



**Stone-Campbell Journal Conference
Johnson University Tennessee (Knoxville)
March 27-28, 2020**

—Student Paper Competition Rules—

General Competition Rules:

- The SCJ Student Paper Contest will accept papers in three categories of competition: Undergraduate (Juniors/Seniors), Graduate (MA/MDiv), and Stone-Campbell History – See below for specific information about each category.
- Papers from any discipline associated with the *Stone-Campbell Journal* will be accepted in the competition.
- Students must include a) the name and email address of a faculty member who has agreed to serve as a sponsor for the student's submission and b) the student's current enrolled degree program (e.g., "M.A. in Historical Studies").
- The top three students in each category of competition will be asked to present their papers in person before judges at the conference. Finalists will be notified by **February 15, 2020**.
- Finalists must register for the SCJ Conference by **March 1, 2020** (finalists who do not register for the conference may be withdrawn from the contest), and attend the conference at Johnson University Tennessee (Knoxville) on March 27-28, 2020. *Note: Finalists may be invited to and encouraged to attend a pre-conference dinner on Thursday evening, March 26, to prepare for the final stage of the competition.*
- After they register, finalists will receive \$100 stipend for travel and housing compliments of Abilene Christian University and Stone-Campbell International.
- Several schools have pledged scholarships (\$2,500) toward one year of graduate school to the winners of the respective divisions of the *SCJ* Student Paper Competition. Participating schools include Abilene Christian University, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Brite Divinity School, Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Harding School of Theology, Hope International University, Johnson University, Lexington Theological Seminary, Lincoln Christian University, and Phillips Theological Seminary. (Terms and conditions apply.)
- Recognition and awards will be presented for the contest winners. Winning papers *may* be evaluated for possible publication in *Stone-Campbell Journal*.

Undergraduate Competition:

- Undergraduate papers may be 8-12 pages in length and presentations must be no more than 20 minutes in duration.

- All submitted papers will be reviewed by a panel of readers who will select three finalist papers for presentation at the conference. A panel of judges will determine the winning paper from the three finalist papers presented at the conference.
- Contestants must submit their papers electronically (in Microsoft Word format) to Les Hardin (LHardin@JohnsonU.edu) by **December 15, 2019**. Be sure to include your competition level, the name and e-mail address of your faculty sponsor, and your current program of study. Direct all questions to Dr. Hardin.

Graduate Competition:

- Graduate papers may be 10-15 pages in length and presentations must be no more than 25 minutes in duration.
- All submitted papers will be reviewed by a panel of readers who will select three finalist papers for presentation at the conference. A panel of judges will determine the winning paper from the three finalist papers presented at the conference.
- Contestants must submit their papers electronically (in Microsoft Word format) to Les Hardin (LHardin@JohnsonU.edu) by **December 15, 2019**. Be sure to include your competition level and the name and e-mail address of your faculty sponsor. Direct all questions to Dr. Hardin.

Isaac Errett History Award:

This is the call for submission of papers for the Isaac Errett Award in studies in Stone-Campbell history. The Disciples of Christ Historical Society and the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference sponsor this competition annually to promote scholarship in the history and theology of the Stone-Campbell Movement (SCM) globally.

Papers may be 12-15 pages in length, and presentations must be no more than 25 minutes in duration. A panel of SCM scholars will carefully evaluate each study submitted and select the winning paper. The winner will present her or his paper at the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference at Johnson University in Knoxville, TN, March 27-28, 2020. Winners will receive a cash award and have their paper considered for publication in the *Stone-Campbell Journal*.

Douglas Foster (Graduate School of Theology, ACU) and Newell Williams (Brite Divinity School) serve as administrators of the Isaac Errett History Paper Award. Please submit all papers (in Microsoft Word format) for the 2020 competition to Douglas Foster at fosterd@acu.edu by January 17, 2020. Papers will not be accepted after this date. Include information concerning the school and academic program of the writer, and if submitted by the student, include the name and e-mail address of the faculty sponsor. Direct all questions to Dr. Foster.

—All of the above dates are hard deadlines – No exceptions will be granted—

—Failure to Fulfill the Requirements of these Rules will Result in Contest Disqualification—