The Shirley J. Schwarz Prize
For Research in Art History

The Department of Archaeology & Art History is pleased to announce the 2017 Shirley J. Schwarz Prize for the best undergraduate research paper on an art historical topic. The winner will receive a $250 cash prize.

Papers entered need not have been written for an art history class or a class in any particular discipline. They must, however, address an issue related to the history of visual art or the impact of visual art on society. Papers from disciplines such as art history, history, archaeology, art, visual communications, and other areas may qualify, depending on the subject matter. The award is intended to support undergraduate research in the history of art, and so entries must include formal documentation in the form of footnotes, endnotes, or parenthetical notes, along with a bibliography of sources consulted. Papers should be a minimum of 10 pages in length; undocumented essay-type assignments should not be submitted. A faculty jury will evaluate papers submitted. Entries will be judged on the basis of the quality of research evident, critical analysis, proper documentation, and clarity. Students may submit only one paper for consideration.

Students should submit one complete copy of their paper.

Entrants' names should not appear anywhere within the paper. A running head or footer, if used, should have ONLY the title of the paper, not the entrant’s name.

Each submission must have a SEPARATE title page indicating the title of the paper, student's full name, campus address, and phone number.

In order for the competition to be fair, students should not ask or expect faculty to critique or proofread entries for them. They certainly may (and should) respond to any comments, suggestions, or corrections made on the original assignment, if it derives from a paper submitted for a class.

For the 2017 prize, the deadline for submissions is April 26, 2017; the winner will be announced by May 1. Please submit entries to Cheryl Shafer in Olmsted 350.