The Center for Political Studies is pleased to announce the annual competition for the
Hanes Walton, Jr. Endowment for Graduate Study in Racial and Ethnic Politics
In support of Graduate Students at the University of Michigan

Hanes Walton, Jr. was a man of many parts and many achievements. He was an intellectual trailblazer, credited with pioneering study of black politics within the field of political science. He was co-founder of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists and vice-president of the American Political Science Association. He was a prolific scholar who authored more than 80 articles, 25 book chapters and 25 books and edited several volumes. He was also a gifted teacher who could mesmerize an entire class with nothing more than a chalkboard. Equally important, he was a beloved mentor and friend, an advisor who was very generous with his time, and a wise presence whose office door was always open to students and colleagues.

Hanes—as he was known to everyone—received his Bachelor’s degree from Morehouse College, his Master of Arts in Political Science from Atlanta University, and was the first graduate of Howard University to earn a Ph.D. in government. He was recruited to the University of Michigan Political Science Department Michigan in 1992 from the Savannah State University. In addition to serving as a professor of American politics at the U-M, he was deeply engaged with ISR’s Center for Political Studies (CPS), where he held the position of Research Professor.

The Hanes Walton, Jr. Endowment for Graduate Study in Racial and Ethnic Politics was established by Hanes’s family, colleagues, mentees, and friends in order to continue his legacy of scholarship, teaching and mentoring. The Award is intended to support professional development of the recipient’s career. The stipend may be used for travel related to data collection, academic collaborations or conference participation, summer courses at ISR, pilot research for a dissertation, or the purchase of research-related equipment.

Award: Up to $2,000 will be awarded.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from graduate students in their second or third year at the University of Michigan Department of Political Science or Department of Afroamerican and African Studies.

Due date: Electronic submissions only will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2015. The award will be announced no later than April 9, 2015. See instructions below.

Application format and instructions: Materials (Adobe PDF format is preferred) should be sent in an email attachment to cps-center@umich.edu The subject line of the e-mail should read: WALTON 2015 COMPETITION/last name of student.

Contents: Proposals should be no more than 3 pages in length, with the following information appearing at the top of the first page:

Proposal for the Hanes Walton, Jr. Endowment for Graduate Study in Racial and Ethnic Politics, 2015 competition

Title of project

Project start and end dates.

Graduate Student name, and contact information (must be U-M Graduate Student in Political Science or Afroamerican and African Studies).

Letter of Recommendation from advisor

Brief Project description: What is the purpose of the project? How does the project relate to Hanes’s body of work? What is the impact of your research on the field? How will this award impact your research? Your career path?
**Student Transcript:** A copy of the student’s current University of Michigan transcript is required.

**Budget:** The proposal should include a simple budget showing the total amount requested by broad category of expense related to the project, i.e., travel, data collection, student salary (hours and rate) etc. If the size of the request doesn’t meet the full need, the proposal should address where the other monies might come from.

**Final Report:** Recipients will be required to provide a one-page report upon completion of the project, detailing the outcomes of the research and the benefit of the award toward their work and career.

**Questions:** Please email any questions to cps-center@umich.edu.