

## Contest Announcement

### The Annual Omar Azfar Award for Best Writing on Economics and Corruption

Omar Azfar, Ph.D., was an economist, scholar, and governance expert focusing on the economics of crime and corruption. He became an associate professor in the economics department at John Jay College in August 2006, soon becoming part of CUNY's Graduate Center. Omar completed his undergraduate degree at Oxford University in England, earning his Ph.D. in economics from Columbia University. Prior to joining John Jay College, Omar was at the IRIS Center at the University of Maryland, researching and publishing in several areas of economics. In May 2007 Omar was diagnosed with bone cancer, passing away on January 21, 2009.

Omar was a valued and trusted colleague of so many of us, inside and outside of academia. Though his expertise lay in the economics of crime and corruption, he was a great lover of people and their potential for improving the world. With the support of Omar's family, the economics department is pleased to announce the Annual Omar Azfar Award for Best Writing on Economics and Corruption open to all John Jay undergraduates, to be awarded each spring beginning in 2011. The annual award of \$1,000 will be earned by the student preparing the best paper determined by a committee designated by the economics department in consultation with Omar's family.

Papers should not exceed 3,000 words (approximately 22 pages in length). The topics will be generally defined in advance each fall (for example, Financial Corruption), due in the following spring. Eventually, the set of papers deemed the best writing under each of the annual awards over the coming years may be compiled as chapters in a book in memory of Omar. Attached is a link of an article on corruption written by Omar and published in the Encyclopedia of Public Choice. Most recently, he was working on a study of cross-country police crime.

[Click here for the article on corruption in the Encyclopedia of Public Choice written by Omar Azfar](#)



To learn more about Omar Azfar, please [click here](#).

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# Rules of the Contest

1. Manuscripts are due no later than April 13, 2012. Early submissions are welcomed.
2. The subject matter for manuscripts due on April 13, 2012 is **economic corruption** (see Azfar article on corruption). For the purposes of this year's manuscript, **economic corruption** will be broadly defined and should consider the Klitgaard theory of corruption (1988): Corruption = Monopoly + Discretion – Transparency – Accountability – Wages, if not other theories.
3. Eligibility for the \$1,000.00 prize is restricted to current John Jay College undergraduate and graduate students. Submissions may be jointly authored with the prize shared pro rata.
4. Email your manuscript to Rita Taveras at [rtaveras@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:rtaveras@jjay.cuny.edu) as an MS Word attachment. Please submit a brief current bio of yourself with the manuscript.
5. Your manuscript should be approximately 3,000 words in length. Double-space all material. However, blocks of quoted material need not be double-spaced. The preferred font is Times New Roman 12 point.
6. Use APA or any other commonly accepted style for citations. Please note that the college policy on plagiarism applies to this contest. All manuscripts will be screened by turnitin.com or an equivalent program. \*
7. If your manuscript is selected, all editing changes and queries on the submitted manuscript will be submitted to you for approval or further work. They must be returned within a reasonable time period.
8. The Review Committee of the Annual Omar Azfar Award, composed of three Professors in the Economics Department, reserves the right of final and exclusive approval of all manuscripts that will be selected both for the annual \$1,000.00 prize and for later compilation in the journal. The exercise of these rights is not reviewable or appealable within the Department, College, or University. \*\*

\*Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's ideas, words, or artistic, scientific, or technical work as one's own creation. Using the ideas or work of another is permissible only when the original author is identified. Paraphrasing and summarizing, as well as direct quotations require citations to the original source. Plagiarism may be intentional or unintentional. *Lack of dishonest intent does not necessarily absolve a student of responsibility for plagiarism.* It is the student's responsibility to recognize the difference between statements that are common knowledge (which do not require documentation) and restatements of the ideas of others. Paraphrasing, summarizing, and direct quotation are acceptable forms of restatement, as long as the source is cited. (*John Jay College of Criminal Justice Undergraduate Bulletin, p.36*)

\*\*By entering the contest, each contestant agrees to grant to the John Jay College Foundation and authorized representatives of the Azfar family a non-exclusive, worldwide, perpetual, royalty-free license to copy, distribute, perform, display, and otherwise use the contestant's manuscript, in whole or in part, in any media, including but not limited to compiling the manuscript with other winning contest manuscripts and offering such compilation for sale.



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