Scholarships & Awards – 2011

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 Spring 2011 award winners:

**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: Katrina Flaherty, “Harvest Migration Takes a Negative Toll on Children” (Cheryl Nims, instructor)
- 2nd place: Valeria Ocana, “Who’s Fault is it Anyway?” (Heather Lang, instructor)
- 3rd place: Sasha Utz, “Chance for Chimps” (Heather Lang, instructor)
- Honorable Mention: Myra Llerenas, “Infringement on Our Privacy Rights” (Justin DeSenso, instructor)

**Incorporating Ethics into the Business Writing Curriculum**

- 1st place: Rachel Milloy
- 2nd place: Matthew Moberly
- 3rd place: Peter Brooks

**Mercedes Jacobs Thesis Prize**

- Fiction: Erin Reardon
- Poetry: Heather Frankland

**Mary L. and Ellis Wright Award**

- Spencer Taylor
- Seth Wilson

**Kevin McIlvoy Endowed Fellowship**

- Michael Floydd Elliott
The following are the Fall 2011 award winners:

*Undergraduate Awards*

**Paideia Documented Argument Contest**

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- 1st place: Noelle Dorrance
- 2nd place: Tai Phan
- 3rd place: Meta Needle

**LOLA Awards**

- Karen Trujillo, The Arturo Islas Fiction Prize
- Patrick Valentine, The Besmir Brigham Prize

**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, poetry
- Katherine Seltzer, fiction
- Francisca Zimmerman-Hakes, drama

**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.*

- Claire Koleske

**Elizabeth Jean Wichert Endowed Memorial Scholarship**

*This scholarship is given to one or more seniors majoring in English.*

- Genvieve DesGeorge

**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.*
• Alheli Harvey

**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.*

• Miriam Armstrong

**Lucille Earnhart Roney Scholarship**

• Renee Chavez

**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.*

• Julie Harris
• Karen Trujillo

**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.*

• Alheli Harvey

**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.*

• Abram Despain
• Julie Harris

**Vera 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.*

• Diane Aragon
• Emma Ruben
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: Phillip Hurst
- 2nd place: Melanie Sweeney Bowen
- 3rd place: Joshua Bowen
- Honorable Mention: Chris Rosenbluth and Robert Mills

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: Nathan Taylor
- 2nd place: Jennifer Eldridge
- 3rd place: Michael Floydd Elliott
- Honorable Mention: Jeanine Deibel, Jeffrey Pickell, and Megan Wong

Ruth Scott Academy of American Poets Prize

A 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.

- Adam Crittenden

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.

- Camille Acker
- Adriana Caraballo

Elizabeth Jean Wichert Scholarship

This scholarship is given to one or more English Department graduate students.

- Matthew Moberly

Emerson Award

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• Christopher Rosenbluth

**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.*

• Mellissa Burk
• Lauren Goldstein
• Megan Wong

**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.*

• Kelsie Hahn
• Jennifer Bracken Scott

**Sutherland-McManus Scholarships**

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• Meghan McGuire, critical nonfiction prose
• Christopher Rosenbluth, creative nonfiction prose
• Kandida Gendron, literary criticism
• Joshua Bowen, Michael Floydd Elliott, and Kelsie Hahn, honorable mention

**Vera 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.*

• Heather Lang
• Marc Scott

**Tuition Fellowship Award**

• Jennifer England
• Kandida Gendron
• Omar Montoya

**Merit-based Enhancement Fellowship**

• Matthew Moberly
• Megan Wong
Outstanding Graduate Assistantship Award

- Rachel Milloy
- Seth Myers
- Marc Scott

Preparing Future Faculty Graduate Assistantship

- Jeffrey Pickell

Fellowship Award of the NM Higher Education Department

- Kandida Gendron