Department of History

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Annual Celebration &
Awards Reception

KEEP CALM AND LEARN HISTORY

4-6 pm, Saturday, April 16, 2016
Illini Union, Room 314A
The celebration began with Senior Honors Students presenting their research.
2016 SENIOR HONORS THESES

Sydney K. Battle
"Remilitarizations of Race Riots: A Scope of Multietnic Conflict in L.A. and New York"

Nicholas A. Cohen
"Let Them Produce for Themselves": Cooperation, Ideology, and Americanism in the Great Depression Self-help Movement, 1931-1939"

Salman Khan
"The Punjab Peasant in austerity and drift: Legitimizing Agrarian Rule in Colonial Punjab, 1849-1947"

MacKenzie Kienitz
"The Stories of Witches and Conjurers: The Textual Objectification of African Woman in Eighteenth-Century Travel Narratives"

Jasmine S. Kirby
"The Defection of David Fagen and the African American Experience of American Imperial Expansion 1898-1905"

Jiayi Li
"Rethinking the Politics of Apolitical Intellectuals in Modern China: A Study of Two Returnee Scientists—Bao Wenkui and Tan Haosheng"

Alex J. Villanueva
"The Stamp Act of 1765 in the Halifax Gazette: A case study of the use print media for political purposes in colonial Nova Scotia"
DEPARTMENT TEACHING AWARDS

JOHN G. & EVELYN HARTMAN
HEILIGENSTEIN AWARD
for Graduate Student Teacher

Irena Spector-Marks

GEORGE S. & GLADYS W. QUEEN AWARD
for Excellence in Teaching

Professor Dana Rabin
UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS & HONORS

FRIENDS OF HISTORY
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANT

Nicholas A. Cohen
Thomas Hendrickson
Miguel Suarez Medina
Connor Monson
Mindy Zhang

C. ERNEST DAWK RESEARCH TRAVEL AWARD
Samantha Yadron

WALTER N. BREYMAN SCHOLARSHIP
Cassidy Burke
Jacky Ma Niel
David Stage

ROBERT H. BIERMA SCHOLARSHIP
for Superior Academic Merit in History (College of LAS)
William A. Ringhofer
Rebeca Martinez
Huiyi Chen
Junyi Tang

RONALD E. MCNAIR SCHOLARS
(College of LAS)
Michelle Favela
Maria Valenzuela

MICHAEL SCHEUR AWARD
for Outstanding Undergraduate Paper
Hernando Sevilla - Garcia
"Regulating Emancipation: An Analysis of Manumission Legislation from 1814-1851 in Colombia"

Thomas J. Hendrickson
"Everything History Podcast"
CENTENARY PRIZE
for the Outstanding Senior in the Teaching of Social Studies

Katherine E. Bora

MARTHA BELLE BARRETT SCHOLARSHIP
for Undergraduate Academic Excellence

Nicholas Cohen
Alison Jonesi

MARK H. LEFF PRIZE
for Outstanding Senior Honors Thesis

To Be Announced

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BRONZE TABLET RECIPIENTS

Nicholas A. Cohen
Dylan Hoyer
Alison Jonesi
GRADUATE AWARDS

FREDERICK S. RODKEY MEMORIAL PRIZE
in Russian History
Matthew Klopfenstein

JOSEPH WARD SWAIN PRIZE
for Outstanding Paper in a Graduate Seminar
Thais Rezende da Silva de Sant’ana
“Looking Back at the Future: Post-Colonial Brazil-Portugal Relations and the 1922 Visit of President Antônio José de Almeida to Rio de Janeiro”

JOSEPH WARD SWAIN PRIZE
for Outstanding Printed/Published Paper
Stefan Peychev
“The image of the city: Public baths and urban space in Western travelers’ descriptions of Ottoman Sofia”

THEODORE PEASE SCHOLARSHIP
for Outstanding PhD Candidate in English Constitutional History
Heather Freund

WILLIAM C. WIDENER TEACHING APPOINTMENTS
Stefan Djordjevic
Deirdre Ruscitti
Harshman