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**University of St. Thomas History Major  
Receives Summer Fellowship**

**Houston (May 4, 2007)** – From hundreds of promising candidates, UST history major, Whitney Stewart, was chosen by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History to receive an all-expense-paid, one-week summer fellowship in New York City. The 2007 History Scholars will focus their research and publication projects on a collection from the founding era, slavery and abolition, or the Civil War.

The Gilder Lehrman History Scholars program is designed to honor and support outstanding students of history, and to remedy the shortage of graduates going on to careers in history, whether as school teachers, college professors, documentary film makers, writers, or public historians.

“Stewart has attained a level of honor rarely gained by sophomores,” said Assistant Professor of History Mark Nicholas. “The Gilder Lehrman Institute is world recognized, particularly for the study of slavery and African-American history. Whitney will have an opportunity to meet top-notch scholars from the best universities throughout the country, attend seminars, work the archives, and tour important slave sites in New York City.”

“Dr. Nicholas was my mentor,” said Stewart. “He told me about the Institute and guided me on the writing of my paper titled ‘From the Seducer to the Seduced: The Changing of Cultural Images of Prostitution in Early America.’ I’m fascinated with women’s history and early American history,” said Stewart.

Stewart presented her paper at this year’s Research Symposium.

This budding historian’s goal is to earn a Ph.D. in history.

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