

The *Century* wins some things

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I'm afraid I fell down on the blog a little this week. My excuse: I spent most of the week at the annual convention held by the [Associated Church Press](#), an association of religious publishers of which the *Century* is a member and for which I serve on the board. It was a good gathering: interesting keynotes, useful workshops, plentiful fellowship. Highlights for me included a screening of Steve James and Alex Kotlowitz's riveting documentary [The Interrupters](#) and a worship service at [this stunning chapel](#), with the *Century*'s John Buchanan preaching.

The convention always ends in an awards banquet honoring the best of the Christian press in the previous year. The *Century* took home first-place prizes in several categories:

- Bill McKibben, "[Disobedience](#)," magazine editorial/opinion
- Elizabeth Myer Boulton and Matthew Myer Boulton, "[Sacramental sex](#)," long-format theological reflection (subscription required)
- M. Craig Barnes, "[Clear call](#)," short-format devotional/inspirational
- Me (with help from a couple others), [this here website](#), publication website (despite the fact that I apparently used the same image on the Craig Barnes article above and the Tom Long one below)

We also won two second-place awards:

- Thomas G. Long, "[Why sermons bore us](#)," short-format theological reflection
- Lillian Daniel, "[You can't make this up](#)," humor

Lillian also received an honorable mention in the critical review category for her [review of Jeffrey MacDonald](#), as did Jeanne Murray Walker for her poem "[The sign](#)."

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Have a good weekend. I'll be back at the blogging next week.