2012 Convention Awards

Isabel Sparks President’s Awards

Given for the best presentations by active student and alumni 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
Jacinto Zambrano ($500)
St. Edward’s University (TX)
“Famine’s Books”

2nd Place
Bethany Wood ($250)
Lee University (TN)
“Eternal Blossom”

3rd Place
Matt Baker ($150)
Oklahoma Baptist University (OK)
“The Tip Jar”

Convention Awards for Creative Non-Fiction

1st Place
Jordan Adkins ($500)
University of Pikeville (KY)
“The Deep End”

2nd Place
Margaret Russell ($250)
Marian University (IN)
“Four”

3rd Place
Sarah McEllhenney ($150)
Cedarville University (OH)
“On Not Dancing”

3rd Place
Adriana Montenegro ($150)
St. Edward’s University (TX)
“Bird of Paradise”

Convention Awards for Original Poetry

1st Place
Genean Granger ($500)
Northern Michigan University (MI)
“Beyond Bellocq’s Lens”

2nd Place
Alicia Cuomo ($250)
The College of New Jersey (NJ)
“Your Daughter Is a Real Gem”

3rd Place
Miranda Stinson ($150)
University of Evansville (IN)
“Six Poems on Youth and Age”

3rd Place
Ellie Douglass ($150)
St. Edward’s University (TX)
“Little Cup”
Isabel Sparks President’s Awards (continued)

Convention Awards for Critical Essays, British Literature

1st Place
Brian Bellocq ($500)
Louisiana Tech University (LA)
“Male Homoeroticism in Heart of Darkness and Mrs. Dalloway”

2nd Place
Mary-Catherine Breed ($250)
Pace University, New York Campus (NY)
“Shakespeare’s Absent Fathers as Colonizers”

3rd Place
Jane Alford ($150)
University of Montevallo (AL)
“The Object Dispossessed”

Convention Awards for Critical Essays, American Literature

1st Place
Joseph Noble ($500)
Saint Vincent College (PA)

2nd Place
Andrew Todd ($250)
John Carroll University (OH)
“Inadequacy of ‘Unreliability’: Faulkner’s Quentin Compson”

3rd Place
Justina Salassi ($150)
University of Louisiana, Monroe (LA)
“Naming Without Naming: Gertrude Stein’s Poetic Language”

Convention Awards for Critical Essays, Other

1st Place
Jesse Goldberg ($500)
SUNY, College of Geneseo (NY)
“Sacrificial Expenditure: Race and the 2008 Housing Crisis”

2nd Place
Brittani Howell ($250)
Mercer University (GA)
“Blood and Laurels: Ovid’s Metamorphoses and Anderson’s Speak”

3rd Place
William Porter ($150)
SUNY, College of Geneseo (NY)
“A Moral Defense of Poetry”

Convention Awards for Common Reader

1st Place
Cammy Sray ($500)
Cedarville University (OH)
“Train Yourself Not to Look Back’: Ophelia Exoticized, Fetishized, and Othered Under Homi Bhabha’s ’Regime of Visibility”

2nd Place
Anessah Brown ($250)
Allen University (SC)
“Picturing Ophelia”

3rd Place
Tabitha Lowery ($150)
Southern Arkansas University (AR)
“Do Not Frame Me: An Explication of Bellocq’s Ophelia”
Other Convention Awards

Application Essay on Convention Theme

Gloria Adams-Hanley ($100)  
St. Edward’s University (TX)  
“Fingertips”

Kim Harrer ($100)  
Metropolitan State College of Denver (CO)  
“Cosmic Awakening in John Milton’s *Paradise Lost*”

Alumni Epsilon Papers

Gary Thomas Smith ($250)  
Alumnus of University of Pikeville (KY)  
Creative Paper: “Buried Alive”

Deborah Dessaso ($125)  
Alumna of University of the District of Columbia  
Critical Paper: “(W)hat (T)he (L)ingua (F)ranca is Happening to Writing?”

Christopher Cook ($125)  
Alumnus of Southeastern Louisiana University (LA)  
Critical Paper: “The Divina Commedia – A Bridge Between Astrology and Christianity”

Chapter Display Award

1st Place  
University of Nebraska, Kearney (NE) ($100)  
Xi Beta Chapter

Runner-Up  
Louisiana Tech University (LA) ($50)  
Rho Gamma Chapter