

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



2021-22 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.

David Hayhurst

"Macho"

Instructor: Natalie Sypolt (English 312)

Judge: Jordan Carter

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: Erica Cottrill

"Justice and Accountability for Predatory Behavior in Mahasweta Devi's 'The Hunt'"

Instructor: Rose Casey (English 226)

Second-place: Scarlet Mebane

"False Ideals to Empire's Futility: Noble Degradation in 'Pelleas and Ettarre'"

Instructor: John Lamb (English 369)

Judges: Andrew Lewis, Dustin Purvis, Megan Williams

102/103 Division

First-place: Daria Gavriushchenko

"Their Voices"

Instructor: Luke Lyman Barner (English 102)

Second-place: John McCoy

"Salamander"

Instructor: Michael Vozniak (English 103)

Judges: Morgan Roediger, Michael Vozniak, Kelli Wilhelm

Graduate Division

First-place: Destinee Harper

"Text Diversity in First-Year Composition: Preparing
Instructors to Support and Defend Diverse Mentor Texts"
Instructor: Laura Brady (English 609)

Second-place: Kristen Gragg

"'Makus tho crokyd right': Situating Social
Mobility in *Sir Gowther*"
Instructor: Lara Farina (English 661)

Judges: Laura Brady, Michael Germana, Timothy Sweet

JON SCOTT NELSON
FIRST-YEAR
WRITING AWARD

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

Tucker Deitz

"Fast and Slow"

Instructor: Kelli Wilhelm (English 103)

Timothy Schumann

"Eating As An Agricultural Act"

Instructor: Melissa Reynolds (English 101)

Katie West

"The Girl Who Learned to Speak"

Instructor: Cody Grey (English 101)

Judges: James Freda, Nicole Chambers,
Aerianna McClanahan, Tara Teets

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.

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.

First-place: Kristi Snodgrass

"Online Safe Haven: A Research Report on the Lesbian Instagram Community and the Communication Within"

Instructor: Erin Brock Carlson (English 301)

Second-place: Jennalee Meck

"Cultivating Hopeful Discourse within Polarization"

Instructor: Erin Brock Carlson (English 301)

Judge: Brian Ballentine

Fiction Division

Jackson Buttery

"A.N.F."

Instructor: Mark Brazaitis (English 618A)

Judge: Natalie Sypolt

Nonfiction Division

Megan Williams

"Miscarriage Etymology "

Instructor: Mark Brazaitis (English 618B)

Judge: Keegan Lester

Poetry Division

Liam Wholihan

"Making Rent"

Instructor: Mary Ann Samyn (English 618)

Judge: Keegan Lester

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 Bawner Endowed Writing Award fund.

Fiction Division

Erica Cotrill
"Catnap"

Instructor: Glenn Taylor (English 312)

Honorable-mention
Newton Sweeney
"Familiar Strangers"

Instructor: Karen Klein (English 212)

Judge: Jordan Carter

Nonfiction Division

Linda Ma
"Strawberry Soju"

Instructor: Karen Klein (English 212)

Honorable-mention
Kristi Snodgrass
"Alone But Not Lonely"

Instructor: Erin Brock Carlson (English 303)

Judge: Keegan Lester

Poetry Division

Mary Linscheid
"Fall 2021 Poems"

Instructors: Caroline Riley (English 213)

Honorable-mention:
Valerie Browne
"Weary National"

Instructors: Mark Brazaitis (English 313)

Judge: Keegan Lester



Faculty Recognition

CAPERTON AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN THE
TEACHING OF WRITING

Mark Brazaitis

PHILIP BORDINAT AWARD

Christine Hoffmann
"Shakespeare's Spam Poetics"

CWE CONTINGENT
FACULTY AWARD

Beth Staley

2022 DIGITAL
LEARNING AWARD

Erin Brock Carlson

WVU'S DISTINCTION IN
GRADUATE RESEARCH
MENTORING AWARD

Mary Ann Samyn

WVU HONORS COLLEGE
FACULTY FELLOW

Rose Casey

HUMANITIES CENTER
FELLOWSHIP

Nancy Caronia

RESEARCH AND
SCHOLARSHIP
ADVANCEMENT GRANT

Erin Brock Carlson
Cari Carpenter
Johanna Winant



Graduate Recognition

EBERLY COLLEGE OUTSTANDING GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

Kelli Wilhelm

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Wenyu Kong

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 WVU. The award is given every May to the outstanding first-year graduate student.

M.A. Recipient:

Aerianna McClanahan

M.F.A Recipient:

James Freda

M.A.P.W.E. Recipient:

Stone Schaldenbrand

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.

Shannon Virtue

BLAYDES FAMILY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Qazi Arka Rahman

DAVID G. ALLEN
DISSERTATION
FELLOWSHIP

Gabriella Pishotti

DENNIS ALLEN
SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Jennifer Peedin

HAYDEN WARD
DISSERTATION
FELLOWSHIP

Michael Vozniak

JOHN C. & MILDRED W.
LUDLUM DOCTORAL
FELLOWSHIP

Qazi Arka Rahman

OGEL OUTSTANDING MERIT
FELLOWSHIP

Cody Grey

SUMMER HUMANITIES
INTERNSHIP

Jennifer Peedin
Yu Uchida
Gabriella Pishotti

WVU FOUNDATION
DISTINGUISHED
DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP

Gabriella Pishotti



Undergraduate Recognition

EBERLY COLLEGE
OUTSTANDING SENIOR
ENGLISH MAJOR

Tucker Nadeau

CAPTAIN WILLIAM NEELY
AWARD FOR
OUTSTANDING
SOPHOMORE

Caitlin Mead

BLANCHE HASKINS
LOUGH CAPICOLA
SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established to recognize outstanding students who are English majors in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences.

Alicyn Craig
Jordan Howes
Lauren Lee
Mary Linscheid
Devin Price
Lauren Volk

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.

Sara Money
Megan Swiger

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.

Brooke Boyer

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.

Caitlin Mead

ELSIE M. AND ETHEL M. JONES SCHOLARSHIP

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

Heather O'Brien

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Valerie Browne

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 Bruceton Mills and cowrote many books and articles about grouse hunting, bird dogs, and life in Appalachia.

Autumn Fitzsimmons

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.

Mary Linscheid

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.

Claire Graser

SIGMA TAU DELTA INDUCTEES

(International English Honor Society)

Kaytely Carpenter
Hannah Courtney
Rachel Killough
Allison May
Jordan Pugh
Samuel Summers

SIGMA TAU DELTA OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Adam Komisaruk