

# SWOSU Students Shine at National Literary Conference

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Two Southwestern Oklahoma State University English majors received awards for their research papers at the biennial conference of the William Gilmore Simms Society held recently at Clayton State University in suburban Atlanta (GA).

Both students received cash awards and were invited to submit revisions of their papers for publication.

Senior Jarrod Ford of Woodward received the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper award for “Mythic Archetypes in ‘Sharp Snaffles,’” a product of 18 months of research in his World Mythology and Modern Voices in American Literature courses.

Ford was invited to revise the paper for publication in the upcoming number of *The Simms Review*, recognized by *MLA International Bibliography* as a refereed scholarly publication.

Junior Parker Montgomery Long of Marlow received Honorable Mention for the same award for “Scipio’s Spiritual Victory: Complications of the Christian Conversion of Slaves in Simms’s ‘The Lazy Crow,’” a work he produced in his Issues in American Literature course and revised over a year. He was invited to further revise the paper and submit it to the journal for future publication. Long had won the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Paper at the 2014 conference, and his article was one of the sources cited in Jarrod Ford’s paper.

Also representing SWOSU at the conference were 2016 English graduate Rachel Long with “A Comparison of the Portrayals of African American Characters in ‘The Lazy Crow’ and *Gone with the Wind*” and Professor Kevin Collins with “Simms’s Anticipation of the Frontier Thesis on America’s Earliest Frontiers.”