

# DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



**2019-20 Awards**

*Congratulations!*



# Writing Contests

## APPALACHIAN WRITING AWARD

This contest is open to all WVU undergraduate students who grew up in Appalachia, including all of West Virginia, and whose work is set in Appalachia. The student will receive a scholarship to the West Virginia Writers' Workshop, which features writers of national reputation. This contest is funded by writer Dwight Harshbarger.

Katlyn Ruddle

"It Rained"

Instructor: Mark Brazaitis

Judge: Dwight Harshbarger

## JAMES PAUL BRAWNER EXPOSITORY WRITING CONTEST

Upon Dr. Brawner's retirement in 1972, the Department established this award in his honor. Dr. Brawner served as department chair for 18 years.

### Undergraduate Division

**First Place:** Georgia Beatty

"Vision, Reality, and the Fascist Spectacle"

Instructor: Joshua Arthurs (History 423)

**Second Place:** Alexandria Webb

"The Search for Power in a Hegemonic Masculinity:  
Dogfighting as a Conduit for Agression and Domination"

Instructor: Megan McGee (WGST 330)

Judges: A.J. Delauder, Cameron Green, and Gabriella Pishotti

### 102/103 Division

**First Place:** Krystal Johnson

"Dressing Rooms"

Instructor: Rebecca Thomas (English 103)

**Second Place:** Casey Dye

"The Future of Education"

Instructor: Jim Greaver (English 102)

Judges: Madison Helman, Luke McDermott, and Kelli Wilhelm

### Graduate Division

**First Place:** Gabriella Pishotti

"Land, Body, and Memory: The Weaponized Landscapes and  
Aftermath Ecologies of the Dominican Republic's Massacre  
River and Cambodia's Killing Fields"

**Second Place:** Olivia Wertz

"Illustrations of Bodily Oppression in Two Transnational  
Feminist Novels: Han Kang's *The Vegetarian* and Louise Erdrich's  
*Future Home of the Living God*"

Judges: Gwen Bergner, Erin Brock Carlson, and Doug Phillips

## JON SCOTT NELSON FIRST-YEAR WRITING AWARD

In 1992, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Nelson established this contest for student papers from English 101.

Angelique Morante  
"The Malrotations of Life:  
How my Brother Spoke Up with No Words to Utter"  
Instructor: Rebecca Thomas

Aki Kim  
"Fate"  
Instructor: Rebecca Thomas

Sierra Rinard  
"Every Breath Counts"  
Instructor: Amy Alvarez

Judges: Rachael Bradley, David Frame, Christl Caspar,  
Patrick Stahl, and Jon Tracey

## JON SCOTT NELSON FRESHMEN CREATIVE WRITING AWARD

This award was established by Dr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Nelson in memory of their son, Jon Scott Nelson. Contributions have been made by friends, relatives, and classmates.

**First Place:** Erica Cottrill  
"If You Love It, Let Go"  
Instructor: Geoffrey Hilsabeck

Judge: Glenn Taylor

## PROFESSIONAL WRITING AND EDITING AWARD

This contest is open to all students enrolled in undergraduate Professional Writing and Editing courses. Prizes for these awards come from the James Paul Brawner Endowed Writing Award fund.

**First Place:** Erin Watson  
"Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse:  
The Importance of the Veterinarian"

Judge: Brian Ballentine

## RUSSELL MACDONALD CREATIVE WRITING AWARD

This contest was established in 1991 to honor Russ MacDonald upon his retirement. Prizes for these awards come from the James Paul Brawner Endowed Writing Award fund.

### Fiction Division

Karen Klein  
"Jiri's Ghosts"  
Instructor: Mark Brazaitis (English 618)

### Nonfiction Division

Dave Frame  
"The Strangers"  
Instructor: Megan Stielstra  
(Virginia Butts Sturm Writer-in-Residence)

Judge: Glenn Taylor

# WAITMAN BARBE CREATIVE WRITING AWARD

This contest honors former English faculty member Waitman Barbe, a published writer and poet who served on the faculty from 1895 until his death in 1925. Prizes for these awards come from the James Paul Brawner Endowed Writing Award fund.

## Fiction Division

Lauren Pauley

"The Birthmark"

Instructor: Jowhor Ile (English 212)

## Honorable Mention

Angelyn Gemmen

"Delia and the Houseguest"

Instructor: Mark Brazaitis (English 312)

## Nonfiction Division

Shan Cawley

"Panopticon"

Instructor: Mary Ann Samyn (English 318)

## Honorable Mention

Katlyn Ruddle

"Six to Six"

Instructor: David Frame (English 214)

## Poetry Division

Cameron Patterson

Various Poems

Instructor: Geoffrey Hilsabeck (English 213)

Judge: Glenn Taylor



# Faculty Recognition

BENEDUM  
DISTINGUISHED  
SCHOLAR

Michael Germana

CWE CONTINGENT  
FACULTY AWARD

Elena Coole

PHILIP BORDINAT  
AWARD

Rose Casey  
"Trespassers Will be Persecuted": Oil and Property Law in  
Ben Okri's "What the Tapster Saw"

WEST VIRGINIA  
HUMANITIES COUNCIL  
FELLOWSHIP

Brian Ballentine  
Johanna Winant

WVU HUMANITIES  
CENTER FELLOWSHIPS  
AND GRANTS

Erin Brock Carlson  
Christine Hoffmann  
Sarah Morris

WVU LIBRARIES' ARTS IN  
THE LIBRARIES FACULTY/  
STAFF EXHIBIT AWARD

Nancy Caronia



# Graduate Recognition

DEPARTMENT OF  
ENGLISH EXEMPLARY  
TEACHING AWARD

Muhammad Manzur Alam

EBERLY COLLEGE  
OUTSTANDING  
GRADUATE TEACHING  
ASSISTANT

Ellen Skirvin

DAVID G. ALLEN  
DISSERTATION  
FELLOWSHIP

Madison Helman

HAYDEN W. WARD JR.  
DEPARTMENT OF  
ENGLISH DISSERTATION  
FELLOWSHIP

Muhammad Manzur Alam  
Bryan Alukonis

## JOHN C. AND MILDRED W. LUDLUM DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP

Adrienne Izaguirre

## REBECCA MASON PERRY AWARD

The late Kermit and Rebecca Mason established this award in memory of their daughter, Rebecca Mason Perry, who received her B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from WWU. The award is given every May to the outstanding first-year graduate student.

M.F.A Recipient: Rachael Bradley  
M.A. Recipient: A. J. DeLauder  
M.A.P.W.E. Recipient: Paige Perla

## BLAYDES FAMILY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Michael Green

## RUDOLPH ALMASY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Frank Izaguirre

## SUMMER HUMANITIES INTERNSHIP

Muhammad Manzur Alam  
Michael Green  
April McGinnis

## ZIEROLD CREATIVE WRITING AWARD

This endowment provides resources for graduate students enrolled in the Masters of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing. Recipients of this award are West Virginia residents.

Katie Clendenin



# Undergraduate Recognition

CAPTAIN WILLIAM NEELY  
AWARD FOR  
OUTSTANDING  
SOPHOMORE

Lauren Pauley

EBERLY COLLEGE  
OUTSTANDING SENIOR  
ENGLISH MAJOR

Caroline Toler

FULBRIGHT STUDENT  
AWARD (SPAIN)

Caroline Toler

CARTER BISHOP  
MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established, in honor of Professor Carter Bishop, to recognize outstanding sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are majors in English, in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, and are planning to be English teachers on the secondary or post-secondary level.

Valerie Browne  
Brandi Hall  
Malina Judd  
Gabriella Lebo  
Sara Money  
Lauren Pauley  
Maria Pomales  
Kaley Vestal

ELEANOR TUCKER  
DONLEY MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship, awarded since 1965 to the Department's outstanding junior, was established by the late Robert T. Donley and his daughter, Demain Donley Whitesides, to honor Mr. Donley's mother.

Amanda Griffith  
Tucker Nadeau  
Emily Ogden  
Reagan Voigt



## ELENA ILLA GRAHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship, awarded since 1980 to West Virginia residents who are majoring in English, was established by the late William L. Graham in memory of his wife, Elena Illa Graham.

Amelia Jones  
Lauren Lee  
Lauren Volk

## ELSIE M. AND ETHEL M. JONES SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established to recognize an outstanding undergraduate student majoring in English.

Lillian Wright

## GEORGE BIRD EVANS LITERARY SCHOLARSHIP

The Old Hemlock Foundation is dedicated to promoting the life and legacy of George and Kay Evans, who lived in Bruceon Mills and cowrote many books and articles about grouse hunting, bird dogs, and life in Appalachia.

Lindsey Funk

## VIRGINIA BUTTS STURM CREATIVE WRITING SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship, established by Albert Lee and Virginia B. Sturm, is awarded to an outstanding undergraduate creative writing major.

Malina Judd

# VIRGINIA BUTTS STURM ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship, established by Albert Lee and Virginia B. Sturm, has been awarded since 1995 to an outstanding undergraduate major in English language and literature.

Kimberly Gray

## 2020 ORDER OF AUGUSTA

Lindsey Zirkle

## SIGMA TAU DELTA INDUCTEES

(International English Honor Society)

Ava Asbury  
Kristin Bales  
Georgia Beatty  
Haley Cochran  
Madison Cook  
Morgan Duty  
Kyra Foster  
Christina Hinerman  
Jalyn Lamp  
Gabriella Lebo  
Olivia Lee  
Katie Lehosit  
Sydney Lyons  
Tucker Nadeau  
James Nucci  
Emily Ogden  
Ashley Porter  
Alexis Ream  
Katlyn Ruddle  
Summer Skidmore  
Jessann Thompson  
Marisa Watson

## SIGMA TAU DELTA OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Kirk Hazen