

Annual History Awards Ceremony, 7 December 2011



First-year student Alice Bates receives a prize from Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Town, and Judy Brooks of the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women. Alice also received a second award for Outstanding Overall Achievement in First Year History.

Around 100 staff, students, friends and relatives came together to celebrate the annual History Awards at the Undercroft on 7 December. Twenty-six undergraduate, Honours and Masters students were honoured for their achievements. Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor Ian Town, was on hand to present the awards to a phenomenal collection of students who maintained consistent excellence despite the difficulties and disruptions of 2011. Awards were also presented by representatives of generous donors including Ian Hunt (who presented the Gerald Hunt Prize for the best History Honours Research Essay on behalf of his father), the Federation of Graduate Women and the Victoria League. The Awards also recognised the achievements of eight History Honours students who spent a term on exchange at the University of Oxford. Colleagues from the Philosophy Programme presented the David Novitz Prize in Philosophy at the event.



Second-year students Nicholas Evans and Julian Vesty receive the Neville Phillips Memorial Prize from former Head of History, Professor John Cookson, and Professor Town.



Above and Below: Third-year students Tess McClure and Jonathan Nicolle receive the Victoria League Prize from Gary Thompson



Faye Tiffin receives the 2010 Joan Mary Burns Prize, with Professor Town and School of Humanities/History Programme Administrator Judy Robertson

The event also provided History staff present and past with the opportunity to honour two highly esteemed colleagues who retired in 2011. Between them, Professor Geoff Rice and Dr Chris Connolly provided over 75 years' service to History at the University of Canterbury, and their daily presence will be sorely missed by colleagues and students alike in 2012.



Dr Chris Connolly is congratulated on his retirement



Professor Geoff Rice with Professor Town and former Head of History, Dr Marie Peters

Complete list of Award-winners:

David Novitz Prize in Philosophy

Adrian Barbour

New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women (top student in each First Year paper)

Alice Bates

Daniel Chen

William Stacy

Camille Vigneron

Alisha Wyke

Outstanding Achievement Overall in First Year History

Alice Bates

Daniel Chen

Susan Hemingway

Outstanding Achievement in Second Year History

Elizabeth Bills

Alexandra Blair

Gareth McKegg

Neville Phillips Memorial Prize (top Second Year students)

Nicholas Evans

Julian Vesty

Outstanding Achievement in Third Year History

Joannah Clark

Sarah Clement

Andrew Luck



Greg Hynes receives the Gerald Hunt Prize from Ian Hunt (far left) and Alan Hayward of the Canterbury History Foundation)



Robyn Curtis receives the Sir James Hight Memorial Prize from the Head of the School of Humanities, Associate Professor Jim Tully

Victoria League Prize (top Third Year students)

Tess McClure
Jonathan Nicolle

2010 Joan Mary Burns Prize (Top Performance in Third Year)

Faye Tiffin

Top History Honours Students (Oxford Eight in 2011)

Daniel Cruden
Greg Hynes
Ivan Ignatov
Michael Lee
Luke Stenner
Ulrike Schwertheim
Joshua Tait
Andy Theng

The Gerald Hunt Prize (for best HIST480 Research Essay)

Greg Hynes

The Sir James Hight Memorial Prize (top MA student)

Robyn Curtis

