



AMHS Medical History Essay Prize winners

Year	Recipient	Essay title	Course	Department
2016	Tessa Mazey-Richardson	New Zealand Nurses in the First World War	History	Humanities
2017	Eloise Sims	Marie Stopes and the Sexual Revolution: Lucky Strike, or Modern Marketing?	History	Humanities
2018	Lomani O'Hagan	Medicine and War	Medicine	FMHS
2019	Samantha Boyle	Medicine in the first world war	History	
2020	Tom Winter	Charting the Course of Medicine since the 1950s	Medicine	FMHS
2021	Mia Rutledge	Essay in response to the question: Discuss David Arnold's claim in his book <i>Colonizing the Body: State Medicine and Epidemic Disease in Nineteenth-Century India</i> (1993) that Western medicine became a critical battleground between the colonised and colonisers.	History	Humanities
2022	Danielle van Dalen	<i>Smallpox was a traumatic disease with significant impacts on health legislation in Britain and her colonies in the latter half of the nineteenth century. The debate, actions, and attitudes that surround New Zealand's legislative response to smallpox also highlights the influence that the British "homeland" continued to have on the colony and its people. This essay will attempt to portray that influence by considering the actions and attitudes surrounding the 1863 and 1871 New Zealand Vaccination Acts as a legislative response to smallpox. First, I will discuss the British influence on New Zealand's response to smallpox, particularly its legislative response. Second, I will discuss the British influence on the response to New Zealand's smallpox legislation, and I will consider both anti-vaccinationist and pro-vaccinationist arguments. Finally, I will discuss the British influence on attitudes toward the vaccination of Māori in New Zealand.</i>	History	Humanities
2023	Nadija Palinich	<i>How and why did women's experience of childbirth change in the course of the twentieth century? Do you think it was a positive or a negative change? * NB: This was one of the essays for which Nadija won the prize. Nadija did another as well and achieved the top grade for the class overall.</i>	History	Humanities
2024	Friederike Voit	<i>"New Act in [the] Abortion Drama": Shifting Attitudes to Abortion in 1990s New Zealand</i>	History	Humanities