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SENIOR ESSAY
PRIZE DAY

MAY 21, 2021
Donald C. Ahrens III
American Triarchy:
Henry L. Stimson, Henry P. Davison, and the Making of the First Yale Aviation Unit in the Great War
Advised by Michael Brenes

Ameera Billings
Second-Class Patients in the Second City:
Chicago as a Case Study of Racial Discrimination in Health, 1950-1980
Advised by Naomi Rogers

Andrew Bilodeau
Fire at the Castle: The Re-Imagination of Punishment in 1950s Connecticut
Advised by Brendan Shanahan

Natalie Boyer
Behind the Bottle:
Women’s Drinking Spaces and Class-Stratified Drink Preferences in Late-Victorian Britain
Advised by Paul Freedman

Timothy Bradley
Advised by Samuel Moyn

Nathalie Jasmijn Bussemaker
Imperialism’s Stepchild:
Dura-Europos and the Political Uses of Archaeology in the French Mandate of Syria, 1920–1939
Advised by Jonathan Wyrtzen

Aleksandr Butovetskiy
The Medieval Inquisition of Cathar Heresy
Advised by Carlos Eire

Grace Chen
Power, Politics, and Pluralism
in the Establishment of Community-Based Care in San Francisco’s Chinatown, 1850-1925
Advised by John Harley Warner

Dayle Chung
Jew v. University of Iowa:
Confronting Racialized Sexual Harassment in the Courts and the Academy, 1979-1990
Advised by Mary Lui

Alexander K. DiMeglio
Challenging the Rhetoric of Assimilation: Federal Indian Policy and the Creek Treaty of 1832
Advised by Joanne Freeman

Arthur Donald
From Liverpool to Queens, New York: A Social History of a British Musical Journey, 1942-1965
Advised by Jay Gitlin

Tomeka Frieson
Breakfast Is the Most Important Fight of the Day: A Historical Examination of the Public Health Implications of the Black Panther Party’s Free Breakfast Program
Advised by Maria Trumpler

Lena Gallager
Advised by Crystal Feimster

Grant Halliday
“Liberate Us from Such Bread”:
An Institutional Analysis of Grain Distribution in Late Merovingian Society (ca. 650-751 CE)
Advised by Joseph Manning
Christopher Irsfeld  
Unmaking a Movement: Radical Rhetoric in the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Movement, 1918–1944  
Advised by Terence Renaud

Henry Maxwell Jacob  
The Ballad of Ambrose W. Thompson: Chiriquí, a Site of American Expansion and Reconstruction, 1850-1975  
Advised by Jay Gitlin

Gregory Jany  
Imperial Crossings: Chinese Indentured Migration to Sumatra’s East Coast, 1865-1911  
Advised by Denise Ho

Julian D. Johnson  
“High Stakes & High Standards”: Black Club Women’s Community Health Work and the Burden of Respectability, 1890-1920  
Advised by Miriam Rich

Harry Kahn  
Simultaneous Subjectivity: A Social History of Temporal Consciousness and Experience in Late Modernity Explored through the Medium of Pablo Picasso’s Collage  
Advised by Terence Renaud

Trent Kannegieter  
The Cuban Connection: SNCC’s Encounters with the Cuban Revolution During Freedom Summer 1964  
Advised by Terence Renaud

Tat Wei Lee  
Perpetual Searching, Perpetual Guilt: Jan Patočka and Jacques Derrida on European Responsibility in the 20th Century  
Advised by Marci Shore

Weston Lowry  
Advised by Miriam Rich

Zev Mayer  
Permanently Temporary: The Making of the Indian Migrant in Colonial Rangoon  
Advised by Sunil Amrith & Rohit De

Vivian Mayers  
Musical Rhetoric: A Stylistic Paradigm Shift in the 1980s Historically Informed Performance Movement  
Advised by Jennifer Allen

Alexandra McCraven  
Liberty and Literacy: A Comparative Study of Slave Literacy in the Greco-Roman World and the United States  
Advised by Noel Lenski

Jacob Mezey  
Frozen Conflict on the Dniester River: Explaining the Involvement of the 14th Guards Army in the Transnistria War  
Advised by Timothy Snyder

Clara Molot  
West African Print Culture and Pan-African Consciousness: The Case of Ere Roosevelt Came  
Advised by Stephanie Newell

Emma Mueller  
Victory of Tonnage: The Legislative, Bureaucratic, and Financial Mechanisms that Enabled the Rapid Expansion of the United States Navy from 1938 to 1946  
Advised by Paul Kennedy

Marisa Peryer  
Trust Me, I’m a Doctor: ‘Experts,’ Fox News, and its Politicization of Scientific and Medical Reporting  
Advised by John Harley Warner

Kaley Pillinger  
This Land Is Our Land: New York City’s 1999 Community Garden Auctions, a Study in Urban Recovery  
Advised by Mary Lui
Tereza Podhajska
*Questions of Autonomy and Identity: Precursors to Cultural Nationalism in Post-Josephinian Prague*
Advised by Ivan Marcus

Carolina Porcile
Advised by Michael Brenes

Caroline Pryor
*Killing Obeah: Moral Authority, Race, and Police Professionalization in Late Nineteenth-Century Jamaica*
Advised by Anne Eller

Keshav A. Raghavan
*“A War by Other Means”: Allied Political Interventions in Vichy North Africa, 1940-1943*
Advised by Anne Eller

Brian Reyes
*DREAMS DEFERRED: NEW YORK’S SECOND FISCAL CRISIS IN THE ERA OF PERMANENT URBAN AUSTERITY*
Advised by Jennifer Klein

Kobe Rizk
*A New Oil Weapon? Wrestling with the Meaning of China’s 2005 Bid for Unocal*
Advised by Paul Sabin

Mariko Rooks
*When Healing is Home: Sansei Development of Japanese American Identity and Community Though Healthcare Practice in the Late Twentieth Century*
Advised by Sakena Abedin

Gabriel Roy
*The Didi-Bahar Affair (1901): France’s Civilizing Mission, Jews’ Legal Status, and the Emergence of Antisemitism in French Tunisia*
Advised by David Sorkin

Neelam Sandhu
*Rediscovering the Lost Era of Russian Fashion: An Examination of Soviet Anti-Fashion Culture Between 1917 And 1952*
Advised by Sergei Antonov

Talia Soglin
*“Strike, Fire, and Guns: Exploring Public Memory in 20th Century U.S. Labor History Through the Lens of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire and the Massacre at Honea Path”*
Advised by Jennifer Klein

Nancy Kathryn Walecki
*The Space Between the Notes: Craftsmen, Marxists, and Three Generations of a Family Music Store, 1866-2010*
Advised by Jay L. Gitlin

Gwendolyn Wallace
*“…Stories That Save Our Lives”: Black Feminist Articulations of Sickness and Health in 1980s Fiction and Nonfiction Literature*
Advised by Sakena Abedin

Candice Wang
*China’s Barefoot Doctors and the Black Panther Party’s Maoist Health Activism*
Advised by Valerie Hansen

Henry Suckow Ziemer
*From Insurrection to Inferno: The Ideological and Operational Evolution of Guatemala’s Security Forces in the 1960s, Roots of a Genocide*
Advised by Marcela Echeverri Muñoz
NOMINATIONS FOR SENIOR ESSAY PRIZES ADMINISTERED BY THE PROGRAM IN THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Ameera Billings
Advisor: Naomi Rogers

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Tasnia Khan
Advisor: Rebecca Tannenbaum

Paige Lawrence
“Society and Disability in Ancient Egypt: De-medicalizing Egyptian and Greek Views on Persons with Disabilities and Bodily Perfection”
Advisor: Joseph Manning

Weston Lowry
Advisor: Miriam Rich

Marisa Peryer
“Trust Me, I’m a Doctor: ‘Experts,’ Fox News, and the Politicization of Science and Medicine Reporting”
Advisor: John Warner

Jasmine Rios
“Pathologizing the Poor: The Role of Public Hospitals in the Coerced Sterilization of Mexican Women in Los Angeles, 1960s-1970s”
Advisor: Rene Almeling

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PRIZES AWARDED BY THE HSHM PRIZE COMMITTEE
MARTIN KLEIN AND GEORGE ROSEN PRIZE

Established by the program in the History of Science and Medicine in 2006, the prize honors two distinguished former members of the faculty: Klein, a historian of physics, and Rosen, a historian of medicine and public health. Awarded to the senior who has written the most outstanding senior essay in history of science and/or medicine. Essays submitted by seniors majoring in History and History of Science, Medicine, and Public Health in fulfillment of the respective major requirements are considered as entered in competition.

And the winner is...
WESTON LOWRY


ADVISOR: MIRIAM RICH
ELIAS E. MANUELIDIS PRIZE

The Manuelidis Prize, established in 2017, is presented for an outstanding senior essay in the field of the history of medicine, with preference for topics related to social justice.

And the winner is...
GRACE CHEN

“POWER, POLITICS, AND PLURALISM IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY-BASED CARE IN SAN FRANCISCO’S CHINATOWN, 1850-1925”

ADVISOR: JOHN WARNER
PRIZES AWARDED BY THE THREE HISTORY PRIZE COMMITTEES
PERCIVAL CLEMENT PRIZE

Established in 1994 for the best essay by a junior or senior in American studies (embracing history) that supports the U.S. Constitution.

And the winner is...
HENRY MAXWELL JACOB

THE BALLAD OF AMBROSE W. THOMPSON: CHIRIQUI, A SITE OF AMERICAN EXPANSION AND RECONSTRUCTION, 1850-1975

ADVISED BY JAY GITLIN
GEORGE WASHINGTON EGLESTON PRIZE


And the winner is...
NANCY KATHRYN WALECKI

THE SPACE BETWEEN THE NOTES: CRAFTSMEN, MARXISTS, AND THREE GENERATIONS OF A FAMILY MUSIC STORE, 1866-2010

ADvised BY JAY L. GITLIN
THE JOHN ADDISON PORTER AMERICAN HISTORY PRIZE

Mrs. Porter established the prize in 1901 in memory of her husband, John A. Porter, B.A. 1878. It does to a junior or senior for the best original essay completed during the current academic year on a subject bearing on U.S. political, constitutional, or economic history, or on the condition or future of the United States.

And the winners are...
KALEY PILLINGER
THIS LAND IS OUR LAND: NEW YORK CITY’S 1999 COMMUNITY GARDEN AUCTIONS, A STUDY IN URBAN RECOVERY
ADvised BY MARY LUI

KESHAV A. RAGHAVAN
“A WAR BY OTHER MEANS”: ALLIED POLITICAL INTERVENTIONS IN VICHY NORTH AFRICA, 1940-1943
ADvised JOHN MERRIMAN
EDWIN W. SMALL PRIZE

Carmel R. Small established the prize in 1990 in memory of Edwin W. Small, B.A. 1934, for recognition of outstanding work in the field of American History.

And the winners are...
LENA GALLAGER
“EXCEPTIONALLY VULNERABLE TO ABUSE”: NATIVE HAWAIIAN WOMEN, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND SETTLER COLONIALISM IN HAWAIʻI’S MAINLAND PRISONS, 1995-2009
ADvised BY CRYSTAL FEIMSTER

TRENT KANNEGIETER
THE CUBAN CONNECTION: SNCC’S ENCOUNTERS WITH THE CUBAN REVOLUTION DURING FREEDOM SUMMER 1964
ADvised BY TERENCE RENAUD
Established in 1902 and first awarded in 1907, the White prize was the gift of Professor Guy Stanton Ford of the University of Illinois in honor of Andrew D. White, B.A. 1853, and endowed by a bequest from Mr. White for the best essay in English, European, or non-western history.

And the winners are...
TIMOTHY BRADLEY
ADvised by Samuel Moyn

BRIAN REYES
DREAMS DEFERRED: NEW YORK’S SECOND FISCAL CRISIS IN THE ERA OF PERMANENT URBAN AUSTERITY
ADvised by Jennifer Klein
WINIFRED STURLEY PRIZE

Richard A. Sturley ’49, M. Eng. ’50, and Michael F. Sturley ’77, J.D. ’81 established the prize in honor of Winifred Sturley, Hon. 55. It is awarded to the student in the History Department who submits the best senior essay on a topic in English history.

And the winners are...
NATALIE BOYER
BEHIND THE BOTTLE: WOMEN’S DRINKING SPACES AND CLASS-STRATIFIED DRINK PREFERENCES IN LATE-VICTORIAN BRITAIN
ADVISED BY PAUL FREEDMAN

CAROLINE PRYOR
KILLING OBEAH: MORAL AUTHORITY, RACE, AND POLICE PROFESSIONALIZATION IN LATE NINETEENTH-CENTURY JAMAICA
ADVISED BY ANNE ELLER
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And the winner is...
GRANT HALLIDAY
“LIBERATE US FROM SUCH BREAD”:
AN INSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS OF GRAIN DISTRIBUTION IN LATE MEROVINGIAN SOCIETY (CA. 650-751 CE)
ADVISED BY JOSEPH MANNING
The Bildner Prize is presented for the best senior essay in Latin American history.

And the winner is...
CAROLINA PORCILE
THE CONDOR AND THE EAGLE:
SCHOOL OF AMERICAS AND THE HISTORY OF COUNTERINSURGENCY
ADVISED BY MICHAEL BRENES
ROBERT D. GRIES PRIZE

This prize is for the best essay in a field in history other than American or European. Robert Gries established it in 1981.

And the winner is...
GREGORY JANY

IMPERIAL CROSSINGS: CHINESE INDENTURED MIGRATION TO SUMATRA’S EAST COAST, 1865-1911

ADvised BY DENISE HO
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And the winner is...
GABRIEL ROY

THE DIDI-BAHAR AFFAIR (1901):
FRANCE’S CIVILIZING MISSION, JEWS’ LEGAL STATUS, AND THE
EMERGENCE OF ANTISEMITISM IN FRENCH TUNISIA

ADVISED BY DAVID SORKIN
PRIZES AWARDED BY THE LIBRARY AND MANUSCRIPTS AND ARCHIVES
MANUSCRIPTS AND ARCHIVES DIANE KAPLAN MEMORIAL SENIOR ESSAY PRIZE

Manuscripts and Archives offers up to two undergraduate student prizes each year, in memory of our colleague Diane E. Kaplan, who was instrumental in making these prizes available to Yale College seniors. The prizes are for an outstanding senior essay, on any topic (including Yale), based substantially on research done in Manuscripts and Archives. Students must submit these prize nominations themselves.

And the winner is...
NATHALIE JASMIJN BUSSEMAKER
ADVISED BY JONATHAN WYRTZEN
PRIZES AWARDED TO HISTORY AND HSHM BY OTHER CENTERS
CANADIAN STUDIES PRIZE

The Canadian Studies Prize is for the best essay on a Canadian topic, awarded by the Canadian Studies Council.

And the winner is...
ALEX REEDY
“FROM DORCHESTER STREET TO BOULEVARD RÉNE-LÉVESQUE: REMAPPING AND REBRANDING MONTREAL AS A QUARTIER DES SPECTACLES”
ADVISOR: JAY GITLIN
AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS PRIZE

The Department of Religious Studies, in conjunction with the Program in Judaic Studies, awards a prize annually honoring academic excellence in a senior essay. The American Jewish Congress prize is awarded to a senior in Yale College for an essay in any field of Judaic Studies.

And the winners are...
TEREZA PODHAJSKA
"QUESTIONS OF AUTONOMY AND IDENTITY: PRECURSORS TO CULTURAL NATIONALISM IN POST-JOSEPHINIAN PRAGUE"
ADvised BY IVAN MARCUS

GABRIEL ROY
"THE DIDI-BAHAR AFFAIR (1901): FRANCE'S CIVILIZING MISSION, JEWS' LEGAL STATUS, AND THE EMERGENCE OF ANTISEMITISM IN FRENCH TUNISIA"
ADvised BY DAVID SORKIN
LILY ROSEN PRIZE IN WOMEN’S HEALTH

Awarded annually to an undergraduate in Yale College for the best essay that contributes to knowledge about women’s health. Essays may be in any field of the humanities or social, physical or natural sciences and may deal with any aspect of women’s physical or mental health.

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ADvised BY CRYSTAL FEIMSTER

GWENDOLYN WALLACE
“...STORIES THAT SAVE OUR LIVES”: BLACK FEMINIST ARTICULATIONS OF SICKNESS AND HEALTH IN 1980s FICTION AND NONFICTION LITERATURE
ADVISED BY SAKENA ABEDIN

“Nobody wants to die on the way caught between ghosts of whiteness and the real water none of us wanted to leave our bones on the way to salvation three planets to the left a century of light years ago our spices are separate and particular but our skins sing in complimentary keys at a quarter to eight mean time we were telling the same stories over and over and over.”

-Audre Lorde
WILLIAMS PRIZE IN EAST ASIAN STUDIES

This prize is awarded by faculty nomination only to a senior in any department at Yale University for an outstanding paper completed during the current academic year on a Chinese, Japanese, or Korean subject. Papers are nominated and must be signed by an East Asian Studies faculty member as an endorsement of quality.

And the winner is...
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ON BEHALF OF YOUR DEPARTMENT AND PROGRAM REGISTRARS,
ESSIE LUCKY-BARROS (HISTORY) AND ERICA LEE (HSHM),
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NOMINEES AND WINNERS!
BEST WISHES FOR BRIGHT DAYS AHEAD!