

2019 Leader prize citations

2018 article — winning the 2019 award are K.S. Whetter (present) and Fiona Tolhurst (in absentia):

The article in question, “Standing Up for the Stanzaic-poet: Artistry, Characterization, and Narration in the Stanzaic *Morte Arthur* and Malory's *Morte Darthur*,” *Arthuriana* 28.3 (2018), is by our own K.S. Whetter and Fiona Tolhurst. “Standing Up for the Stanzaic-poet” is a worthy adventure indeed: perhaps it’s not the artistry of the poet that should be examined, but our own reading strategies that we bring to the poem, as Tolhurst and Whetter gently suggest in their history of the critical reception of the poem, and more forcefully demonstrate through their own reading. This essay amply demonstrates the ways in which Tolhurst and Whetter are leading the charge in the renewed critical interest in and appreciation for this Middle English masterpiece, and stands as a most worthy winner of the 2019 James Randall Leader Prize for best Arthurian article published in 2018.