

Charles W. McCurdy awarded Pelzer Prize for 1974 by Organization of American Historians

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Charles W. McCurdy, a graduate student in the Department of History at the University of California, San Diego, has been named as the winner of the Pelzer Prize for 1974 by the Organization of American Historians. The award was announced at the organization's annual meeting in Denver.

National competition for the Pelzer award is held each year and is open to all doctoral candidates in the field of American History.

McCurdy, a 1970 graduate of UCSD's Revelle College, is presently on special appointment as a Fellow of the Yale Law School while completing his UCSD doctorate in history. As a graduate student at UCSD from 1970 to 1973) McCurdy held an NDEA Fellowship and assisted in lower-division history courses in both Muir and Third Colleges.

He was awarded the prize, which carries a citation and \$500, for his work on the subject of Justice Stephen J. Field and the jurisprudence of economic policy. Field was prominent in the California bar and bench in the 1850's and later served on the United States Supreme Court.

McCurdy's study of Field's judicial decisions in the realm of economic policy was originally prepared at UCSD for a graduate seminar in economic history conducted by Dr. Harry N. Scheiber, Professor of History.

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