

PHI ALPHA THETA REGIONAL PRIZES 2023

The **Best Paper** prizes will be given to the best undergraduate paper and presentation and to the best graduate paper and presentation. Papers submitted by the deadline are eligible.

The **Walter Vella Prize**, presented in honor of a former Mānoa colleague and distinguished historian of Thailand, is for the most resourceful use of **primary sources**. In selecting a winner for this prize, exceptional research – both in scope and interpretive power – is given priority among the five criteria listed below.

The **Sara Sohmer Prize for Excellence in Research**, established to recognize Ms. Sohmer's contributions to Phi Alpha Theta, is awarded for a paper in **Hawaiian or Pacific history**. This prize is intended to recognize and encourage research in local and regional history.

The **Idus A. Newby Historiography Prize** acknowledges the skills required to characterize and analyze the **historical literature** in any field, and is in honor of the former long-term Chair of the UH Mānoa History Department and the recognized historian of the American South.

The **Herbert F. Margulies Prize in American History** is awarded in memory of our late colleague and friend, a leading scholar of the United States Senate in the Progressive Era.

The **Fritz Rehbock Prize** is awarded in memory of our late colleague and PAT supporter and recognizes scholarship in the history of science, maritime history and/or the allied fields of technology and medicine.

The **Robert E. McGlone Biography Prize** acknowledges the scholarship and work of Dr. Robert McGlone, professor and founder of UH Mānoa's Phi Alpha Theta chapter, Alpha Beta Epsilon. The prize is intended to recognize and encourage new research in **biography, memoirs, family history and oral history**.

The **Jerry H. Bentley World History Prize** honors Dr. Bentley's tireless work in promoting the field of world history locally, nationally, and internationally. Eligible papers include those engaging in **transnational or transcultural research** or addressing historiographical issues in world, or global history.

The **Marc Jason Gilbert Prize in World History** focuses on the history of global conflicts and the search for peace. This prize honors Dr. Gilbert's career and contributions to Hawai'i Pacific University, the Phi Alpha Theta organization, the World History Association, and the academic community of Hawai'i.

The **History Club of Honolulu Women's History Prize** has been established to recognize the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) History Club of Honolulu's longstanding support of history in Honolulu. The prize will be awarded for a paper exploring the history of women and their contributions to regional, national, and global communities.

The **Oceania History Prize** is awarded to honor the longtime work of our colleagues and PAT supporters Dr. David Chappell and Dr. David Hanlon. The prize is intended to recognize and encourage research into Pacific Islands' pasts that uses a comparative, transnational or ethnographic approach.

NEW FOR 2023: The **Mimi Henriksen Prize in Modern American History** acknowledges the scholarship and work of Dr. Margot "Mimi" Henriksen who was a specialist in postwar U.S. cultural history. This prize is intended to recognize and encourage new research in **post-World War II / Cold War American History, women in modern America, and U.S. media history**.

Judging Criteria for the Above Prizes

1. Extent and quality of the research
2. Writer's scholarship in handling evidence
3. Overall conception or design of the essay
4. Development of the thesis or interpretation
5. Quality of the writing.

\$100.00 will be awarded to the winner of each prize. Phi Alpha Theta custom will also present each prizewinner with a book in the field associated with their prize. \$50 will be awarded to each Honorable Mention prize along with a book in the field associated with the prize.