In memory of Professor Robert McCluggage, the Department of History voted in 1989 to establish an award for the best research paper by a graduate student in each calendar year. Professor McCluggage was a member of the Department from 1953 to 1987 and its chairman from 1973 to 1979. Throughout his career he consistently promoted graduate education, supervising a total of ten doctoral theses and serving for nine years as the chairman of a national master's essay competition sponsored by Loyola. As both a scholar and a teacher, Professor McCluggage exhibited and encouraged a breadth of interest and an openness to new areas of history, including Indian history, environmental history, the history of material culture and public history, when each of these fields was in its infancy. Among many accomplishments of his chairmanship, perhaps the most significant was the establishment of the Program in Public History at Loyola.

Robert McCluggage died in May 1989 while attempting to save his son, Stephen, from a fire in their home. His scholarly achievements, his care and concern as a teacher, and the selflessness of his death have set an example of altruism which we are proud to honor.

RULES

- Any current graduate student in History at Loyola University of Chicago is eligible to enter the competition.

- The entry must be an essay based on research in primary sources, able to stand on its own as work treating a coherent topic. Students may submit a paper from Loyola courses completed in the calendar year 2013. A Loyola master’s essay also qualifies for consideration, provided that it was completed during year 2013. Entrants are limited to one submission each year.

- Three copies of the manuscript must be submitted. The course in which the essay was written should be indicated on the title page, along with the author's name and address.

- Entries will be judged on the basis of originality of research, depth of analysis and clarity of presentation.

- Entries must be submitted no later than March 11, 2014, to the Graduate Program Secretary, History Department, Crown Center 529, Lake Shore Campus.

- The name of each year’s winner will be engraved on a plaque to be hung in the Department. The winner will also receive a $400 cash prize.

COMMITTEE OF JUDGES

The judges of this year's competition will be Professors Theresa Gross-Diaz, Zouhair Ghazzal, and Elizabeth Shermer.

For further information, please contact any member of the faculty of the Department of History or the department’s Graduate Program Secretary.