

UNBLANKING THE SLATE

A PsySR Teaching Competition to Honor Historical Memory and Defend Academic Freedom

First Prize \$500

Second prize \$300

Third Prize \$200

This page has additional details on the [Unblanking the Slate](#) competition. For the first page of introductory information on the **task, background and deadline**, please click [here](#).

Where to find Handelsman's article: In addition to purchasing the article through SAGE's website, it may also be available for free from one of the online databases at a number of academic institutions, or ordered through interlibrary loan. Alternatively, write to info@psysr.org and we will advise you on other ways it might be possible to get hold of a free copy of the pre-print. Please put "Handelsman article" in the subject heading in order to receive a response.

Judgement Criteria: A panel of independent judges selected by Psychologists for Social Responsibility will evaluate the submitted lectures for their accuracy, comprehensiveness, pedagogical elegance, likely interest to students, stimulation of critical thinking, as well as respect for evidence and clear reasoning. The lectures judged to be the three best ones by these criteria will receive the cash prizes indicated above. A lecture entry may be a voice-over

video with slides, images and clips, or a filmed classroom-like lecture.

Eligibility: This competition is currently open to anyone teaching professionally on a subject to which Handelsman's article is relevant. We must also receive a minimum of 10 otherwise eligible submissions for any cash prizes to be awarded, so please check in to see how many others intend to make submissions before submitting yourself. If, after October 1, there are fewer than 10 submissions, we will open up the competition to anyone to whom we can legally send the cash prizes, and extend the deadline.

Note on the title: The title of this competition, Unblinking the Slate, is not referencing the anti-nativist belief that human beings are blank slates from birth. It refers instead to the common totalitarian priority of [wiping people's memories](#) in order to implant a new set of memories and thus create a new identity. This new identity is designed to be convenient to the pleasure and power of the totalitarian rulers. We will not allow the slate to be made blank with regard to our collective memory of the psychology profession's collusion with the forces of torture.