

Elinor Melville Prize for Latin American Environmental History

The Melville prize was established in 2007 through a bequest from Elinor Kerr Melville. It carries a stipend of \$500.

The Melville prize is awarded for the best book in English, French, Spanish or Portuguese on Latin American Environmental History that is published anywhere during the imprint year previous to the year of the award. Melville defined environmental history as “the study of the mutual influences of social and natural processes.” The prize will go to the book that best fits that definition, while also considering sound scholarship, grace of style, and importance of the scholarly contribution as criteria for the award. Normally not considered for the award are reprints or re-editions of works published previously, and works not primarily historical in aim or content. More general works of environmental history with significant Latin American content may also be considered.

1. To be considered for the Melville Prize, a book must bear the imprint of the year prior to the year for which the award is made. Hence, for the 2007 Melville Prize, to be awarded in January of 2008, the Melville Prize Committee will review and judge books with imprint year 2006.

2. The CLAH Secretariat will invite publishers to nominate books for prize consideration. Submission procedures will be available on the CLAH website:

< <http://www.h-net.org/~clah/>>.

CLAH members, including members of the selection committee, may also nominate books, and authors who are not CLAH members may nominate their own books. For a book to be considered, each of the three committee members must receive a copy, either from the publisher or from another source. Books received after June 1 of the award year will not be considered. The Secretariat should be informed of the committee's decision no later than October 14, 2007.

3. Authors are advised to consult their publishers to be certain their books have been nominated and a copy sent to each member of the Review Committee.

4. Melville Prize Committee Members for 2007: Chair: Sonya Lipsett-Rivera, Department of History, Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6, Canada; Stuart McCook, Department of History, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1, Canada; Mark Carey, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA 24450.

Deadline for receipt of nominations: June 1, 2007.

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