

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS—SPRING 2015

All application materials must be submitted by the applicant to the English Department office (Sierra Tower 706) by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday April 30.

***** UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS *****

The Henry Van Slooten Scholarship in English

A prize of \$500 will be awarded to a student whose essay in ENGL 258, 259, 275, or 355 best demonstrates a passion for the English language.

The Lesley Johnstone Memorial Award

A prize of \$500 will be given to a student who is the author of the best written work on some aspect of the natural world or environment. Eligible work, whether scholarly or creative, must have been written in an English class or for a class-related conference or publication.

The Robert apRoberts English Honors Essay Prize

To commemorate Robert apRoberts, Professor Emeritus and founder of the Honors Program, an annual prize of \$250 will be awarded to the English Honors student whose paper completed in the Honors Revision Seminar (497A) is judged to be the best submitted during that academic year.

***** GRADUATE AWARDS *****

The Professor Mitchell Marcus Prize in English

In memory of Mitchell Marcus, a former Professor in the Department (1958-1983), a prize of \$3,000 will be awarded each spring semester to the graduate student whose achievements in the study of English are considered by the faculty as the most distinguished.

The Mahlon Gaumer Award

In honor of Mahlon Gaumer, a professor of English at CSUN from 1969-1997, who specialized in linguistics and Medieval literature, an award of \$500 will be given to a graduate student who is the author of the best critical essay on English literature—with emphasis on the use of language.

The Harry Finestone Award in English

In honor of Harry Finestone, a gifted teacher and innovative administrator at CSUN from 1962-1983, an award of \$750 will be presented each year to the graduate student with the most distinguished essay in the study of literature completed in the department's capstone graduate seminar, ENGL 698D. The essay must be nominated by the instructor of the course in which the student was enrolled. The Awards Committee will evaluate the nominated essays on the following criteria: originality of concept; potential scholarly impact; logical, effective organization; and clarity, coherence, and elegance of prose style. Eligible for nomination in Spring 2015 are those completed in 698D in the Fall of 2014 or the Spring of 2015.

If you have any questions about these awards, please contact Dr. Sharon Klein, 2014-15, Chair of the Awards Committee (sharon.klein@csun.edu)