MMW Showcase Honorees
2009-2010
Andrew Basilio
“Humans: Servants or Loved Creations?”
TA: Susan Chen

Akemi Brown
“Self-Discipline”
TA: Orianna Cacchione

Tiffany Chiou
“The Superiority of Gods”
TA: Susan Chen

Kate Corbin
“Socrates and Dogmatism”
TA: Krista Eliot

Carmynn Crites
“Representation of Flaws in Leadership”
TA: Sowparnika Balaswaminathan

Marcel Garcia
“Atrahasis”
TA: Susan Chen

Elbert Hsiung
“Mesopotamian ‘Tools’”
TA: Susan Chen

Justine Hufford
“An Instrumental Use”
TA: Emily Pace

Aimee Kang
“Following Dharma”
TA: Lauren Hahn

Stephanie Katoulla
“The Rite of Filial Piety”
TA: Tatiana Sizonenko

Samantha Emma Lowe
“Madness in The Bakkhai: Defying the Supreme Hierarchy”
TA: Amanda Bevers

Alexa Lucido
“The Meaning behind The Book of Songs”
TA: Susan Chen

Nathan Murphy
“A Cataclysm From the “isms”: Can India’s Ascetic Religions Deliver Individual Salvation While Simultaneously Promoting Growth as A Society?”
TA: James Stout

Caroline Na
“The Evolution of Hinduism”
TA: Ben Van Overmeire

Megan Ong
“Child Labor” (paper 1) and “Family First” (paper 3)
TA: Susan Chen

Neil Raina
“The Caste System in Ancient Indian Texts”
TA: Misha Miller-Sisson

Stephen Reynders
“Caste and Faith”
TA: Orianna Cacchione

Katarina Siefkas
“The Marriage Covenant” (paper 2) and “Sacrifice, Self, and Society” (paper 3)
TA: Ben Van Overmeire

Mathew Edward Spencer
“The Obedient Empire”
TA: Amanda Bevers

Faith Swickward
“The Wealth of War”
TA: James Stout
Sarah Bellows
“The Infamous Roman Actor”
TA: Ben Van Overmeire

Anna Bowen
“Concubinage in Ancient Rome”
TA: Lauren Hahn

Rachel Brown
“The Fall of the Ptolemaic Dynasty: A Personal Failure or an Inevitable Fate?”
TA: Alicia Boswell

Alex Busto
“Male Attitudes toward Women’s Developing Roles in the Roman Empire”
TA: Courtney Kilian

Amy Chiu
“Religious Tolerance and Intolerance in the Roman Empire”
TA: Oriana Caccisine

Elizabeth Cunningham
“Mime v. Christianity”
TA: Susan Chen

Hayley Elsken
“The Changing Opinions of Abortion and Contraception in the Roman Empire”
TA: Tatiana Stonenko

Alex Farman-Farmasian
“Viking Blood Feud”
TA: Haleema Welji

Alison Freeman
“What about the Kids? A Look at the Most Influential Factor Shaping Education and Child Rearing in the Roman Empire”
TA: Sowparnika Balaswaminathan

Marcel Garcia
“The Cause of the Visigothic Downfall in Spain”
TA: George Thornton

Emma Hodson
“The Unique Culture of al-Andalus”
TA: Emily Pace

Vanessa Hollingsworth
“Gupta Architecture: Images of Religion and Politics”
TA: Alicia Bowwell

Andrew C. Hsiu
“Muhammad and Judaism: Evidence for the Jewish Origins of the Islamic Faith?”
TA: Amanda Bevers

Diego Lopez
“Judaism in Metropolitan, Hellenistic Societies”
TA: Susan Chen

Thao Nguyen
“Korean Buddhism”
TA: Susan Chen

Emily Oberland
“The Role of Gender Imagery in Sufism”
TA: Haleema Welji

Megan Ong
“Foreign Influence within Tang China”
TA: Haleema Welji

Leeron Rabinov
“Christian Jews for Jesus”
TA: Alex Stewart

Brianna Roberts
“I Meant To Do That: The Unintentional Effects of Augustus’s Family Laws”
TA: Alex Stewart

Rayya Samawi
“The Gospels as Catalysts to the Roman Persecution of Christians”
TA: Joshua Nordin

Christopher Seah
“Blood Currency”
TA: Ben Van Overmeire

Andrew Shen
“Evolution of Medieval Church Doctrine”
TA: Joshua Nordin

Geoff Stanley
“Mother Nature in Crisis: Environment and the Roman Crisis of the Third Century”
TA: Amanda Bevers

Kayla Trautenwein
“Ideal Disorder”
TA: James Stout

Mariah Valentine-Graves
“The Survival of Zoroastrianism: An Ancient Religion Prevails”
TA: Amanda Bevers

Allison Van Vooren
“Illness as a Social Mechanism in Ancient Israel”
TA: Courtney Kilian

Brad Waples
“Medieval Islamic Medicine”
TA: Alicia Bowwell

Daniel Welsh
“Institutional Changes in Conquest England”
TA: George Thornton

Ranming Xu
“The Rise of Women in the Tang Dynasty”
TA: Ian Jones
Marissa Chan  
“Islam and the Mali Empire: Religion and Commerce”  
TA: Erich Conrad  

Taylor Davis  
“The Virgin of Guadalupe and her Function in Colonial Mexican Society”  
TA: Evelyn Donnelly  

Deborah Hayman  
“The Significance of Coffee Houses During the English Restoration”  
TA: Milda Zilinskaite  

Alexana Hickmott  
“A Subaltern People’s Perspective on the Pueblo Revolt of 1680”  
TA: Allison Winston  

Sinwoo Kang  
“King John and the Effect of the Papacy on England”  
TA: Allison Winston  

Alex Kim,  
“Gustavus Adolphus: The Dream of an Empire”  
TA: Anne Schenderlein  

Christine Lai  
“The Reputation of the Renaissance”  
TA: Allison Winston  

Yu-Ting Lin  
“Kabuki and the Tokugawa Bakufu”  
TA: Evelyn Donnelly  

Tina Luu  
“Impact of Diamond Mining and British Imperialism in South Africa”  
TA: Erich Conrad  

Meredith Madnick  
“Women in the Renaissance”  
TA: Alliny Winston  

Thu Han Nguyen  
“Women’s Quest for Social Mobility in Ming China”  
TA: Milda Zilinskaite  

Kerliyn Omuro  
“Gender and Sexuality in Kabuki Theater”  
TA: Milda Zilinskaite  

Anne Phan Huy  
“Buddhism and the Development of Muromachi Literature”  
TA: Prof. Edmond Chang  

Tara Raam  
“Spread of Islam in Indonesia: Commerce and State Influence”  
TA: Anne Schenderlein  

Arohi Sharma  
“Globalization and the Knights Templar: A Phenomenon of the Past”  
TA: Anne Schenderlein  

Irene Wen  
“The Dynamism of Capitalism”  
TA: Evelyn Donnelly  

Pauline Wong  
“A Deviation from the Old and a Welcoming of the New Ming Dynasty”  
TA: Allison Winston
**MMW 5 Showcase Nominees**  
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**Karmen Dykstra**  
“The Origins of the Modern Mental Institution in Western Europe and the United States”  
TA: Ryan Heryford

**Lauren Egge**  
“Jack the Ripper”  
TA: Jacky Avila

**Miguel Gonzalez**  
“Darwin’s Influence on Atheism in Britain”  
TA: Michelle Stuckey

**Erin Gustafson**  
“Medical Discourse and Segregation in British Colonies in West Africa”  
TA: Michelle Stuckey

**Christine Huang**  
“Empress Tsu-Hsi’s Portrayed Role in China’s Transition to Modern Age”  
TA: Milda Zilinskaitė

**Tina Luu**  
“The Impact of Diamond Mining and British Imperialism in South Africa”  
TA: Erich Conrad

**Zacharay Marnoy**  
“A Complicated Failure: The Polish Independence Movement”  
TA: Kris Kohler

**Katherine Montgomery**  
“The Midway Plaisance: Global Villages, Constructed Hierarchy and Progress”  
TA: Melissa Schulz

**Bilwa Ravikiran**  
“The Failure of the Regulation of Prostitution in British Colonies in India”  
TA: Kris Kohler

**Kyle Reese**  
“Why Was Britain the Industrial Giant?”  
TA: Erich Conrad

**Andrea Seegers**  
“The Rise of Oralism in Great Britain’s Deaf Schools”  
TA: Andrea Davis

**Matthew Soleiman**  
“William Wundt: The Beginning of Experimental Psychology”  
TA: Milda Zilinskaitė

**Stephanie Spencer**  
“Novels: A Feminine Genre”  
TA: Ryan Heryford

**Bingxi Sun**  
“Kingdom of Siam’s Escape from European Colonialism”  
TA: Milda Zilinskaitė

**Chrisanthy Surya**  
“Fashion: An Avenue for Women to Societal Gain”  
TA: Kris Kohler
Shira Babow
“Afghanistan in Limbo: Examining the Failure of Centralization”
TA: Clare Rolens

Jacob Braccio
“Lenin and the Bolsheviks”
TA: John McGraw

Chris Cortez
“Capoeira Regional: The Case of Brazil”
TA: Melissa Schulz

Frances Ha
“Cultural Defense and Justice in America”
TA: Marcelo de Carvalho

Kathryn Hoist
“The Bengal Famine: The Unfortunate Legacies of Colonial Powers”
TA: Erich Conrad

Brittany Idrizaj
“British Propaganda and Psychological Warfare During the First World War”
TA: Melissa Schulz

Tanaaz Jasani
“Poverty Alleviation Through Structural Adjustment Programs”
TA: Jacky Avila

Jamelle Jones
“Hush’: Hutu/Tutsi Conflict in Rwanda”
TA: Kris Kohler

Connie Lin
“The Art of the Cultural Revolution”
TA: Clare Rolens

Yannie Lin
“The Institutionalization of the Chinese Communist Party”
TA: John McGraw

Meredith Madnick
“Jews in Germany After the Holocaust”
TA: John McGraw

Zachary Marnoy
“Becoming American: Japanese-American Internment and Assimilation”
TA: Clare Rolens

Kelsey Quigley
“The Hibakusha of Hiroshima: dynamic Japanese perception of A-bomb survivors and the formation of a ‘national trauma’”
TA: Melissa Schulz

Vanessa Parker
“The Downfall of Apartheid in Twentieth-Century South Africa”
TA: Marcelo de Carvalho

Mayura Raghavan
“The Ethiopian Famine of 1984-1985”
TA: Erich Conrad

Chelsea Rauhut
“Misrepresented Marriages?: Filipino Mail-Order Brides in Australia”
TA: Clare Rolens

Sharon Seegers
“The United Nations Intervention in Rwanda”
TA: Marcelo de Carvalho

Arohi Sharma
“The Power of Genetically Modified Organisms”
TA: Kris Kohler

Kristin Shields
“Western Ideas and Food Politics: Italy’s Slow Food Movement”
TA: John McGraw