

The Helen Terry MacLeod Prize

From 1995-2007, the Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women annually awarded the Helen Terry MacLeod Prize for an outstanding honors thesis, from any field, on issues related to women and gender, or that brought a feminist analysis to bear on a topic of study. Helen Terry MacLeod (1901-1994) was the paternal grandmother of Joan MacLeod Heminway (class of 1983). Although Helen MacLeod did not have a college education, she contributed to the undergraduate, graduate, and professional school educations of her grandchildren, including that of her granddaughter, Joan, through (among other things) monetary gifts and loans. While she worked in the home and raised (single-handedly, at times) two boys, she also believed in the right, and responsibility, of young women to meet and exceed their educational goals. The Helen Terry MacLeod prize honored her life as a whole, but particularly her support of, and commitment to, higher education for women.

In 2007, this award was changed from a prize for a completed honors thesis to a research grant available to support undergraduate honors research.

Helen Terry MacLeod Prize Recipients:

2007

Victoria L. Fortuna “Unmaking Materiality: The Politics of Representation in Argentina’s ‘Dirty War’”
Comparative Literature

2006

Jennifer Michelle Keighley
“The Gubernatorial Role Model Effect: Do Female Political Chief Executives Improve Women’s Rates of Political Representation?”
Political Science and Public Policy

2005

Sushil Chacko N. Jacob
“The Peaks of Power: Women and Development in Himachal Pradesh, India”
International Relations

2004

Tara Kolar Ramchandani “The Link Between Microfinance and Gender Development Theory: The Bolivian Cases of BancoSol and ProMujer,”
International Relations

2003

Sarah L. Mehta “The Problematic Citizen: India’s Muslim Women and the Discord Between Rights and Culture”
Development Studies

Sarah Talbot Staley “Breaking the Glass Ceiling and Controlling the Floor: The Role of Women Representatives in the United States Senate”
Public Policy

2002

Alena Bonnell Graedon “Guard the Mouth: Fasting and Silence in Early Christianity”
Religious Studies

2001

Jennifer Marie Cartwright “Credit Program Participation and Women’s Empowerment in Bangladesh”
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Rose Sarita Shuman “Sexual and Gender-Based Violence: The Invisible Epidemic Ugandan Refugee Settlements”
International Relations

2000

Lindsay Edwards Kelley “The Spiritual Reading: Mysticism in the Twentieth Century”
Art Semiotics

1999

Rebecca Schulman “Women in European Politics: What European, Democracies Can Teach the United States”
Political Science

1998

Dana Edell “Maenadic Experience: Euripides' *Bacche* and Beyond”
Classics

1997

Emma Wasserman “Death in Classical Athens: An Interpretation of Women, Gender, and Power Relationships in the Greek Funeral”
Religious Studies

1996

Yael K Kropsky “Unavowed Confessions Voided Avowels: Excerpts from Claude Cahun's *Aveux non Avenus*”
Comparative Literature

1995

† Karina Palmira Lago “To Punish or Not to Punish: Domestic Violence and the Criminal Justice System in Brazil”
Portuguese & Brazilian Studies