2003 Article Prize Winner


PCCBS made the inaugural presentation of the PCCBS Article Prize to Lori Anne Ferrell for her essay, “The Sacred, the Profane, and the Union: Politics of Sermon and Masque at the Court Wedding of Lord and Lady Hay” in Politics, Religion and Popularity: Essays in Honour of Conrad Russell, ed. T. Cogswell, R. Cust and P. Lake (Cambridge UP 2002): 45-64. Ferrell’s article is a thoughtful and innovative analysis of the Jacobean court masque which celebrated the marriage of an English heiress to an impoverished and improvident Scot. The masque was used as a political vehicle to promote the unpopular idea of political union between England and Scotland. More important, it provided a brilliantly allusive setting for an elaboration of King James I’s political theology. The article prize committee included: Molly McClain, Chair (University of San Diego), Belinda Peters (University of California, Irvine) and Peter H. Hoffenberg (University of Hawaii)