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WGS Joyce Henricks Prize

The Joyce Henricks Paper Prize in Women and Gender Studies

Named for the Women and Gender Studies program's founder, Dr. Joyce Henricks, the WGS prize honors excellent undergraduate work in the field. A committee of program faculty will select up to two awards annually for the best undergraduate paper(s) or creative endeavor(s). Papers or projects must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2027.

Awards:

- Up to two undergraduate winners will receive acknowledgment on a plaque, and a certificate documenting their award.
- Faculty sponsors of the paper will be given a certificate acknowledging their role.

Eligibility and Paper/Project Guidelines:

- Applicants must be current CMU students, but do not have to be WGS majors or minors.
- Submissions may take the form of a research paper or a creative endeavor that represents an original contribution to the study of Women and Gender Studies.
- The submission should represent a substantial scholarly or creative endeavor.
- A student may not submit more than one paper or creative endeavor.
- The submission can be from any CMU class. The student should submit the course assignment and/or criteria given by the professor.
- Papers may not exceed 20 pages in length. Bibliography and table pages are not counted.
- Creative endeavors should be documented in a portfolio of up to 10 images or one video file. Please create a single PDF with all images or links. Details of a large piece may be included at the applicant's discretion. Each work must be clearly identified as follows: Title of work / Medium / Dimensions.
- Papers co-authored by faculty at this institution or at another institution are not eligible.

To submit a paper or project for consideration for any of these awards:
Students should submit a completed application form and one copy of their paper or project electronically to the Women and Gender Studies Program at wgs@cmich.edu.

Faculty from the WGS program will select the winners. The Associate Dean of the college will be an ex-officio member of the selection committee.

Papers and projects will be judged on overall quality. The evaluation criteria of the papers and projects will include the significance of the paper's contribution to the field of women and gender studies, originality, clarity and/or design, and, if appropriate, the research methods used.

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STUDENT NAME _____

ONE SENTENCE DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

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	CMU Address	*Home Address*
ADDRESS	_____	_____
	_____	_____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

CAMPUS ID _____ NON CMU E-MAIL_____

STATUS: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

FACULTY (PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICABLE INFORMATION AND SIGN.)

Faculty Member's Name and Department: _____

Course in which the paper/creative endeavor was submitted:

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The assignment was _____

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Paper was submitted/presented during:

☐ Spring 2026 semester ☐ Fall 2026 semester ☐ Spring 2027 semester

_____ _____ _____

Faculty Name (print) Signature Date