



## 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"

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### 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)  
"The Sun Rises in the East: Herman Melville's  
Prediction of the Japanese Challenge to American  
Hegemony in the Pacific"

##### 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*"

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### Other Convention Awards

#### Application Essay on Convention Theme

Gloria Adams-Hanley (\$100)  
St. Edward's University (TX)  
"Fingertips"

Anessah Brown (\$100)  
Allen University (SC)  
"Picturing Ophelia"

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