On Monday, June 5, 2006, Class Day, PLAS Director Deborah J. Yashar announced the 2006 Stanley J. Stein Senior Thesis Prize, awarded each year in honor of the noted Latin American historian and PLAS co-founder. Co-winners were Erin Alison Blake ’06 (History) and Sarah Elizabeth Schaffer ’06 (Woodrow Wilson School). A faculty reviewer remarked that Blake’s Diplomats, Dictators & Critical Science in a Peripheral Nation: The Development of Nuclear Technology in Argentina “has great breadth, is beautifully written and adds an original element to our understanding of the Argentine state’s effort to join the ‘First World’ under Perón. The paper is of publishable quality.” Of Schaffer’s Enhancing UNHCR Operations through Partnership in Latin America: An Analysis of UNHCR Partnerships Targeting Colombian Refugee Women in Ecuador, a faculty reviewer wrote, “It speaks to urgent issues of contemporary policy, making thoughtful and realistic recommendations. Furthermore, this thesis depended on painstaking fieldwork, which deserves special recognition.”

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