The members of the Trollope Prize committee at the University of Kansas are pleased to announce the winner of the 2015 Trollope Prize.

The winner of the graduate competition is Sarah Faulkner, a graduate student at the University of Washington, for “The Temporality of Realism and Romance in He Knew He Was Right.” Faulkner will receive a $2000 honorarium. In addition, her essay will be published by The Fortnightly Review, which also provides an additional monetary reward.

The judges welcomed Faulkner’s close attention to a novel by Trollope that is beginning to receive more critical attention. In concentrating on the various subplots of the intricately structured He Knew He Was Right (1869), Faulkner investigates how Trollope’s realism operates in temporal juxtaposition to other genres, particularly that of romance. Trollope locates romance in temporally marginal spaces of the narrative (the past or the future) in order to solidify the present realism of the novel. The judges commended the fluency, clarity and analytical rigor of Faulkner’s writing.

There was no undergraduate prize awarded this year.

The judges for this year’s competition were Elsie B. Michie, Professor and Chair of the English Department at Louisiana State University, Ann Wierda Rowland, Associate Professor of English at the University of Kansas, and Tamara S. Wagner, Associate Professor at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. All entries in the competition were read and judged anonymously with respect to both the entrants' names and their institutional affiliations.

The Trollope Prize is administered by the English department at the University of Kansas, with support from the Hall Center for the Humanities. It is awarded annually to the best undergraduate and graduate essays in English on the works of Anthony Trollope. The Prize was established to focus attention on Trollope's work and career; though he is one of the most important writers in the Victorian period and in the history of the novel, his novels are often overlooked today. The Prize is designed to help promote the study of Trollope in college classrooms and to encourage student engagement with both Trollope's work and Victorian literary history through their own intensive research and writing. Please see our website (http://trollopeprize.ku.edu) for more information on the Prize.