award Competition

**Background:** The Metropolitan Policy Center (MPC) was created in the Fall of 2014 within the School of Public Affairs at American University (AU). The Center serves as the metropolitan and urban research hub on AU’s campus. The Center's mission is to create knowledge and propose solutions to our 21st century metropolitan and urban challenges.

**Poster Competition:** On March 24, 2016, Dr. Edward Glaeser, one of the country’s most influential urban economists, will deliver MPC’s second annual spring lecture. To complement this exciting AU lecture, MPC is sponsoring an undergraduate and graduate poster competition. MPC will award three **$500 cash prizes** for the best undergraduate, master’s and doctoral level posters. The winning posters will be announced following Dr. Glaeser’s lecture.

**Poster Requirements:**

- Must be submitted by an American University student or students (multiple authored posters are welcomed).
- Must address metro/urban questions such as, but not limited to, affordable housing, community and economic development, poverty, social inequality, migration, race and ethnicity, urban politics and governance, or social service provision. While not a requirement, we encourage poster submissions focusing on Washington, DC area research.
- Must be based on original research including, but not limited to, literature reviews, theoretical contributions and primary or secondary data analyses.
- Must be submitted to MPC (Ward Building, Room 347) by March 18, 2016.
- Posters will be primarily judged based on two categories: strength of scholarly contribution and creative visual impact.

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