Scholarships & Awards – 2010

The English department at NMSU awards a number of scholarships and prizes to outstanding undergraduate and graduate students in our programs.

The following are the 2010 award winners:

Undergraduate Awards

Paideia Documented Argument Contest

Students enrolled in ENGL 111 in the summer or fall of the year the award is given are eligible to win. Three Documented Arguments will be selected as winners with a monetary prize and will have the opportunity to be published in the upcoming Paideia issue. Awards will be decided by the Writing Program Administrators.

• 1st place: Elizabeth Nanez, “It’s Not all Trash: Improving New Mexico’s Recycling Programs”
• 2nd place: Mariam Yazdi, “Music as the Stethoscope and Syringe”
• 3rd place: Natalie Alvarez, “More Pounds of Copper, Unhealthy Living, or a Happy Medium”
• Honorable Mention: Naomi Baca, “Teen Pregnancies in Luna County: Blaming the State for High Ranking”
• Honorable Mention: Amber Olive, “Why College Players Should Not Be Allowed to Play in the 18u Gold Division”

LOLA Awards

• Anne Carson Prize: Bryant Million, poems
• Antonya Nelson Prize: Ana Virgin, Look but Don’t Touch
• Alex Parson Prize: Robin DeGuzman, The Napkin
• C. D. Wright Prize: Camilo Roldan, poems
• Kevin McIlvoy Prize: Daniel Radlemon, Rescue
• Phillip Levine Prize: Aaron Daugherty, poems
• Robert Boswell Prize: Avra Elliott, A Father in the Snow
• Ted Conover Award for Nonfiction: Suzanna Tharp, Deliver Me: Proclamation of a People
• Ted Conover Award for Nonfiction: Karen Trujillo, Breast Tissue
• Wallace Stevens Prize: Clifton Butt, Wheeless Methodist
Robert A. Wichert Endowed Memorial Award for Creative Writing

Two awards will be given to undergraduate students who have written an outstanding piece of fiction, poetry, or drama in an English class. The winners of this award are determined by the Creative Writing faculty.

- Abigail Gavit, *The Loop*
- Michelle Granger, poems
- Luke Luna, *Family Traditions*
- Carrie Tafoya, poems

Dr. Larry L. Wilson Endowed Memorial Scholarship

This award is given to a New Mexico resident majoring in English with a GPA of 3.0 or better who demonstrates financial need, but does not qualify for aid. Determined by the Department Head in consultation with Financial Aid. Preference is to returning students.

- Chenoa Block

Joseph H. Forsyth Endowed Memorial Scholarship

One or more native New Mexican juniors majoring in English with a 3.5 GPA or better can be awarded this scholarship. The Department Head determines the winner.

- Jessamyn Buttram

Marion P. Hardman Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Two awards will be given to outstanding juniors or seniors majoring in English. Students must have completed 80 credits to be eligible. The Undergraduate Studies Committee determines the winners.

- Jessica Gonzalez
- Charlotte Williams

Mary Powell Ambrose Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Award to an outstanding junior or senior English major, the winner of this scholarship is selected by the Undergraduate Studies Committee.

- Avra Elliott

Sutherland-McManus Memorial English Scholarships

Two awards are given to undergraduate students who have submitted a piece of work that was originally written for an English class. The categories are: 1) the best literary critical essay and 2) the best work of nonfiction prose (including essays, reports, and electronic
documents). This award is decided by the Undergraduate Studies Committee. From these two winners, the Emerson Award winner will be determined.

- Michael Harrell, “Nature of Infinity and Form: The Paradox of Borges’ The Book of Sand” (literary criticism)
- Abigail Gavit, “The Loop” (nonfiction prose)

**Emerson Award**

*Selected from the Sutherland-McManus Memorial English Scholarship winners, this award recognizes outstanding writing by an undergraduate student in English. This award is decided by the Undergraduate Studies Committee. No applications accepted.*

- Michael Harrell

**Verna Newman Rule Endowed Memorial Scholarship**

*Determined by the Department Head, this award is given to a junior or senior student with the highest GPA. If there is a GPA tie, the number of credit hours will be used as a criterion. No applications accepted.*

- Susan Goodheer
- Daniel Randalone

**Graduate Awards**

**Frank Waters Fiction Lectureships**

*Awarded to three outstanding graduate students enrolled in the MFA in Creative Writing program. This award is decided by an outside judge and the Creative Writing faculty.*

- 1st place: Christopher Rosenbluth
- 2nd place: Melanie Sweeney Bowen
- 3rd place: Tracey Meginnis

**Harris-Kunz Endowed Award in Poetry**

- Allison Layfield
- Joshua Wheeler

**Keith Wilson & Joe Somoza Poetry Prize**

*In honor of retired NMSU faculty members Keith Wilson and Joe Somoza. Three awards are decided by an outside judge in cooperation with the Creative Writing faculty, and are awarded to outstanding graduate students enrolled in the MFA in Creative Writing program.*

- 1st place: Robbie Wendeborn
- 2nd place: Carrie Murphy
- 3rd place: Adam Crittenden
Mary L. and Ellis Writing Endowed Writing Scholarship

- Erin Reardon
- Robbie Wendeborn
- EmmaLee Pallai
- Anna Pattison
- Chris Schacht

Mercedes Jacobs Book Prize

- Candice Morrow (fiction)
- Krystal Languell (poetry)

Ruth Scott Academy of American Poets Prize

An graduate student poet enrolled in the MFA in Creative Writing program is awarded this prize which is decided by an outside judge and the Creative Writing faculty. For more information, contact the Creative Writing faculty chair.

- Elizabeth Brasher

Charles & Pamela Sphar Scholarship

For an outstanding female English Department graduate student with a GPA of 3.0 or better in need of financial assistance, this scholarship is selected by the English Department Head in consultation with the Graduate Studies Committee and Financial Aid Office.

- Moushumi Biswas

Emerson Award

Selected from the Sutherland-McManus Memorial English Scholarship winners, this award recognizes outstanding writing by a graduate student in English. This award is decided by the Graduate Studies Committee. No applications accepted

- Floydd Michael Elliott

English Department Research & Creative Activities Award

One or more small awards will be awarded in support of expenses related to their academic research or creative activities. The Graduate Studies Committee makes recommendations to the Department Head.

- Melanie Sweeney Bowen
- Peter Brooks
- Rachel Gallagher
- Phillip Hurst
- Robbie Wendeborn
Stuart C. Brown Award for Excellence in Writing and Teaching

Awarded annually to one or more outstanding graduate students in Rhetoric and Professional Communication.

- Marc Scott

EGSO Symposium Award

The English Graduate Student Organization awards this to a student who had the best presentation at the EGSO Symposium. No applications accepted.

- Lauren Goldstein

Sutherland-McManus Scholarships

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- Flyodd Michael Elliott (literary criticism)
- Julia Smith (literary criticism)
- Christopher Rosenbluth (nonfiction prose)

Verna Newman Rule Scholarship

Determined by the Department Head, this award is given to an outstanding master’s and doctoral student with the highest GPA. No applications accepted.

- Mais Al-Khateeb
- Qiumin Dong

LOLA Awards

- Issac Bashevis Singer Prize: Anna Pattison
- Lydia Davis Award: Erin Reardon
- Eudora Welty Award: Chris Schacht
- Award for Literary Criticism: Mellissa Burk
- Charles Bowden Award: Heather Frankland
- Luis Cernuda Poetry Award: Robert Houghton
- Alain de Botton Award: Phillip Hurst
- Edward Arlington Robinson Poetry Award: Jeff Pickell
- Jacob Glatstein Poetry Award: Nathan Taylor

Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences Instructor of the Year

- 1st place: Laura Williams
- 2nd place: Heather Frankland
NM Higher Education Department Fellowship Award

- Jennifer Bracken Scott
- Julia Smith

Graduate School's Graduate Assistantship Award

- Daniel Cameron
- Julia Smith
- Becki Graham

Graduate School's Tuition Fellowship

- Jennifer Bracken
- Kaleb Heinemann
- Melanie Sweeney Bowen

Graduate School's Merit-Based Enhancement Fellowship

- Marc Scott

Preparing Future Faculty Graduate Assistantship

- Adriana Caraballo

Watts Outstanding Leadership Graduate Student

- Heather Frankland

John Bruce Street Endowed Memorial Fund Faculty Award

- Ryan Cull
- Carmen Smith