



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"

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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
Miserables*"

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"

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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