

LAF 2015

Festival Directors: Caroline Hellman & Robert Ostrom

Writing Competition Coordinators: Rebecca Devers, Alan Lovegreen & Jennifer Sears

Film: Robert Leston

LAF in the Classroom: Jennifer Sears

Reception Coordinators: Renata Ferdinand & Laura Westengard

Social Media: Jody Rosen

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George Guida • Caroline Hellman • Reneta Lansiquot • Alan Lovegreen • Mary Nilles
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FESTIVAL DESIGN

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SOUND DESIGN

Miguel Maldonado

SPECIAL THANKS

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Dr. Stephen Soiffer; Ms. Shani Tait; Ms. Marilyn Morrison

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English Department: Dr. Nina Bannett, English Department Chairperson; Dr. Jane Mushabac;
Dr. Julian Williams; Dr. Monique Ferrell; Ms. Laura Kodet; Ms. Lily Lam

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34th Annual Literary Arts Festival

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**26 March 2015
Voorhees Theater**

Welcome

World Premiere of LAF 2015 Film

Dr. Russell Hotzler, President
Caroline Hellman & Robert Ostrom, Co-Directors
Kassandra Rodriguez Urbas & Emmanuel Louis, LAF Hosts

Readings & Performances

Everlene Sam, "Claudine's Journey"
Mijori Goodwin, "At Last"
Anita Jiang, "The Memory of My Grandmother"
Superlative Sain (Matthew Munroe), "The Thinker"
Raquel Koiner, "Compromises"
Andrew Richard Blais, "Poem For a Golden Moon in the Southwest Sky"
Brachah Goykadosh, "Toxic"
Michka Morris, "To Mend What's Broken"
Carole Harris, "Fallout"
Bryan Williams, "The Swarm of Terror"
Christopher Moye & Van Edwards, "The Big Bang"
George Guida, "Brooklyn is a Brand"

Tribute to a LAF Icon

Caroline Hellman
Film by Robert Leston

Reading

CityTech Peace Officer David Edwards, AKA Poetic Justice

Introduction of Special Guest

Anthony Chigbo Agbasionwe

Special Guest

Dinaw Mengestu

2015 Writing Competition Award Presentation

Professors Rebecca Devers, Alan Lovegreen, & Jennifer Sears

Adolphus Lee Poetry Award

1st Place: Raquel Koiner, "Compromises"
2nd Place: Crystal Allen, "He Is the God of Miracles"
3rd Place: Spencer Renna Goldfarb, "Children"

Charles Matusik Fiction Award

1st Place: Michka Morris, "To Mend What's Broken"
2nd Place: Tahmida Kalam, "Only You Can Erase Your Book"
3rd Place: Tajay Douglas, "Fish for Forever"

Honorable Mention: Brittney Anne Gelabert, "Dragon's Bane: Love & Hate Powered by Blood"

Lou Rivers Drama Award

1st Place: Carlos Moises Zapata, Jr., "A Typical Library Patron"
2nd Place (tie): Hugh Craig, "Courting"
Victoria Meltzer, "Missed Connection"
3rd Place: Madeline Velez, "Writing is Fundamental but Character is Essential"

Alan Kay Literary Criticism Award

1st Place: Raquel Koiner, "Experience in New York"
2nd Place (tie): Tajay Douglass, "A Clockwork Orange (Analysis)"
Laura Marlene Storch, "A Different Kind of Interpretation:
An Analysis of Susan Sontag's *Against Interpretation*"
3rd Place: Christopher Magloire, "The Great Gatsby: A Masterpiece"

Judith Walter Personal Essay Award

Presented by Dr. Nina Bannett

1st Place: Anita Jiang, "The Memory of My Grandmother"
2nd Place: Gurjeet Singh, "The Misfit"
3rd Place: Jesabel Nunez, "My Daily Life as a McDonald's Employee"

E. B. White Award for Best Essay on New York

1st Place: Everlene Sam, "Claudine's Journey"
2nd Place: Christopher Magloire, "My Bite Out of the Big Apple"
3rd Place (tie): Kenisha Butler, "Willie Perdomo's 'Where I'm From': I'm From There, Too"
Angela Teeraj, "New York Wolf"
Honorable Mention: Sandy Clafford, "New York State of Mind"

E. B. White Award for Best Essay on New York by an ESOL Student

1st Place: Nina Petrica, "My New York"
2nd Place: Xiaodan Zhang, "This is My New York"
3rd Place: Xiao Chen, "Falling in Love with New York"

Michele Forsten Advocacy Award

Presented by Dr. Stephen Soiffer

1st Place: Hope Gozo, "Give More to the 'Takers'"
2nd Place (tie): Paulette Baugh, "Abida of Afghanistan"
Arturo Axel Murillo, "In the Name of..."
3rd Place: Louis Aguiar, "Breaking the Cycle of Poverty"

Charles Hirsch Faculty & Staff Award

Presented by Dr. Aaron Barlow

Poetry: Andrew Richard Blais, "Poem for a Golden Moon in the Southwest Sky"
Fiction: Brachah Goykadosh, "Toxic"
Essay (tie): Laura Kodet, "Hope Springs Internal" & Carole K. Harris, "Fallout"

Reception & Book Signing to Follow in Voorhees Dining Hall
Hosted by Student Government Association