2013 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
Mackenzie Myers ($600)
Northern Michigan University (MI)
“The Law of Motion”

2nd Place
Michael Seitz ($300)
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (WI)
“Bad Habits”

2nd Place
Matt Baker ($300)
Oklahoma Baptist University (OK)
“Poetic Justice”

Convention Awards for Original Drama

1st Place
Dana Eckstein ($600)
University of Hartford (CT)
“Programming for Language”

Convention Awards for Creative Non-Fiction

1st Place
Trisha Haber ($600)
Utah State University (UT)
“Lacanian Awakening”

2nd Place
Meaghan Clohessy ($300)
Chatham University (PA)
“Revisiting the Laundromat”

3rd Place
Jiordan Castle ($150)
University of San Francisco (CA)
“The Vault”

3rd Place
Alex Anderson ($150)
University of Pikeville (KY)
“Lights of the Bellagio”

Convention Awards for Original Poetry

1st Place
Teresa Morse ($600)
Baker University (KS)
“When No One Is Looking”

2nd Place
Parker Roth ($300)
Baker University (KS)
“The Pianist in the Practice Room”

3rd Place
Alicia Cuomo ($150)
The College of New Jersey (NJ)
“Your Mother Calls You Angel”

3rd Place
Caitlin Erickson ($150)
Utah State University (UT)
“Names and Dates”
Isabel Sparks President’s Awards (continued)

Convention Awards for Critical Essays, British Literature, and World Literature

1st Place
Jennifer Hewerdine ($600)
Southern Illinois University (IL)
“The ‘Good Man Speaking’: Godwin the Progymnasmata”

2nd Place
Zachary Heine ($300)
St. Edward’s University (TX)
“Locating the Narrative Voice in Don Juan and ‘The Thorn’”

3rd Place
Tasha Cardwell ($150)
Park University (MO)
“Transgressing Genre in Victor Hugo’s Les Misérables”

3rd Place
Jenna Lanzaro ($150)
The College of New Jersey (NJ)
“Manly Magic: Faustus and Prospero as Gender-Normative Witches”

Convention Awards for Critical Essays, American Literature

1st Place
Kyle Johnston ($600)
Westfield State University (MA)
“The White Man Disillusioned”

2nd Place
Jesse Cook ($300)
Dixie State College of Utah (UT)
“Gender Duality in ‘The Snows of Kilimanjaro’”

3rd Place
Luanne Spence ($150)
St. Norbert College (WI)
“Dress-up isn’t for Little Girls: The Women’s Room”

3rd Place
Jon Savage ($150)
University of North Texas (TX)
“Don DeLillo’s Branded World: The Clash and Express Lane Anxieties”

Convention Awards for Critical Essays: Theory, Education, Linguistics, Rhetoric, and Young Adult Literature

1st Place
Emma Riehl ($600)
St. Norbert College (WI)
“The Horror of the Inexpressible: Misophonia in Poe”

2nd Place
Nicole Magno ($300)
The College of New Jersey (NJ)
“Embodying Sex and Différance in Postmodern Fairy Tales”

3rd Place
Hannah Schmitt ($150)
St. Norbert College (WI)
“Castrating Casanova: Sanitizing a Hegemonic Hero”

3rd Place
Alan Stauffer ($150)
Azusa Pacific University (CA)
“Gayness and Gaps: That Demmed Elusive Pimpernel”

Convention Awards for Common Reader

1st Place
Joseph Gamble ($600)
University of Alabama (AL)
“Of Reading”

2nd Place
Ayat Al-Bloushi ($300)
American University of Kuwait
“Confessions of a Kuwait Ex Libris”

3rd Place
Razan Farhat ($150)
American University of Kuwait
“Testimony of a Born-Again Book Buyer”
Other Convention Awards

Best Essay on Convention Theme
Brittney Blake ($600)
Dominican University of California (CA)
“Land of Letters”

Alumni Epsilon Papers
Kristina McClendon ($375)
Alumna of Pepperdine University (CA)
Critical Paper: “‘Not Ideally Beautiful’: Visions of Reality and Vocation”

Stefanie Mauro ($375)
Alumna of Ramapo College of New Jersey (NJ)
Creative Paper: “Porter House”

Chapter Display Award
1st Place
Dixie State University (UT) ($100)
Alpha Pi Epsilon Chapter

Runner-Up
Concordia University (OR) ($50)
Alpha Beta Rho Chapter