Past Winners of the David Berry Prize

1937  G. Donaldson, MA, 'The polity of the Scottish Reformed Church c.1460-1580, and the rise of the Presbyterian movement'.

1940  No essays submitted this year.

1943  Rev. Prof. A.F. Scott Parson, DTh, DLitt, 'Anglo-Scottish religious relations, 1400-1600'.

1946  No award made for this year.

1949  T. Bedford Franklin, MA, FRSE, 'Monastic agriculture in Scotland, 1440-1600'.

1952  No award made for this year.

1955  W.A. McNcill, MA, "Estaytt" of the king's rents and pensions, 1621'.

1958  Prof. Mauricc Lec, PhD, 'Maitland of Thirlestone and the foundation of the Stewart despotism in Scotland'.

1961  No award made for this year.

1964  M.H. Merriman, 'Scottish collaborators with England during the Anglo-Scottish war, 1543-1550'.

1967  Miss M.H.B. Sanderson, 'Catholic recusancy in Scotland in the sixteenth century'.

1970  Athol Murray, MA, LLB, PhD, 'The Comptroller, 1425-1610'.

1973  J. Kirk, MA, PhD, 'Who were the Melvillians: A study in the Personnel and Background of the Presbyterian Movement in late Sixteenth-century Scotland'.

1976  A. Crant, BA, DPhil, 'The Development of Scottish Peerage'.

1979  No essays submitted this year.

1982  No award made for this year.


1988  J. Goodare, 'Parliamentary Taxation in Scotland, 1560-1603'.


1994  No award made for this year.
1997 Tim Thornton, ‘Scotland and the Isle of Man, c.1400-c.1625’

1998 C.A. Blake, ‘Stuart Policy and Scottish Mercenaries in the Thirty Years War’

1999 Elizabeth Ewan, ‘Many injurious words: defamation and gender in late medieval Scotland’.

2000 Fraser MacDonald, ‘St. Kilda and the Sublime’.

2001 Elizabeth Buettner BA, MA, ‘Haggis in the Raj: Private and Public Celebrations of Scottishness in Late Imperial India’.

2002 Dauvit Broun BA, PhD, ‘The Absence of Regnal Years for the Dating Clause of Charters of Kings of Scots, 1195-1222’.

2003 Mike Lyon, "Better that bairns should weep than bearded men" the Raid of Ruthven (1582) and the Master of Glamis'

2004 Dr J. Clare L. Jackson MA, MPhil., PhD, "Assize of Error" and the independence of the criminal jury in restoration Scotland.’

2005 Dr Alec Ryrie, ‘Congregations, conventicles and the nature of early Scottish Protestantism’

2006 No award made for this year


2012 Sarah Tebbit, Papal pronouncements on legitimate lordship and the formulation of nationhood in early fourteenth-century Scottish writings (essay)

2013 Jimmi Ostergaard Nielsen and Stuart Ward, ‘Cramped and Restricted at Home?’ Scottish Separatism at Empire’s End (essay)

*From this point the prize is awarded for and presented in the year following submission.*

2016   Karin Bowie, ‘Public, People and Nation in Early Modern Scotland’.