MMW Showcase Honorees
2012-2013
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
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
“We’re 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
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 Wachtfoogel
“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
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 Shakoor
“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**
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
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

Waylæ 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: Ryan Heryford

John Precoda
"The Economic Success of American Penicillin"
TA: Ryan Heryford

Samira 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