Journal of Women’s History Names First Award Winner

The Journal of Women’s History has chosen a winner for its first-ever prize. Susanne M. Klausen is the inaugural Journal of Women’s History Award recipient for her article "Reclaiming the White Daughter's Purity': Afrikaner Nationalism, Racialized Sexuality, and the 1975 Abortion and Sterilization Act in Apartheid South Africa." The article appeared in the Fall 2010 issue of the journal (Vol. 22, No. 3).

Klausen is an associate professor in the Department of History at Carleton University, Ottawa. She researches the history of reproduction and fertility control in twentieth-century South Africa. Currently she is researching the regulation of reproductive sexuality in South Africa during the apartheid era.

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Articles published under former editors Antoinette Burton and Jean Allman between 2009 and 2010 were eligible for the new biannual prize. The selection committee consisted of three editorial board members — Judith Byfield, Ann Allen and Judy Wu.

The committee also awarded honorable mentions to Allman (Washington University in St. Ouis) for "The Disappearing of Hannah Kudjoe: Nationalism, Feminism, and the Tyrannies of History" (Vol. 21, No. 3) and Princeton doctoral candidate Gina Greene for "The 'Cradle of Glass': Incubators for Infants in Late Nineteenth-Century France" (JWH, Vol. 22, No. 4).

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