

# *MMW Showcase Honorees*

*2008-2009*

*MMW 2 Showcase Nominees*  
*Winter 2009*

*Michael Bausback*

“The Importance of Yogis”  
TA: Edmond Chang

*Gabriella Capisani*

“Buddhism and the Self”  
TA: Beth Peterson

*Elaine Denny*

“Buddhism and the Masses”  
TA: Milda Zilinskaite

*Karmen Dykstra*

“Pessimists and Optimists”  
TA: Rene Patnode

*Amy Fisher*

“For the Sake of the People: Part Deux”  
TA: Caitlin Lester

*Erin Higginbotham*

“Fire Sacrifice in Aryan Religion”  
TA: Jacob Saunders

*Jason Ho*

“A Daoist Response to War”  
TA: Sjahari Pullom

*Daniel Kang*

“Zhuangzi’s Revolution”  
TA: Nadine Wassef

*Hannah Larson*

“The Struggle between Individualism and Conformity in Ancient Greece”  
TA: Sjahari Pullom

*Alicia Lee*

“The Buddha’s Alms Begging”  
TA: Milda Zilinskaite

*Katie Lindsey*

“A Discussion of *A Discussion of Rites*”  
TA: Rene Patnode

*Krystal Mizuguchi*

“Ideological obligations to Hinduism and the Achievement of Moksha”  
TA: Tara Carter

*Courtney Molzen*

“The Nature of Devotion and Obligation in Hinduism”  
TA: Jacob Saunders

*Lauren Pindroh*

“The Buddhist Understanding of the Achievability of Nature”  
TA: Josh Nordin

*Karen Poon*

“Legalism Equals Paranoia?”  
TA: Stephen Meyers

*Sonya Redi*

“Fear: How it Changed the Israelites”  
TA: Sonal Desai

*Erik Roberts*

“Unity of the Tao?”  
TA: Evelyn Donnelly

*Daniella Shulman*

“Treatment of Women in Athenian Society”  
TA: Evelyn Donnelly

*Stephanie Spencer*

“Fear: The Means to Unifying a Community”  
TA: Tina Bisogno

*Dong Tran*

“The Final Message”  
TA: Nadine Wassef

*Camille Vychaco*

“Strategic Spontaneity?”  
TA: Evelyn Donnelly

*Kasey Vosburg*

“Krishna: a personal God”  
TA: Sonal Desai

*Joy Wu*

“Logical Feelings”  
TA: Stephen Meyers

*Hanah Yendler*

“The Back Story of Exodus”  
TA: Tina Bisogno

*MMW 3 Showcase Nominees*

*Spring 2009*

*Shira Babow*

"Successful Ascension: A Study of Wessex and the Unification of England"  
TA: Marcelo de Carvalho

*Deanna Bangs*

"Gold Mosaics: Divinity in Byzantine Art"  
TA: Ian Jones

*Allison Bright*

"Multicultural Medicine"  
TA: Melissa Schulz

*Chris Carin*

"Constantine's Conversion and its Effect on Residual Paganism in 4<sup>th</sup> Century Rome"  
TA: Edmond Chang

*Marisa Chan*

"Unnecessary Extravagance or Extraordinary Foresight?"  
TA: Jin Liu

*Nita Chen*

"The Breakthrough in Chinese Medicine: Indian Medicine"  
TA: Ian Jones

*Eric Chou*

"The Roman Navy: A Catalyst for Trade?"  
TA: Nadine Wassef

*Karmen Dykstra*

"Western Medicine and the Early Roman Catholic Church"  
TA: Ian Jones

*Jennifer Gabriel*

"The Rejection of Roman Citizenship"  
TA: Stephen Meyers

*Elizabeth Grimes*

"The Enduring Christian Faith of Ethiopia"  
TA: Alicia Boswell

*Brian Hand*

"The Economic Transition of Gaul from Roman to Barbarian Administration"  
TA: Beth Peterson

*Monica Haider*

"Islam: A step Higher for Women"  
TA: Scott Vandehey

*Yi He*

"The Effect of Industrial and Commercial Underdevelopment on Slavery in Han China"  
TA: Marcelo de Carvalho

*Patrick Ho*

"Two Sides of the Rising Sun"  
TA: Milda Zilinskaite

*Kimi Hosseinian*

"The Social Standing of Sasanian Women in Ancient Persia"  
TA: Nadine Wassef

*Danielle Jenné*

"Stylistic Changes in the Art of Roman Gaul"  
TA: Nadine Wassef

*Kyung Hyun Kim*

"Femina Males in Imperial Rome"  
TA: Jin Liu

*Jennifer Kimura*

"The Origin of Clerical Celibacy"  
TA: Amanda Birmingham

*Pawel Kozlowski*

"The Dynamic Interplay of Buddhism and Shinto"  
TA: Jacob Saunders

*Tina Luu*

"The Status of Women Before and After Islam"  
TA: Beth Peterson

*Shawn Martin*

"The Synthesis of Chinese and Sogdian Culture"  
TA: Stephen Meyers

*Kristen Morita*

"Animals of Japanese Mythology"  
TA: Stephen Meyers

*Natasha Nguyen*

"The Cult of Guanyin and Its Discontents"  
TA: Edmond Chang

*Karleen Ronsairo*

"The Motivations behind the Ancient Greek Olympics"  
TA: Alicia Boswell

*Paige Resnick*

"A Mysterious Ending"  
TA: Jacob Saunders

*Wendy Rones*

"The Influence of One Person:  
TA: Andrea Davis

*Jordan Sandoval*

"Women in Arabia: A Look at Islam's Effect"  
TA: Alicia Boswell

*Dean Searcy*

"Islamic Science and Philosophy: A Continuation of the Greek Tradition"  
TA: Nadine Wassef

*Sharon Seegers*

"Srivijayan Merchants"  
TA: Milda Zilinskaite

*Arohi Sharma*

"The Knights Templar as an Economic & Military Connoisseur"  
TA: Milda Zilinskaite

*Dong Tran*

"Imperium Christianum"  
TA: Ulli Green

*Julie Truong*

"The Status of Courtesans in the Late-Tang to Mid-Song Dynasty:  
TA: Beth Peterson

*Kathryn Turner*

"Maya Urban Planning"  
TA: Milda Zilinskaite

*Tiffany Wang*

"Women and Islam: Opportunity or Brutality?"  
TA: Jacob Saunders

*Will Wolfe*

"Theories on the Maya Collapse"  
TA: Sjahari Pullom

*Harrison Wong*

"Roman Roads: Trade or Violence?"  
TA: Ulli Green

*Julia Wu*

"Suppression of Magic in Ancient Rome"  
TA: Stephen Meyers

*Isaac Yao*

"The Politics of Schism"  
TA: Nadine Wassef

*Fangzhou Zhao*

"Tang China's Feet of Clay"  
TA: Alicia Boswell

*MMW 4 Showcase Nominees*  
*Fall 2008*

*Rebecca Bunn*

“Coexistence and Identity within Venetian  
Istanbul”  
TA: Cat Gmuca

*Pearl Choi*

“Tension in Slavery on Brazilian Sugar  
Plantations in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century”  
TA: Ryan Heryford

*Arthur Chow*

“Cultural Babel: Russo-Chinese Diplomatic  
Relations in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century”  
TA: Alex Stewart

*Ted Clarfield*

No title—Ottoman Empire  
TA: Mike Lettieri

*Alana Delarosa*

“Chinese and Mongol Relations and the  
Decline of the Yuan Empire”  
TA: Ivo Gatzinski

*Rodrigo Gaitan*

“The Origins of Afro-Brazilian Capoeira”  
TA: Allison Winston

*Farah Haque*

“Peaceable Coexistence of Moroccan Jews  
and Muslims”  
TA: Steve Griffin

*Maelen Haugen*

“Maintaining Portugal’s Monopoly”  
TA: Allison Winston

*Justin Huang*

“The Success of Sinification in the Jesuit  
Mission to China”  
TA: Cat Gmuca

*Hyo Jin (Scarlet) Lee*

“Friend or Foe: Christian Humanists and  
Reformists of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century”  
TA: Mike Lettieri

*Frank Li*

“Cultural Integration and Political  
Interaction in Yuan China:  
TA: Matt Crotty

*Aleksey Masluk*

“Sixteenth-Century Muscovite Territorial  
Expansion”  
TA: Cat Gmuca

*Gariela Meckler*

“The Sabbatean Movement in the Ottoman  
Empire”  
TA: Cat Gmuca

*Chrissie Ng*

“Foreign Traders in Japan”  
TA: Ivo Gatzinski

*Virginia Perng*

“Japanese Religious Persecution”  
TA: Ivo Gatzinski

*Carson Rosenberg*

“Examining the Relationship Between  
African Slaves and White Settlers”  
TA: Cat Gmuca

*Atashin Safari*

“Building an Empire Amidst Growing  
Tensions (Mughal Empire)”  
TA: Ivo Gatzinski

*MMW 4T Showcase nominees*  
*Fall 2008*

*Michelle Call*

“The ‘Witch Craze’ of Early Modern  
Germany: Religious Reform and Political Frameworks”  
TA: Chris Augsberger

*Gaston Castilleja, Jr.*

“Restructuring Pre-Modern Japan”  
TA: Erich Conrad

*Jeff Lieu*

“The Rise and Fall of the Yuan Dynasty”  
TA: Chris Augsberger

*MMW 5 Showcase Nominees*  
*Winter 2009*

*Ana Amodaj*

“Determining Causes of the 1848 French Revolution”  
TA: Ivo Gatzinski

*Kimberly Ang*

“Property Rights in Palestine”  
TA: Mike Lettieri

*Salman Ayub*

“The Freedom of Religion”  
TA: Emily Pace

*Jennifer Burke*

“Motivation of Child Labor Reform”  
TA: Kris Kohler

*Alexis Burns*

“The Society of the United Irish: Why Unite?”  
TA: Mike Lettieri

*Aron Cawood*

“The Purpose of the Emancipation Proclamation”  
TA: Andrew Froehle

*Danielle Clark*

“Women’s Role in the Abolition of Slavery”  
TA: Cat Gmuca

*Kenneth Dowling*

“Strangers in Their Own Land: The Emancipation of English Catholics (1778-1829)”  
TA: Cat Gmuca

*Stacey Geare*

“The Act of Algeciras: The Beginning of the End of Moroccan Sovereignty”  
TA: Emily Pace

*Adam Ging*

“Human Rights in Edo Japan”  
TA: Kris Kohler

*Elizabeth Giolito*

“Cultural Encounters: The Destruction of Tribal Alliances in Africa Due to German Conquest”  
TA: Nick Saenz

*Fiona Hodges*

“Laissez-faire Policy and the Great Irish Potato Famine”  
TA: Emily Pace

*Brianna Hom*

“Manifest Destiny—From God, or Man? TA” Alex Stewart

*Ryan Joshua*

“The Misconception of the Abolitionist Movement in Britain”  
TA: Erich Conrad

*Jeffrey Lin*

“Through the Eyes of a Japanese Woman”  
TA: Emily Pace

*Sam Lyon*

“An Upper Class Concern: Zoning in the US, 1900-1917”  
TA: Cat Gmuca

*Jeffrey Maloy*

“Ecrasez L’Infame?”  
TA: Nick Saenz

*Gabriela Meckler*

“Prostitution in Britain in the Late 19th to Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century”  
TA: Cat Gmuca

*Gregory Parsons*

“Indigenous Rights and the Louisiana Purchase”  
TA: Nick Saenz

*Andrea Porfirio*

“The Right to Choose: The Abortion Debate in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century”  
TA: Alex Stewart

*James Romero*

“Revolutionary Ideas Brought into Napoleon’s Civil Code”  
TA: Nick Saenz

*Maira Silverio*

“Slavery in Brazil”  
TA: Ivo Gatzinski

*Nathalia Torres*

“Simón Bolívar: A Human Rights Hero or an Antagonist?”  
TA: Ivo Gatzinski

*Jennifer Torson*

“Causes of Feminist Racism in the Nineteenth Century”  
TA: Nick Saenz

*Raqueł Vasquez*

“Social and Religious Change: Excuses for Underlying Racism”  
TA: Ivo Gatzinski

*Luna Zhang*

“The Underground Dragons”  
TA: Ivo Gatzinski

*MMW 6 Showcase Nominees*  
*Spring 2009*

*Sara Coutts*

“Women’s Equality in Papau New Guinea”

TA: Nick Saenz

*Thomas Erwin*

“The Defining Moment of an Unknown Man: the Massacre, the Man, the Image”

TA: Alex Stewart

*Austin Fitch*

“Iraqi Use of Chemical Weapons and the International and US Response”

TA: Erich Conrad

*Justin Huang*

“Colonialism and Mutual Misunderstandings in Post-War Taiwan”

TA: Nick Saenz

*Jeffrey Lin*

“Through the Eyes of a Japanese Woman”

TA: Emily Pace

*Jaime Lopez*

“The Tlateloco Massacre: Mexico ‘68”

TA: Nick Saenz

*Christa Maikisch*

“Apartheid”

TA: Andy Froehle

*Yadira Maldonado*

“Femicide in Ciudad Juárez”

TA: Erich Conrad

*Jeffrey Maloy*

“Human Rights and US Intervention in the Salvadoran Civil War”

TA: Andy Froehle

*Gus Patton*

“Engineering a Better Tasting Future: The Genetically Engineered Crop Debate”

TA: Alex Stewart

*Nina Phinouwong*

“LTTE Female Fighters: Mixing Violence with Gender in Sri Lanka”

TA: Kris Kohler

*Andrea Porfirio*

“The Right to Choose: The Abortion Debate in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century”

TA: Alex Stewart

*James Romero*

“The Herero Uprising of 1904: Genocide?”

TA: Sonal Desai

*Lohrasb Sayadi*

“The Suppression of Iranian Women: A Different Perspective”

TA: Sonal Desai

*Amanda Siu*

“The Communist Question in the ‘First Vietnam War’”

TA: Andrew Froehle

*Andre Sovgir*

“Reasoning Behind the Soviet Gulags”

TA: Kris Kohler

*Katherine Tanaka*

“False Pretenses of Human Rights Among the People of East Timor”

TA: Nick Saenz

*Lisa Teachanarong*

“Child Prostitution in Thailand”

TA: Erich Conrad

*Jennifer Torson*

“Examining the Human Rights Record of the United Nations”

TA: Nick Saenz