

# ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL WRITING COMPETITION

**ENTRY DEADLINE: Thursday, May 8, 2008**

The English Department announces the annual competition for prizes in writing. The prizes are cash awards ranging from \$50 to \$500. We encourage students from every department and school within Northwestern to compete according to the guidelines below.

Any original work is eligible, whether or not it was written for a class. All comments by teachers on course papers, however, should be redacted, or the manuscript retyped. A legible photocopy is acceptable; handwritten work is not acceptable. Please follow these rules:

- 1 Students may not enter competitions for which they are not eligible.
- 2 Students may submit only one work per genre.
- 3 The maximum length for essay and fiction is 20 pages; the maximum length for a poetry manuscript is 10 pages or 3 poems. Students should submit only one copy of each work.

A cover sheet (on back) should be filled out and attached to each piece of work turned in. **The author's name must not appear on the work itself.** Work will be judged anonymously and identified afterward through the cover sheets.

MANUSCRIPTS MUST BE TURNED IN AT UNIVERSITY HALL 215 BY 3:00 P.M., Thursday, May 8, 2008. MANUSCRIPTS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

## AWARD

The EDWIN L. SHUMAN ESSAY AWARDS are offered for both critical and personal essays.

The EDWIN L. SHUMAN AWARDS IN FICTION are awarded for short stories.

The FARICY AWARD FOR POETRY may be divided among two or more students.

The JEAN MEYER ALOE POETRY PRIZE from THE ACADEMY OF AMERICAN POETS is offered for one outstanding poem.

The two TRIQUARTERLY PRIZES are offered in the categories of fiction or essay.

The MAYO PRIZE is awarded for the best paper submitted each year in English 298.

The HARRIET GILLIAM MEMORIAL PRIZE for the best essay dealing with the psychological or psychoanalytic interpretation of a literary text.

The HELEN G. SCOTT PRIZE FOR CREATIVE WRITING

The HELEN G. SCOTT PRIZE FOR Best Critical Essay on Literature, pre-1798

The HELEN G. SCOTT PRIZE FOR Best Critical Essay in American Literature

The HELEN G. SCOTT PRIZE FOR Best Critical Essay on Literary Criticism and Theory

The HELEN G. SCOTT PRIZE FOR Best Research Paper on Literature

## ELIGIBILITY

ESSAY Any WCAS undergraduate

FICTION Any WCAS undergraduate

POETRY Any University undergraduate

POETRY Any University graduate student or undergraduate

FICTION OR ESSAY Any University graduate student or undergraduate

298 PAPER 298 students

ESSAY Any University undergraduate

CREATIVE WRITING Any University undergraduate

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In addition to the prizes listed above, the department will annually present the following awards to students who have demonstrated continued excellence in their work in the English Department. Students should **NOT** apply directly for these prizes.

**EDWIN L. SHUMAN AWARDS:** The Shuman Junior-year Award in Literature will be awarded to the best English Major who has completed 298 and five 300-level courses in the major.

The Shuman Junior-year Award in Writing will be awarded to the best junior English Major in Writing.

The Shuman Senior Award in Literature will be awarded to the best senior major in English and American Literature or the Teaching of English. The Shuman Senior Award in Writing will be awarded to the best senior English Major in Writing.

ALL WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS CEREMONY AT  
3:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 30, Location TBD.

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**\*\*\*COVER SHEET\*\*\***

FULL NAME _____ NU Netid: _____	
E-Mail _____	
Telephone (local) _____	Telephone (permanent) _____
Address (local) _____	Address (summer/perm) _____
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_____	_____
School and Class _____	Major _____

**GENRE (only one submission per genre)**

**Essay** (circle one appropriate sub-category:)

- Pre-1798
- American Literature
- Literary Theory & Criticism
- Psychoanalytic/Psychological
- Popular/Personal
- Research
- Other

**Fiction**

**Creative Nonfiction**

**Poetry**

**298 Paper**

**TITLE OF ENTRY:**