CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Awards and Prizes
2015 – 2016

AWARDS CEREMONY
THURSDAY, MAY 12TH 2016, NOON-2PM
SHEPARD HALL 250
GUIDELINES FOR ENTERING CONTESTS

The deadline for submission of all manuscripts is:

Monday, March 28th, 2016 at 5pm

Manuscripts received after the deadline will not be considered. The winners will be notified by the end of April 2016.

1) Letters requesting consideration for the various Awards for General Excellence should be submitted by students to the main office, NA 6/219. Letters should be addressed to the Mack Committee.

2) All manuscripts must be typed on 8 1/2" X 11" paper and double-spaced. Poetry may be single-spaced. Handwritten manuscripts will automatically be disqualified.

3) The manuscript title and the name of the award sought must appear on each manuscript’s first page. With the exception of the Goodman Fund Grant entries, all manuscripts must be submitted without the name of the author anywhere on the manuscript.

4) You may enter as many contests as you wish; however, each contest requires its own unique entry. The same manuscript cannot be submitted for more than one award. In addition, multiple entries for a single award are not permitted: one manuscript for each award.

5) Each entry must include a 3” x 5” index card containing the following information:

Name
Full Address (including zip code)
Telephone Number(s)
I.D. Number (CUNYFirst EMPLID)
E-Mail Address
Name of Award
Title of the Manuscript

All winning manuscripts will be considered for publication in Promethean. Manuscripts will not be returned. Please keep a hard copy and an electronic copy of your work.

Not every award will necessarily be made - depending on judges’ decision.
February 2016

Dear Students and Faculty:

I invite you to participate in the English Department 2015-2016 Awards and Prizes contest. The long list of awards that follows is testimony to the outstanding accomplishments of our students; to the loyal support of alumni, faculty, and friends who have funded these awards; and to the strength of the department that supports such a vibrant community.

The booklet describes this year’s awards and prizes along with the description and criteria for submission. In addition, all of the winning manuscripts will be considered for publication in Promethean, City College’s official literary journal.

Please feel free to visit the English Department office if you have any questions.

I look forward to celebrating your accomplishments at our awards ceremony on May 12.

Sincerely,

Renata K. Miller  
Chair and Associate Professor
CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS (MULTIPLE GENRES)
THE DORIS LIPPMAN PRIZE IN CREATIVE WRITING
THE DAVID DORTORT PRIZE IN CREATIVE WRITING
THE JEROME LOWELL DEJUR PRIZE IN CREATIVE WRITING
THE DORTORT FAMILY UNDERGRADUATE PRIZE IN CREATIVE WRITING
THE HENRY ROTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
THE GOODMAN FUND GRANTS
THE GOODMAN FUND SHORT STORY AWARD
THE GRADUATE CHILDREN'S WRITING AWARD
THE UNDERGRADUATE CHILDREN'S WRITING AWARD

POETRY AWARDS
THE DAVID MARKOWITZ POETRY AWARD
THE ESTHER UNGER POETRY PRIZE
THE GOODMAN FUND POETRY AWARD

ESSAY AWARDS
THE ALLAN DANZIG MEMORIAL AWARD IN VICTORIAN & ROMANTIC LITERATURE
THE DAVID MARKOWITZ ESSAY AWARD
THE RIGGS GOLD MEDAL ESSAY AWARD
THE MEYER COHN GRADUATE ESSAY AWARD IN LITERATURE

THE IRWIN AND ALICE STARK AWARDS
THE STARK SHORT FICTION PRIZE
THE STARK AWARD IN FICTION IN HONOR OF HENRY R. ROTH
THE STARK AWARD IN DRAMA IN MEMORY OF ROSS ALEXANDER
THE STARK POETRY PRIZE IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND PATTERSON
THE STARK AWARD FOR ESSAY IN LITERATURE
THE STARK ENGLISH COMPOSITION AWARD IN MEMORY OF MINA SHAUGHNESSY

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THE LILLIAN FEDER SCHOLARSHIP
THE JULIUS AND ELIZABETH ISAACS SCHOLARSHIP
THE MARGARET HALMY PRIZE
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THE TEACHER-WRITER AWARD
CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS

THE DORIS LIPPMAN PRIZE IN CREATIVE WRITING
Graduate (Award: $5000)
For the most accomplished piece of work by a student in the Graduate Program in Creative Writing.
The Doris Lippman Prize will be awarded to the most accomplished manuscript selected from the Dortort and Dejur Prize submissions.

THE DAVID DORTORT PRIZE IN CREATIVE WRITING
Graduate (Award: one in non-fiction & one in playwriting, each award $2,000) ★
For accomplished individual pieces of work.

THE JEROME LOWELL DEJUR PRIZE IN CREATIVE WRITING
Graduate (Award: one in poetry & one in fiction, each award $2,000) ★
For accomplished individual pieces of work.

★ The Dejur & Dortort prizes require submission of a significant manuscript. Students submitting in more than one genre will need to submit separate manuscripts.

THE DORTORT FAMILY UNDERGRADUATE PRIZE IN CREATIVE WRITING
Undergraduate (Award: $5,000 by faculty nomination only)
For the most accomplished piece of work by an undergraduate in creative writing in the opinion of a nominating faculty member. (Letters of nomination are to be submitted to Prof. Renata Miller.)

THE HENRY ROTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Graduate or Undergraduate (Award: $150)
To be awarded annually to a student whose writing and life-experiences embody the values celebrated in Roth’s work and who best exemplifies the literary tradition celebrating the immigrant experience and the triumph of the individual spirit.

THE GOODMAN FUND GRANTS
Graduate or Graduating Seniors (Award: one or more prizes up to $200)
those interested in applying for this award should submit substantial examples of their work (published or unpublished) as well as a resume, two letters of reference, and a statement concerning the creative project to be accomplished should the loan be granted. The loan must be repaid within three months after awarded.

THE GOODMAN FUND SHORT STORY AWARD
Undergraduate (Award: $200)
For an outstanding short story by an undergraduate. Only one short story may be submitted by each student.

THE GRADUATE CHILDREN’S WRITING AWARD
Graduate (Award: $100)
For an excellent children’s picture book, story, chapter book or “young adult” (YA) book by a graduate student.

THE UNDERGRADUATE CHILDREN’S WRITING AWARD
Undergraduate (Award: $100)
For an excellent children’s picture book, story, chapter book or “young adult” (YA) book by an undergraduate student.
POETRY AWARDS

THE DAVID MARKOWITZ POETRY AWARD
Undergraduate (Award: $150)
For outstanding work in poetry by an undergraduate. Submit between 5 and 15 pages.

THE ESTHER UNGER POETRY PRIZE
Undergraduate (Award: $200)
For an undergraduate whose work addresses significant local or international social issues (though not necessarily political themes), or that honestly confronts the reality of our common human condition.

THE GOODMAN FUND POETRY AWARD
Undergraduate--to be divided as the committee determines (Award: $200)
For outstanding poetry by an undergraduate. Submit between 5 and 12 pages.

ESSAY AWARDS

THE ALLAN DANZIG MEMORIAL AWARD IN VICTORIAN & ROMANTIC LITERATURE
Undergraduate (Award: $200)
For the best essay by an undergraduate on Romantic or Victorian Literature.

THE DAVID MARKOWITZ ESSAY AWARD
Undergraduate (Award: $150)
For the best essay by an undergraduate on any poem or poetical topic.

THE RIGGS GOLD MEDAL ESSAY AWARD
Undergraduate (Award: $200)
For the best biographical or personal essay by an undergraduate.

THE MEYER COHN GRADUATE ESSAY AWARD IN LITERATURE
Graduate (Award: $200)
For the best essay in literary criticism. An M.A. graduate thesis will not be considered.
THE IRWIN AND ALICE STARK AWARDS

THE STARK SHORT FICTION PRIZE
Graduate or Undergraduate (Award: $200)
For an outstanding work of short fiction (e.g., a short story or novella) by a graduate or an undergraduate student.

THE STARK AWARD IN FICTION IN HONOR OF HENRY R. ROTH
Undergraduate (Award: $200)
For the year’s best work in short fiction by an undergraduate.

THE STARK AWARD IN DRAMA IN MEMORY OF ROSS ALEXANDER
Graduate or Undergraduate (Award: $200)
For excellence in playwriting by an undergraduate or graduate student. Submit either a one-act or a full-length play.

THE STARK POETRY PRIZE IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND PATTERSON
Graduate (Award: $200)
For outstanding poetry by a graduate student. Submit between 5 and 12 pages.

THE STARK ESSAY AWARD IN LITERATURE
Undergraduate (Award: $200)
For the best essay on literature.

THE STARK ENGLISH COMPOSITION AWARD IN MEMORY OF MINA SHAUGHNESSY
Undergraduate (Award: $200)
For the best student essay(s) written in Freshman Composition class. Manuscripts must be submitted by the instructor ONLY.
AWARDS FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE

THE DAVID DORTORT UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP
Undergraduate
(Award: one prize up to $10,000 depending on the student’s eligibility)
One fellowship for an outstanding sophomore or junior English major in creative writing.
Students must have GPAs over 3.5 to apply for this fellowship, and must submit the following to Prof. Renata Miller:
- A letter of application
- Letters of recommendation from TWO faculty members

THE LILLIAN FEDER SCHOLARSHIP
Graduate or Undergraduate
(Scholarship for one year, or stipend prorated in the amount of full-time in-state tuition)
A merit scholarship for an undergraduate student concentrating in literature, or a graduate student in the MA in Literature.
Applicant must have a 3.7 minimum GPA, and should submit a letter of interest stating eligibility, merit and need, and providing the names of three City College faculty who can address merit and qualifications to Prof. Renata Miller/The Mack Committee.

THE JULIUS AND ELIZABETH ISAACS SCHOLARSHIP
A student must be a freshman or sophomore at City College with a general 3.3. GPA and a 3.5 GPA in English class
(Stripend: $2,500 per semester)
This scholarship is available to students who will major in English and study other languages, especially Greek and Latin.

THE MARGARET HALMY PRIZE
Undergraduate (Award: $500)
A prize to an undergraduate who is interested in the pursuit of creative or professional writing as a career and who is the first generation in his or her family to pursue a college degree. To apply, submit a personal narrative of 500-1250 words detailing eligibility, ambitions and goals, and providing the names of three City College faculty who can address the quality of your work to Prof. Renata Miller/The Mack Committee.

THE EDWARD C. AND RUTH P. MACK GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP
Graduating Senior (Award: $500)
For one or two graduating English majors who have demonstrated excellence, a potential for scholarship, and require assistance in pursuing graduate study in English.
(Preference will be given to students who have been accepted into a graduate English program.)
Students must have GPAs over 3.5 to apply for this fellowship, and must submit the following to Prof. Renata Miller/The Mack Committee:
- A letter of application
- Letters of recommendation from TWO faculty members
- If applicable, a letter of acceptance into the proposed graduate English program.
THE PAUL ROBERTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Undergraduate (Award: $500)
A scholarship for an English major based on academic performance and demonstrated financial need. Students must have GPAs over 3.5 to apply for this scholarship, and must submit the following to Prof. Renata Miller/The Mack Committee:
- A letter of application
- Letters of recommendation from TWO faculty members.

THE RICHARD SHEPHARD AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN WRITING
Undergraduate (Award: $500)
One award for an undergraduate who is going into his or her senior year, who has taken two creative writing classes, and who has demonstrated excellence in essays. To apply, students must submit the following to Prof. Renata Miller/The Mack Committee:
- A letter of application
- A sample essay

THE MARILYN STERNGLASS AWARDS IN LANGUAGE AND LITERACY:

THE MARILYN STERNGLASS WRITING AWARD
Graduate (Award: $200)
Presented to a graduate student for an essay, report, or story submitted in a Language and Literacy graduate course.

THE MARILYN STERNGLASS OVERALL MERIT AWARD
Graduate (Award: $200)
Presented to a matriculated Language and Literacy MA student who enrolled in either the Fall 2015 or Spring 2016 semesters or both.

To apply for this award, a student should submit the following:
- A letter of application
- An up-to-date CCNY transcript
- A 500-word personal statement by the student about academic achievement within the Language & Literacy MA program and related professional endeavors
- Optional: for this award the student may submit one essay or report written for credit in a CCNY Language and Literacy graduate course.

THE TONI CADE BAMBARA ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP
Undergraduate (Award: $200)
For an undergraduate full-time student in his or her senior year who has been accepted into a graduate program and who intends to be a writer.
To apply, students must submit the following to Prof. Renata Miller/The Mack Committee:
- A letter of application
- Letters of recommendation from TWO faculty members
- A letter of acceptance into the proposed graduate program.
THE WILLIAM BRADLEY OTIS FELLOWSHIP IN AMERICAN LITERATURE
Graduating Senior (Award: $200)
For a graduating senior who has performed outstandingly in American Literature courses.
To apply, students must submit the following to Prof. Renata Miller/The Mack Committee:
   A letter of application
   Letters of recommendation from TWO faculty members.

THE ALBERT FRIEND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MEDIEVAL STUDIES
Graduate or Graduating Senior (Award: $100)
For a graduating senior or a graduate student demonstrating excellence in medieval studies. To apply, students must submit the following to Prof. Renata Miller:
   A letter of application
   At least one essay in the subject area.

TEACHING AWARDS

THE NORMAN LEVINE OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD
Graduate (Award: $500)
For a City College Department of English graduate student who has demonstrated excellence in teaching City College undergraduates. Consideration by faculty nomination.

THE TEACHER-WRITER AWARD
Graduate (Award: $500)
For promise of a career combining dedicated teaching with achievement in creative writing or scholarship Consideration by faculty nomination.