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In 1996, the Editors inaugurated the *LSI* Student Essay Prize Competition. Our aim was to showcase the best work being done by graduate students in law and social science and to provide young scholars with an avenue to publication in an interdisciplinary forum. Entry was open to all graduate and law students in the U.S. and Canada. We received twenty-eight papers, all but two from students in the U.S. We hope to boost international submission in future years.

The entries came primarily from students in sociology and law programs, although the disciplines of history, anthropology, political science, education, psychology, public administration, and ethnic studies were also represented. More than half came from students pursuing the Ph.D. Six were law students. Each of the prize submissions was read by two of the Editors or Associate Editors. The Editors narrowed the contenders to a group of seven and all of us read each of the finalists' essays.

We awarded the prize to Lisa Sanchez, a Ph.D. student in Criminology, Law, and Society at the University of California, Irvine. We also decided to recognize two honorable mentions: Gustav Peebles, an anthropology Ph.D. candidate at the University of Chicago, and Debra Schleef, who is completing her Ph.D. in sociology at Northwestern University. All three essays comprise the Summer 1997 issue of *LSI*.

The Editors were heartily encouraged with the response to this year's competition and are pleased to announce that the prize will be an ongoing part of the journal's efforts to bring together the best new work in our diverse field of study.

—The Editors