

Fifteenth Annual Thomas Robbins Award

For Excellence in the Study of New Religious Movements

The co-general editors of *Nova Religio* are pleased to announce the winners of the Fifteenth Annual Thomas Robbins Award for Excellence in the Study of New Religious Movements. The award was established in 2002 by the late Thomas Robbins to recognize outstanding articles published in *Nova Religio*.

Prizewinners were selected by board members of the Association for the Academic Study of New Religions from articles appearing in volume 20 of the journal.

The first prize has been awarded to Edward E. Curtis IV for his article in vol. 20, no. 1 (August 2016) entitled “Science and Technology in Elijah Muhammad’s Nation of Islam: Astrophysical Disaster, Genetic Engineering, UFOs, White Apocalypse, and Black Resurrection.” Curtis receives a one-year complimentary subscription to *Nova Religio*.

The second prize has been awarded to Joanna Urbańczyk for her article in vol. 20, no. 3 (February 2017) entitled “‘What if it is actually true?’: Vissarion’s Followers from Eastern Europe and their Path to the Last Testament Church Community in Siberia.” She will also receive a one-year complimentary subscription to *Nova Religio*.

We appreciate the generosity of the late Thomas Robbins in providing the opportunity to acknowledge *Nova Religio*’s authors in this tangible way. We look forward to recognizing outstanding contributors to volume 21 next year. To learn about the life and scholarship of Thomas Robbins, please see the “In Memoriam” published in *Nova Religio* 19, no. 3.