TRAHA 2022

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Roosevelt Institute for American Studies (RIAS) is now accepting submissions for this year’s annual Theodore Roosevelt American History Award (TRAHA) for the best MA thesis on American history defended at a Dutch university in 2021.

The TRAHA has been awarded every year since 1987 and is the most prestigious award in American history offered to graduate students in The Netherlands. Designed to stimulate the study of United States history and culture, the award also encourages students to consult the unique archival resources available at the RIAS.

Besides eternal fame and the good graces of American history scholars throughout the country, the winner will also be announced in EW Magazine and, if Covid-19 measurements allow, be sent on an exciting week-long trip to Medora and Dickinson in North Dakota (sponsored by the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation), where he/she will be provided an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of TR during his “cowboy years.” A visit to Dickinson State University with its TR Center is also included in the program. The travel reports of previous winners can be found on the RIAS website: https://www.roosevelt.nl/activities/theodore-roosevelt-american-history-award/.

Each Dutch university may submit a maximum of two MA theses on any topic related to American history and American studies, as long as the thesis was defended in the 2021 calendar year. Please send the pdfs to inf@roosevelt.nl (by Friday 4 February 2022 at the latest). The 2022 jury consists of Professor Damian Pargas, chair (RIAS/Leiden University), Dr. Tim Jelfs (NASA board member/Rijksuniversiteit Groningen), Heleen Blommers (PhD candidate, Vrije Universiteit), and Melanie van der Elsen (TRAHA prize winner of 2021).

The award ceremony will be held at the Amerikanistendag that takes place online on Friday, 3 June 2022.