

Call for Papers for the 2013 G. Aiken Taylor Award for American Presbyterian Church History

The Historical Center of the Presbyterian Church in America is pleased to sponsor an annual award to recognize outstanding scholarship in the field of American Presbyterian Church History. First prize will be a cash award of \$500.00. A second prize of \$100.00 may also be awarded, at the discretion of the judges.

Eligibility: The contest is open to all current and/or graduating seminary students who are members in good standing with one of the twelve NAPARC member churches (see www.naparc.org/member-churches/).

Format/content: Entries shall address a problem or topic in the field of American Presbyterian History, shall include an abstract with a stated thesis, and must demonstrate a high level of scholarship in their composition. Length shall be between 20 pages minimum and 40 pages maximum. Papers shall follow Kate Turabian's *Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* (7th ed.) and shall include footnotes and bibliography.

In addition to a title page, each entry shall have a cover page providing the entrant's name and school attended. The entrant's name shall appear **only** on the cover page and shall not appear anywhere in the body of the paper itself. Entries ignoring this rule shall be disqualified.

Deadline: Papers, including the cover page, shall be saved in the .PDF file format and then submitted not later than August 1, 2013. Submission shall be by email file attachment, sent to the director of the PCA Historical Center, at archivist@pcahistory.org. In addition, a statement must be received, either by letter or by email, from the entrant's pastor, stating that the entrant is a member in good standing of a church in one of the NAPARC denominations. Entries lacking this certification will be disqualified.

Judging: Copies of the duly submitted papers will then be forwarded from the PCA Historical Center to a three-member selection committee not later than August 15, 2013. Announcement of the 2013 Award winner should be made before the end of the calendar year.

Right of Publication: The PCA Historical Center reserves the right to publish all prize-winning papers. Publication of these papers elsewhere without written permission will be prohibited.

A few of the previous Taylor Award winners include:

- **1995:** "Sons of God: An Examination of the Doctrine of Adoption in the Thought of John Lafayette Girardeau", by Stephen R. Berry, Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS.
- **1998:** "Evangelize the West Before She Paganizes the East: Issues in Presbyterian Church Planting, 1900 to 1925," by Stephen P. Lewis, Westminster Seminary California, Escondido, CA.
- **2001:** "The Role and Influence of Francis A. Schaeffer in the Founding and Shaping of the Presbyterian Church in America," by Jefferson L. Lawrence, Birmingham Theological Seminary.
- **2004:** "The Primary Seat of the Soul: An Evaluation of Robert L. Dabney's Review of Charles Hodge," by John W. Tweeddale, Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS.

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