SENIOR ESSAY PRIZES 2020-2021

Please be aware of the deadlines for prize nominations if you are evaluating American Studies senior essays. The due date to submit the evaluation and grade for senior essays is **April 30th**. In order to nominate a prize, the due date for nominations is **April 30th**. The Office of the Secretary needs all the prize winners by **April 30th**, with the understanding that additional time may be needed.

Please read and nominate for the following prizes. If you need extended time, please send a message that includes your anticipated date of submission. Please note that some prizes require students to nominate themselves.

**American Studies Prizes:**

via the Office of the Secretary

**Percival W. Clement Prize** is awarded to a junior or senior for the best thesis in the support of the principles of the Constitution of the United States of America and the first ten amendments. This prize is shared with the History and Political Science departments and the amount available for American Studies is $500. The due date for submission is **April 30th**. Email prizes@yale.edu to share your anticipated date of submission. An updated prize submission form and instructions will be available soon.

**Norman Holmes Pearson Prize** is awarded to a senior in Yale College majoring in American Studies for the best senior essay. This prize is awarded to one student at $1,000. The due date for submission is **April 30th**. Email prizes@yale.edu to share your anticipated date of submission. An updated prize submission form and instructions will be available soon.

**Film Studies Prize:**

**Lamar Prize in Film and Video** is awarded to a graduating student for outstanding work in film and/or video or for an outstanding essay related to cinema and/or television. The award is $100 and administered by the Film Studies Program. Work must be completed during the course of the student’s senior year. Students from any undergraduate major are eligible, provided the submitted work was completed during their senior year. Students can nominate their own work. The due date for submission is **May 14th by 5pm**. Send submissions to Katherine Kowalczyk in Film & Media Studies.

**History Prize:**

**Richard Hegel Prize** is awarded for an outstanding senior essay on subject of New Haven or pertaining to the Greater New Haven area. Senior essays from any department of Yale College are eligible, and this award is sponsored by the Yale Club of New Haven. The due date for the nomination is **May 7th**. Send your nomination and the senior essay PDF to Jay Gitlin, who will be chairing the prize committee.

**Yale College:**

**Wrexham Prize** is awarded to the Best Senior Essay in the Field of Humanities and is the most prestigious award that a Yale senior may receive. This award is administered by the Wrexham Prize Committee. For the purposes of this prize, “humanities” need not be interpreted narrowly, and any senior essay can be eligible for the prize if the approach or subject matter seems appropriate to the humanities. Please send the essay as early as possible electronically to Clare Schlegel (clare.schlegel@yale.edu), along with any available readers' reports. The committee will review all essays that are received until **May 4th**.
A second Wrexham Prize is awarded to the writer of the outstanding senior essay, or any other substantial piece of writing done by a senior in Yale College, in the field of the social sciences. For the purposes of this prize, the field is construed principally to include history, politics, political economy, and economics. The terms of the bequest specifically envision a piece of writing that emphasizes "the link between political and economic ideas, and analysis and public policy." This award is administered by the Wrexham/Heinz Prize Committee. Please send the essay as early as possible electronically to Clare Schlegel (clare.schlegel@yale.edu), along with any available readers' reports. The committee will review all essays that are received until May 4th.

Yale University Library Prizes:
The Applebaum Award is conferred on a Yale College senior for an outstanding essay based on research done in the collections of the University Library’s Government Documents & Information Center. The prize is an award of $500. Students can nominate their own work. Go to https://guides.library.yale.edu/Applebaum to submit your nomination. The due date for submission is May 13th at 11:59pm.

Diane Kaplan Memorial Senior Essay Prizes are offered by Manuscripts and Archives to two undergraduates each year for an outstanding senior essay, on any topic (including Yale), based substantially on research done in Manuscripts and Archives. Each student will receive a $500 cash prize, which will be presented at the student’s residential college commencement ceremony. Essays from any department are eligible for consideration and students must nominate their own work. Go to https://guides.library.yale.edu/MSSAprize/submit to submit your work. The due date for submission is April 23rd at 5pm.

Library Map Prize is awarded annually to a Yale College senior for the best use of maps in a senior essay or its equivalent. The prize is an award of $500. To submit your essay for consideration, visit the Library Map Prize site. Students can nominate their own work. For further information, contact mapprize@yale.edu and go to https://elischolar.library.yale.edu/library_map_prize/ to submit your nomination. The due date for submission is May 13th at 11:59pm.

Office of the Secretary Prizes:
John Addison Porter Prize is given for a written work of scholarship in any field in which it is possible, through original effort, to gather and relate facts and/or principles and to make the product of general human interest. Students can nominate their own work. The due date for submission is May 7th at 5pm. Further information is available at https://secretary.yale.edu/services-resources/lectureships-fellowships-prizes/porter-and-field.

Theron Rockwell Field Prize is given for a poetic, literary, or religious work of scholarship, including works of creative writing. Students can nominate their own work. The due date for submission is May 7th at 5pm. Further information is available at https://secretary.yale.edu/services-resources/lectureships-fellowships-prizes/porter-and-field.

Yale Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration Prizes:
Henry K. Hayase Prize is awarded annually to the best student paper or senior essay dealing with a topic relating to Asian American experiences in the United States. Students must nominate their own work. Go to https://ritm.yale.edu/curriculum/undergraduate/essay-prizes/henry-k-hayase-prize to submit your work. A faculty committee will select the winner who will be announced during the 2021 commencement ceremonies. The due date for submission is April 27th at 5pm.
Carlos R. Moreno Prize is awarded annually to the best senior essay focusing on the field of Latinx Studies, or on the Latinx experience in the United States. Students must nominate their own work. Go to https://ritm.yale.edu/curriculum/undergraduate/essay-prizes/carlos-r-moreno-prize to submit your work. A faculty committee will select the winner who will be announced during the 2021 commencement ceremonies. The due date for submission is April 27th at 5pm.

Judaic Studies Program Prizes:
American Jewish Congress Prize is awarded to a senior essay in any field of Judaic Studies. Directors of Undergraduate Studies who identify senior essays of high quality that address Jewish themes from within any disciplinary framework may submit a copy of the essay to Renee Reed, Program Administrator for Judaic Studies. The due date for submission is April 30th.

Obernauer Memorial Prize is awarded to a graduate or undergraduate student for the best written and delivered essay on the most practical means of achieving good will among religious groups, particularly between Christians and Jews and/or between racial groups. Directors of Undergraduate Studies who identify senior essays of high quality that accomplish the goals for which the prize was established may submit a copy of the essay to Renee Reed, Program Administrator for Judaic Studies. The due date for submission is April 30th.