2011 Convention Awards

Isabel Sparks President’s Awards
Given for the best presentations by active student members at the Sigma Tau Delta International Convention, these awards were established in 1991 by Isabel Sparks, the fifth President of Sigma Tau Delta.

Convention Awards for Original Fiction

1st Place
Jennifer Kiefer ($500)
Western Kentucky University (KY)
Hands

2nd Place
Pace Gardner ($250)
Chapman University (CA)
First Step

3rd Place
Audrey Gearhart ($150)
Western Kentucky University (KY)
Yellow

Convention Awards for Creative Non-Fiction

1st Place
Whitney Dean ($500)
Metropolitan State College of Denver (CO)
Low Rollers

2nd Place
Jacqueline Fetzer ($250)
Pepperdine University (CA)
Air is for the Weak

3rd Place
Mary Patrick ($150)
Furman University (SC)
The Lecture on the Mount

Convention Awards for Original Poetry

1st Place
William Hurst ($500)
Lee University (TN)
Body and Soul

2nd Place
Evanne Lindley ($250)
Pepperdine University (CA)
Desdemona TX, 76445

3rd Place
Samantha Killmeyer ($150)
Westminster College (PA)
I Know this to be True
Isabel Sparks President’s Awards (continued)

Convention Awards for Critical World Literature/Popular Culture

1st Place
Lauren Rothering ($375)
St. Mary's University (MN)
Identity in Adichie

1st Place
Lateshia Beachum ($375)
Columbia College (SC)
Racial Supremacy in Works

3rd Place
Crystal Spears ($150)
Mercyhurst College (PA)
Far Off Music

Convention Awards for Critical British Literature

1st Place
Bradley Wierbowski ($500)
University of Scranton (PA)
Muffin Eating in Wilde

2nd Place
Hannah Schmitt ($250)
St. Norbert College (WI)
Finding "Frank" in Emma

3rd Place
Jonathon Richard ($150)
Louisiana Tech University (LA)
Dehumanization in Chaucer

Convention Awards for Critical American Literature

1st Place
Grant Merrill ($500)
University of Alabama, Birmingham (AL)
Heller's Non-Sequiters

2nd Place
William Porter ($250)
SUNY, College at Geneseo (NY)
Song of Myself Comedy

3rd Place
Sarah Fredericks ($250)
Auburn University, Montgomery (AL)
Kiss Me, Virginia

Convention Awards for Common Reader

1st Place
Julie Pickens ($500)
Cedarville University (OH)
The Unruly Conversation

2nd Place
Amanda Lonsdorf ($200)
University of Wisconsin Eau Claire (WI)
Poetic Reflections on School

2nd Place
Andrew Storsvee ($200)
University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire (WI)
Mistakes Make the Mold
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Other Convention Awards

Application Essay on Convention Theme

Melissa Chastang ($100)  Amber Morales ($100)  Kirk Barrett ($100)
Hampton University (S)  Southern Arkansas University (SW)  University of North Carolina, Wilmington (S)
Alpha Beta Zeta Chapter  Epsilon Theta Chapter  Alpha Alpha Upsilon Chapter

Alumni Epsilon Papers

Kristen Recupero ($250)  Stephanie Schiefelbein ($250)
alumna of Cedarville University (OH)  alumna of University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
Critical Essay (20th/21st Century American Literature)  Creative Nonfiction
Aggiornamento: A Call to Doubt  Commodifying Organic Food

Chapter Display Award

American University of Kuwait ($100)
Alpha Rho Eta Chapter