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On Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at the National Huguenot Society's meeting held in Washington, D.C, author Stephen Davis was awarded first place in the National Huguenot Society's Annual Scholarly Award Contest for his 2021 book, **The French Huguenots and Wars of Religion**. The award has been made possible through the Dr. Gresham T. Farrar, Jr., Scholarly Works fund.

About the National Huguenot Society

The National Huguenot Society is a 501(c) (3) organization offering public programs, scholarships and awards to descendants and interested others.

Created in 1931 to perpetuate the memory, the spirit, and the deeds of French people persecuted in the 16th and 17th centuries because of their Protestant faith who emigrated to North America and contributed by their character and ability to the development of the United States. For more information please visit our website at <https://nationalhuguenotsociety.org/>

About Our 2022 Award Winner

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Reverend Stephen M. Davis completed his PhD at Columbia International University where he wrote his dissertation on the rise of French secularism from the Reformation to the present day.



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An elder at Philadelphia's Grace Church, a multilingual church that he and his brother John established in 2010, Steve and his wife Kathy have been involved in planting churches in the United States, France, and Romania since 1982. Recently he has been teaching twice a year in Cameroon.

One of our committee's reviewers tells us; " I found this book very readable and also well-researched and documented. I enjoyed learning more about the on-going wars of religion over such a long time. I would certainly approve this book for our award."

Another writes:

"This 121 page book, imagined by the author as a primer, summarizes 300 years of conflict between Reformed Christians, the French Huguenots, and the Roman Catholic Church in eight chapters...Davis's Conclusion brings us to the twenty- first century and challenges of today's world. His words are food for thought. Stephen Davis's book should be considered for the NHS Scholarly Award."

**2022 Runner-Up: The Welcome Stranger
Dutch, Walloon And Huguenot Incomers to Norwich 1550-1750**

By Frank Meeres

A graduate of King's College, University of London, Frank Meeres came to Norwich, England in 1974 as an archivist at the Norfolk Record Office and fell in love with the city and its history A third committee member writes about this book:



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“Meeres presents the material in a fact-based style that takes the reader through a journey of two centuries, often providing historical background and context along the way, to help the reader better understand the conditions surrounding key events. The research that supports this book is excellent and, through the lens of one English city, captures the story of immigrants searching for religious freedom. This book should be considered for a scholarly award.”

Both Davis and Meeres’s books are available on Amazon.com.

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