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Women’s History Scotland awards the Leah Leneman Prize for an essay on an aspect of women’s or gender history, focused on any period and geographical area.

The prize was established in 2002 to celebrate the work of Leah Leneman, one of the foremost historians of women in Scotland. A trailblazer for women’s history in Scotland, she produced innovative studies on the women’s suffrage movement, on women in medicine, and on sexuality and divorce in the early modern and modern periods. Women’s History Scotland wishes to acknowledge the important work of Leah Leneman and to encourage new women’s & gender historians to publish and to continue researching and writing in the field of women’s and gender history.

Forms of work that may be submitted include: undergraduate dissertation, postgraduate work (e.g. Masters dissertation or chapter of PhD), a piece of original research by students or independent scholars. Please note the instructions for preparation below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION

- The essay must be principally focused on some aspect of women’s or gender history but may deal with any time period.
- No area of women’s or gender history is excluded.
- The essay should be written in English, and in a form suitable for publication. This means that essays should be written or revised as a potentially publishable article.
- It should be between 8,000 and 10,000 words in length. Longer or shorter submissions will not be considered. Do not exceed the limits. The total length should include complete foot or end notes. Do not submit a bibliography.
- The essay should not be under consideration for publication (see below).
- Include full name and contact details on a separate sheet, not on the essay.

ELIGIBILITY

- The author of the submission should be resident in Scotland or enrolled at a Scottish university at the time of submission of the essay. However, entries focused on Scottish history may be submitted by authors living anywhere in the world.
- Authors should be members of Women’s History Scotland.
- To be eligible to submit an essay to the competition the candidate must not be in permanent academic employment.
- Queries about eligibility of the entrant or essay topic should be addressed to Deborah Simonton (dсимонро@sdu.dk).

JUDGING AND AWARD OF PRIZE

The essay will be considered by a panel of judges set up by the Steering Committee of Women’s History Scotland and the prize will be presented at one of the Scottish Women’s History Network conferences, if feasible. A winning essay on Scottish history may be considered for publication in the Journal of Scottish Historical Studies. Advice may be given on other appropriate routes to publication for non-Scottish essays.

DEADLINE

Submit 2 electronic copies (WORD and PDF) copy of the completed essay to Deborah Simonton at dсимонро@sdu.dk by Monday, 20 December 2021.