

The MARS Graduate Student Award for Best Essay has been renamed The Ohlgren Award for Best Grad Student Essay in honor of founder and longtime director of MARS, Thomas Ohlgren. Professor Ohlgren has generously agreed to contribute \$250 to the winner of the award to cover travel expenses to the International Congress on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo. MARS has worked out an agreement with the International Congress for the award winner to receive a coveted place on a general session at the Congress and for the student's registration fees to be waved.

The first winner of the Ohlgren Award is Brady Spangenberg, Ph.D student in Comparative Literature. Brady won the competition for his superb essay, "No Trees Felled in *The Faerie Queene*: A Look at the Ghost of Environmental Thinking Past."

Congratulations, Brady!