

CAITY Business Meeting 2021

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2021 CAITY Essay Award

Winner –

Luis A. Medina Cordova, "An Ecuadorian World Novel? Considering Gabriela Alemán's Humo as World Literature"

CAITY Conference Paper Prizes

From the CAITY website, “This prize is in addition to, and not in replacement of, the CAITY Essay Award. What makes the Conference Paper Prize distinct is that it is offered for a paper being presented at the current conference, whereas the Essay Award is for an article-length paper presented at the previous conference.”

Each winner received \$100.

CAITY Conference Paper Prize Recipients

- Clark Barwick
- Emily Smith
- Bircan Nizamoglu
- Sarabeth Grant
- William M. Poteet
- John Rendeiro
- Emily Iekel
- Léna Remy-Kovach
- Pinar Eldemír
- Megan Cannella

CAITY Sponsored Roundtable

Roundtable: The Value (and Struggles) of Public Engagement

Thursday, March 11, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Featuring: Rebecca Salois (Baruch College, CUNY), Rajorshi Das (University of Iowa), and Scott Zukowski (Library of America), as well as Francisco Delgado (Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY)

CAITY Co-Sponsored Event

Special Event Speaker: Michael Bérubé, “Cancel Classes: Social Justice and the Future of Academic Freedom”

Saturday, March 13, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

This talk revisits the ideal of academic freedom in the wake of the activism inspired by the protests of the summer of 2020, which were ignited by the murder of George Floyd. These protests led to long-overdue reassessments of the legacy of racism and white supremacy in American academe and in American cultural life more generally. But while universities have been willing to rename a Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs (as did Princeton) or grapple with their role in the slave trade (as did Georgetown), no one has yet asked the uncomfortable question of whether academic freedom extends to professors who defend colonialism, slavery, and theories of white supremacy.

Open Discussion

What would we like to focus on for next year's sponsored event?

What other initiatives should we consider as a caucus ahead of the 2022 conference?