

2021 OAH Awards & Prizes

For Graduate Students



OAH Award Recipients at the 2019 OAH Annual Meeting with OAH President Earl Lewis

The Organization of American Historians offers the following annual awards, prizes, and fellowships for graduate work in the field of American history. Award announcements will be posted on the OAH website in summer 2020.

Huggins-Quarles Award

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2020

For graduate students of color to assist with research expenses for the completion of a PhD dissertation—the award is named for Benjamin Quarles and Nathan Huggins, two outstanding historians of the African American past.

<https://www.oah.org/awards/huggins-quarles-award/>

John D’Emilio LGBTQ History Dissertation Award

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2020

For the best PhD dissertation in U.S. LGBTQ history—the award is named for John D’Emilio, pioneer in LGBTQ history.

<https://www.oah.org/awards/john-demilio-lgbtq-history-dissertation-award>

John Higham Research Fellowship

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1, 2020

For all graduate students writing doctoral dissertations for a PhD in American history—the grants are given in memory of John Higham, an important figure in immigration, ethnic, and intellectual history. Topics most closely related to Higham’s field of expertise will receive special consideration.

<https://www.oah.org/awards/john-higham-fellowship/>

Lerner-Scott Prize

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2020

For the best doctoral dissertation in U.S. women’s history—the prize is named for Gerda Lerner and Anne Firor Scott, both pioneers in women’s history.

<https://www.oah.org/awards/lerner-scott-prize/>

Louis Pelzer Memorial Award

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 2, 2020

For the best essay in American history by a graduate student, the award honors Louis Pelzer, editor of the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, 1941–1946, and includes publication in the *Journal of American History*.

<https://www.oah.org/awards/louis-pelzer-memorial-award/>

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