

The selection committee for the 'Fair Unknown' award, sponsored by the International Arthurian Society-North American Branch, is pleased to announce the winner of the inaugural competition for this prize. The 'Fair Unknown' award is given to the author of the best paper on an Arthurian topic presented by a graduate student at the International Medieval Congress at Kalamazoo. The rules are simple: the paper must be submitted to the committee within two weeks of the conclusion of the Congress, and it must be presented in *exactly* the form in which it was given—although correction of typographical and mechanical errors are allowed. The committee then selects the best of the submitted entries with two criteria in mind: 1) which paper does the best job of making a persuasive, compelling argument in 20 minutes or less, and 2) which paper has the most potential to become a publishable article? For the author of the winning entry will then spend the next six months working closely with the editor of *Arthuriana* to turn the presented paper into a polished article that is published in the first issue of the next calendar year.

On behalf of the committee, I am delighted to announce that Usha Vishnuvajjala received the 2013 'Fair Unknown' award for her paper 'Loyalty and Horizontal Cosmopolitanism in Chrétien de Troyes *Cligés*.' In making its selection, the committee noted that the paper as presented skillfully blended a theoretical discussion of cosmopolitanism with close readings from Chrétien's text; of particular interest was the way in which the idea of cosmopolitanism could be used to interrogate the multiple loyalties to multiple entities that knights in the Arthurian world so often must navigate. As she worked to turn the paper into an article, Ms. Vishnuvajjala did an impressive job of expanding her use of secondary sources and deepening her argument and exploration of key moments in *Cligés* that could be fruitfully unpacked and discussed using a theory of cosmopolitanism. It is our pleasure and privilege to present Usha Vishnuvajjala with the very first 'Fair Unknown' award.

We look forward to receiving another fine batch of entries this year—if you are a graduate student presenting on an Arthurian topic at the Congress, we encourage you to submit your paper to Camelot@purdue.edu by Sunday, May 27th.

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For the committee