2016 Writing Competition Winners Announced

The California Supreme Court Historical Society is pleased to announce the winners of its 2016 CSCHS Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition in California Legal History.

First place was won by Courtney B. Hawkins of Washington University School of Law in St. Louis for “A Model for Juvenile Parole Reform: California’s Youth Offender Parole Hearings Challenge the Modern Parole System and Apply the Fundamental Principles in Graham and Miller to the Release Decision-Making Process.” She receives a prize of $2,500 and publication in the 2016 volume of *California Legal History*, the Society’s annual scholarly journal.

Second place was awarded to John James Daller of UC Davis School of Law for “Equal Protection and California Public School Finance.” He receives a prize of $500.


The three distinguished judges, all of whom are professors and legal historians, were: Laura Kalman, UC Santa Barbara, Department of History; Charles J. McClain, UC Berkeley School of Law; and Peter L. Reich, Whittier Law School.

Student papers may address any aspect of California legal history, ranging from the justices and decisions of the Supreme Court itself to local events of legal and historical importance, at any time from 1846 to the present.