

Winner of the 2012 Graduate Prize

Lauren Horn Griffin (U.C. Santa Barbara), “St. Winefride’s Well Revisited: Confessional Identity & Devotional Practice in Stuart England.”

Lauren Horn Griffin expertly argues for the complicated nature of the religious landscape of Stuart England. Her paper on the "sacred space" of St. Winefride's Well convincingly demonstrates not only the fluidity of religious practice in both Catholic and Protestant communities, but also stresses that considerable overlap existed between the two. The paper was well organized, thoughtfully argued, and attentive to the sensibilities of the day.