

# 2017 Creative Writing Awards (English Department)

## Lois C. Bruner Creative Nonfiction Award

All Western Illinois University undergraduates, regardless of major, are welcome to submit their nonfiction writing to the Lois C. Bruner Creative Nonfiction contest. Creative nonfiction can include essays about life experiences—though these may fit into any of the following categories: travelogue, memoir, biography, autobiography, nature writing, or cultural critique. Both voice and style will be weighed heavily in the judging. You may submit ONE essay of up to 5,000 words. Work must be your own! Several cash prizes and honorable mentions will be awarded.

## Cordell Larner Award in Fiction and Poetry

All Western Illinois University undergraduates, regardless of major, are welcome to submit their fiction and poetry to the Cordell Larner Award in Fiction and Poetry contest. Work must be your own! Fiction can include stories about anything and everything you desire. You may submit ONE short story of up to 5,000 words. Poetry can include poems in any form/style. You may submit up to 3 poems. You can submit **BOTH** a fiction piece and 3 poems. The two genres (fiction and poetry) will be judged separately and awarded cash prizes separately.

## Submission Requirements:

- Nonfiction entries must be typed, double-spaced (no more than 5,000 words)
- Fiction entries must be typed, double-spaced (no more than 5,000 words)
- Poetry entries must be typed, single-spaced (no more than 3 poems)
- Please write or type the exact name of the contest you are entering on the first page of your entry.
- Make sure your name and contact information are printed on every page of your piece.
- Paperclip or staple the pages of your entry; no additional binding, folders, or envelopes are required.
- Do not submit the original copy of your work—entries will not be returned.
- **Submit submissions to the Department of English in Simpkins 124 (there are boxes in the front room to the left) no later than 4:00 PM on March 10th, 2017.**

## Important Notes:

- The final judges for the contests will be professional writers.
- All entrants and their friends/family are invited to participate in the English awards ceremony on April 20 to receive their cash prize and award! Winning authors will be notified prior to this event.
- Winners will automatically be published in *Elements* (the magazine of creative work that WIU's English Department has been producing for over 50 years).