“We don't have to engage in grand, heroic actions to participate in the process of change. Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.” -Howard Zinn

The Howard Zinn Award honors historian Howard Zinn (1922-2010) who devoted his life and work to advancing the cause of social justice in the United States. Howard Zinn’s scholarship promotes the importance of cultural diversity, economic equality, and political activism. This award supports graduate student research invested in and connected to the intellectual aims Zinn espoused. The award will support interdisciplinary American Studies research focusing on the ways in which forms of social, cultural, intellectual, and technoscientific expression circulate among, between, and beyond the geographical borders of the United States. The resulting research will highlight the interconnected roles that gender, race, sexuality, class, science, technology, medicine, music, art, and design play in the continual redefinition of the United States.

The fund will award at least $1000 annually.

All Purdue students majoring in American Studies may compete for this award. To do so the student submits the following components:
1. A description of the proposed research (not to exceed five pages).
2. A brief statement explaining how the proposed research reflects Howard Zinn’s scholarly commitments (not to exceed one page).

The Howard Zinn Memorial Research Award was initiated in the fall of 2013. Since that time, it has received contributions from many people in the Lafayette-West Lafayette and Purdue communities as well as from other individuals across the nation.

Proposals should be submitted to the American Studies Program Secretary, Brandi Plantenga (Room G8, Heavilon Hall. Materials for the award must be submitted electronically, if possible (bplante@purdue.edu).

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:
Monday, March 21, 2016