

MMW 12 Showcase Honorees
Winter 2013

Jamie Anderson

“The Bhagavad-Gita: A Pamphlet for the Ordinary Norm”

TA: Kevin Zhang

*Christy Armstrong***

“The Growth of Islam”

TA: Ben Smuin

Sukrita Boonjindasup

“Japanese Statecraft”

TA: Kevin Zhang

*Abraham Jarque***

“Christians: Alien and Defiant”

TA: Kevin Zhang

*Amber Knight***

“Hindu and Buddhist Interpretations of Dharma”

TA: Leanne Williams

Gaurang Patel

“The Misunderstanding of Indian Patriarchy”

TA: Kevan Aguilar

Theodore Peng

“The Mahayna Community: Salvation sans Sacrifice”

TA: Sowparnika Balaswaminathan

Selam Shewangizaw

“Love Over All”

TA: Sowparnika Balaswaminathan

Gabrielle Marie Strasser

“Dealing with Nature”

TA: Baris Tasyakan

Olivia Vaden

“Survival of the Fittest: The Evolution of Chinese Religion from Han to Tang”

TA: Sascha Crasnow

***Received awards for MMW 12 and MMW 13 papers*

MMW 13 Showcase Honorees
Spring 2013

Christy Armstrong

“Dude Looks like a Lady: a Cross-section of
Cross-dressing in Medieval Europe”
TA: Ian Jones

Jonathan Abney

“Commercialism in Ming China: Dynamism
amongst Misconceptions”
TA: Kevin Zhang

Jeremy Barroll

“Sepharad: The untold Story of Jews in
Medieval Spain”
TA: Leanne Williams

Juliane Cassidy

“The ‘Universal King’: Religion and the
Authority of James I”
TA: Robert Terrell

Natalie Culhane

“The Defiance of Granuaile, from Life to
History”
TA: Milda Zilinskaite

Varun Jain

“Samurai Transformation in Tokugawa
Japan”
TA: Milda Zilinskaite

*Abraham Jarque***

“Mongol Military Conquests: Strategy
Unparalleled”
TA: Kevin Zhang

Kristin Klepper

“More than Just a Religious Reformation”
TA: Alicia Boswell

*Amber Knight***

“The Unifying Power of Plague Saints in
Plague-Stricken Western Europe”
TA: Leanne Williams

Heryang Lee

“Not so Dar al-Islam”
TA: Sascha Crasnow

Faraz Modirian

“An Era of Turbulent Dynamism: How Shah
Ismail Configured a Unique Iranian Ethos”
TA: Alicia Boswell

Erin Navarro

“Post-Conquest Roots of the Mexican
Devotion to our Lady of Guadalupe”
TA: Kevin Zhang

Maria Nguyen

“Decline of Renaissance Women’s Practice
in Medicine”
TA: Robert Terrell

Nusra Poomchongkho

“Flesh and Blood: The Mechanisms for
Imperial Control”
TA: Alicia Boswell

Zane Ricks

“Were Guilds Necessary? (And Why You
Should Care)”
TA: Sascha Crasnow

Erica Leigh Schrenker

“The Contributions of Emilie du Châtelet”
TA: Alicia Boswell

Cole Reuck Steffensen

“New Church in the Wild: Luther, Müntzer,
and Their Places in History”
TA: Baris Tasyakan

Kendra Toy

“Christian Presence in Japan”
TA: Milda Zilinskaite

Yohei Yamamoto

“Following the Way of the Warrior in a
Time of Peace”
TA: Sascha Crasnow

Anna Yamamuro

“Town and Market Women of Japan”
TA: Milda Zilinskaite

***Received awards for MMW 12 and MMW 13 papers*

*MMW 14 Showcase Honorees
Fall 2012 & Winter 2013*

Noelle Batema

“On the Empowering Force of French Theater”

TA: Kyle Knabb

*Samantha Booras***

“Women’s Property Rights in Georgian England”

TA: Andrea Davis

*Nathan Cook***

“The Ainu Problem: A Study of Comparative Responses”

TA: Kyle Knabb

Lauren Demos

“Revolutionary Repercussions: The Impact of the Haitian Revolution on the United States”

TA: Greg DePies

Carla Diot

“Les Voyages Extraordinaires Impérialistes de Jules Verne”

TA: Ben Van Overmeire

Lara Isaacson

“Ladies on a Mission”

TA: Kyle Knabb

Marina Kleit

“Women and the Fall of the Salon”

TA: Kyle Knabb

Hannah Lee

“The Invention of Childhood”

TA: Ben Van Overmeire

Kathryn Lewis

“The Syncretism of Yoruba in Colonial Brazil”

TA: Kyle Knabb

Christina Mansour

“Lebanon in the 19th Century: Internal Struggles and Consequences”

TA: Kyle Knabb

Christine Nguyen

“Medical Bias against Women in Europe”

TA: Greg DePies

Kelly Peterson

“Industrialization and the Irish Potato Famine”

TA: Kyle Knabb

Elena Silva

“The Dickens Dream”

TA: Kyle Knabb

Rosette Simityan

No paper title

TA: Ben Van Overmeire

Amanda Timmerman

“Economics and Changing Approaches to Insanity in Victorian Britain”

TA: Greg DePies

*Nina Venuti***

“Catherine II: Voltaire’s Enlightened Monarch?”

TA: Greg DePies

Rachel Wachtfogel

“Florence Nightingale and the Victorian Lady”

TA: Ben Van Overmeire

Thomas Wilson

“The Financial Panic of 1873”

TA: Kyle Knabb

Jonathan Yeh

“Napoleon and the Waterloo Campaign”

TA: Kyle Knabb

***Received awards for MMW 14 & 15 papers*

MMW 15 Showcase Honorees
Spring 2013

Anna Alvarado

“Popular Music in South African Apartheid”
TA: Lindsay Spikula

Shashank Anand

“Europe’s Last Stand: The Suez Canal”
TA: Ben Van Overmeire

*Samantha Booras***

“Effects of Third Wave Gentrification in London”
TA: Ryan Heryford

Irene Chang

“The Cuban Revolution and the Rest of the World”
TA: Ryan Heryford

*Nathan Cook***

“Socio-Political Culture in Post-War Japan”
TA: Lindsay Spikula

Julia Eylar

“Crack Cocaine and the Urban Black Demographic in the United Kingdom”
TA: Ben Van Overmeire

Igor Geyn

“Street Violence and partisan Politics: The ETA in the Post-Franco Spanish Republic”
TA: Ryan Heryford

William Jiang

“OPEC Independence”
TA: Ryan Heryford

Amanda Kelly

“The Racialization of the Future: Techno-Orientalism and Science Fiction Film”
TA: Ryan Heryford

Mindy Lin

“Shanghai and Modernization under the Communist Regime”
TA: Ryan Heryford

Julian Lometillo

“The Rise of the New People’s Army”
TA: Ryan Heryford

Christina Luu

“China: Society, Economy, and the Environment”
TA: Kyle Knabb

Nicole Nomura

“The Relevancy of Captain America Post WWII”
TA: Lindsay Spikula

Emon Shaqoor

“Wahhabi Interpretations of the Quran and its Infringement on the Rights of Saudi Women in the Desert Kingdom of Saudi Arabia”
TA: Ryan Heryford

Stephanie Shin

“An Intellectual Starvation”
TA: Ryan Heryford

*Amanda Timmerman***

“The Response of the Polish-American Community to World War II”
TA: Andrea Davis

*Nina Venuti***

“Gender Equality in US-Occupied Japan”
TA: Kyle Knabb

Maya Visvanathan

“Foreign Relations: The United States and the Cuban Revolution”
TA: Ryan Heryford

Roxana Wiswell

“Economic Sanctions and Gender Relations in Iraq”
TA: Kyle Knabb

Misaye Yamaguchi

“Democracy in Times of War”
TA: Ryan Heryford

Ziwei Zhao

“Mao and the Chinese Cultural Revolution”
TA: Kyle Knabb

***Received awards for MMW 14 and MMW 15 papers*

MMW 21 Showcase Honorees
Fall 2012

Miriam Alarcon

“Understanding the Importance of Promoting the Fifth Relationship of Confucianism”

TA: David Livingstone

*Brett Brandon***

“A Critique of the “Fifth Relationship”

TA: David Livingstone

*Jessica Gross***

“What is ‘Islam?’”

TA: Ryan Heryford

Ziwen Han

“Confucian Friendships are Not Dangerous”

TA: Steve Griffin

Nicole Horton

“A Final Critical Analysis of “The Fifth Relationship: Dangerous Friendships in the Confucian Context”

TA: Steve Griffin

Johanna Huang

“Friendship as an Impious Relationship”

TA: Lindsay Spikula

Tevy Jacobs-Gomes

“Friendship is Dangerous: Why Kutcher is Right about the ‘Fifth Relationship’”

TA: David Livingstone

*Amy Kim***

“Perspectives within Confucian Friendship”

TA: Lindsay Spikula

Daniel Korchnoy

“Critique of the Dangers of Confucian Friendship”

TA: David Livingstone

Joseph La Torre

“Not-so-Dangerous Friendships in Confucian China”

TA: David Livingstone

Aaron Longworth

“Distilling Bias: A Critique of Norman Kutcher’s ‘The Fifth Relationship’”

TA: Steve Griffin

Jessica Mo

“Friends or Not Friends According to Kutcher”

TA: David Livingstone

Young Park

“Weakness of Kutcher’s Argument on Confucian Friendship”

TA: Steve Griffin

Deanna Vaughn

“Friendship: Harmful or Helpful?”

TA: David Livingstone

*Mari Yamato***

“The Fifth Relationship Examined”

TA: David Livingstone

***Received awards for MMW 21 and MMW 22 papers*

*MMW 22 Showcase Honorees
Winter 2013*

Joseph Barraza

“Femicide in Ciudad Juarez: A Convergence
of Globalization and Patriarchal Tradition”

TA: Ryan Heryford

*Brett Brandon***

“Few Women in Science”

TA: Lindsay Spikula

Pavla Brezinova

“How to Play Stalin’s Game”

TA: David Livingstone

Hillary Chan

“Protest and Activism in Post-modern
China”

TA: Ryan Heryford

Haley Devaney

“The Electoral Consequences of Slanted
News”

TA: Ryan Heryford

Waylæe Gregoire

“The Revolution of Popular Culture in
Shanghai”

TA: Ryan Heryford

*Jessica Gross***

“Polygenism and Race in America 1800-
1850s”

TA: David Livingstone

Kevin Huynh

“Hitler’s Influence on Early 20th Century
Music”

TA: Lindsay Spikula

Amandeep Kaur

“Employment Status of Women in Iran”

TA: Ryan Heryford

Kathryn Kelner

“Illegal Drug Consumption Associated with
Crime”

TA: Steve Griffin

*Amy Kim***

“Consumer Culture and Looting in London”

TA: Lindsay Spikula

Vina Le

“Citizen Culture and the Hope for Change”

TA: Ryan Heryford

Kevin Lin

“Cruelty in the Congo”

TA: David Livingstone

Kory McAfee

“Torture and the Bush Administration”

TA: Lindsay Spikula

Stephanie Morton

“Global Inequality is Everybody’s Problem”

TA: Lindsay Spikula

Kristen Noneman

“Penicillin’s Impact on 20th Century
American Health”

TA: Lindsay Spikula

John Precoda

“The Economic Success of American
Penicillin”

TA: Ryan Heryford

Samihia Sherif

“The Prison Industrial Complex”

TA: Ryan Heryford

Stephanie Silverman

“Manufacturing Public Support of the
American Eugenics Movement”

TA: Ryan Heryford

Joonyong Song

“The United States Dollar as the Key
Reserves Currency: The Case of South
Korea”

TA: Steve Griffin

Tigran Tigranian

“The Counterculture Movement during the
Vietnam War Era”

TA: David Livingstone

Sarah Vella

“Provocative Profits: Public Officials and Sex
Trafficking in Thailand”

TA: David Livingstone

David Ward

“Trading Carbon”

TA: Steve Griffin

Joshua Winter

“In the Fray: Violent Mimetic Effects of State
Action during WWII”

TA: Ryan Heryford

*Mari Yamato***

“Gains from Trade Disputed”

TA: Lindsay Spikula

***Received awards for MMW 21 and MMW 22 papers*