

## Announcing the 2011-2012 Daniel Binkley Student Paper Prize Competition and 2010-2011 Awards

The Daniel Binkley Prize is an academic competition which distributes cash prizes to the best HPU undergraduate student papers in world history, an interdisciplinary field that engages in cross-cultural and comparative examinations of the human experience.

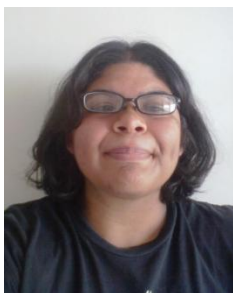
Papers written for courses from June 2011 to May 2012 are eligible. For further information about the competition, please contact Professor Marc Jason Gilbert at [mgilbert@hpu.edu](mailto:mgilbert@hpu.edu) and 808-544-1169.

This year only one of the prize winners last year were history majors, which should serve to encourage instructors at HPU in any discipline to submit papers they judge worthy.

In 2010-2011, a total of \$300.00 was awarded to four student scholars who examined transnational gangs (Dana Ahlin), the impact of Japanese colonialism upon Korea (Elizabeth Valenzuela), the struggle of Hawaii's multicultural labor force to overcome ethnic divisions (Kekoa Rosehill), and Japan's struggle to address its imperial past (Max Yoshikawa).



**Dana Ahlin** is an undergraduate in the Diplomatic and Military Studies program. "This area of study interests me because I believe it is important to understand politics and grasp how historical events reoccur within our lives today in order to progress to a more justice society. I am also an avid traveler and I hope to continue to do so after I graduate. My desire to travel combined with my love for academic study allows me to continue to discover the importance of meeting new people and experiencing things outside of my comfort zone."



**Elizabeth Valenzuela** is currently seeking "a Masters in Diplomatic and Military Studies and, if approved, a Masters Degree in World History" at Hawaii Pacific University. I also would like to continue my Japanese language study to the highest level at HPU and then complete it by getting a BA in Japanese at the University of Hawaii, Manoa sometime in the near future. I hope to work or study abroad in Japan or Korea for a year or two. That has always been a dream goal of mine."



**Kekoa Rosehill** is a senior pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. “My main interest is in Mediterranean civilizations. I spend all my free time hiking the trails here on Oahu. When I graduate, I plan to first hike the 2700 mile Pacific Crest Trail, and then to find work with the National Park Service.”



**Max Yoshikawa** is from Tacoma, Washington. “I am double majoring in International Relations and International Business. I was an RA on the Hawaii Loa Campus last year, and I enjoy being active in the HPU community. I plan on graduating in the spring of 2012, going to graduate school and joining the Peace Corps.

**The Daniel Binkley Prize** was established to honor HPU Professor Daniel Binkley, who was instrumental in securing a National Endowment for the Humanities grant that fueled a resurgence of the teaching of the humanities at HPU and ultimately enabled the creation of an endowed Chair in World History at HPU. The Binkley Prize was established by the first holder of that Chair, Marc Jason Gilbert, and is privately funded by Gilbert and fellow HPU historians Allison Gough and Jocelyn Cardenas to a level that has permitted the award of multiple prizes.

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