

City Tech's 41st Annual Literary Arts Festival

Thursday, March 24, 2022, 4:30 pm on Zoom

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Welcome

Dr. Russell Hotzler, President

Dr. Megan Behrent, LAF Director

"City Tech Writer Documentary on Asian Students and Faculty" by Dr. Lucas Kwong

Abigail Thomas & Matthew Ahrens, LAF Hosts

Readings & Performances

Paige Sanderson, "City Tech, My Love"

Arnold Ludd, "More than a Theory, 'Pass it On,'" featuring Inspiring Minds NYC

Christy Martinez, "Memory Keeper of When I Didn't Have Anxiety or Depression"

Samiha Ahmad, "My Everything"

Cecilia Lee, "1968"

Elaine Suarez, "Mi Niñez en Gachantiva"

Mervet Tayeh, "Observing Through a Different Lens"

Introduction of Guest Author

Abigail Thomas

Special Guest Author

Layli Long Soldier

Q&A with Author

LAF Writing Competition Award Winners & Farewell

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2022 LAF Writing Competition Award Winners

Adolphus Lee Poetry Award

1st Place: Christy Martinez, "Memory Keeper of When I Didn't Have Anxiety or Depression"

2nd Place: Elaine Suarez, "Mi Niñez en Gachantiva"

3rd Place: Shylin Ferrera, "Euphoric"

Honorable Mention: Aaliyah Corke, "Emotions"

Charles Matusik Fiction Award

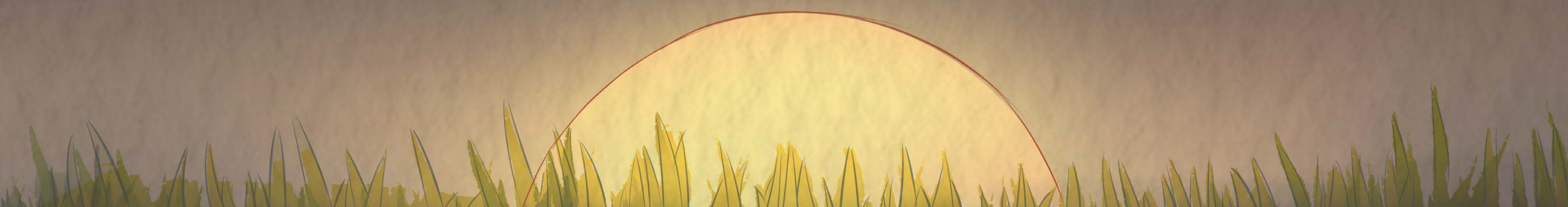
1st Place: Samiha Ahmad, "My Everything"

Walter-Scanlon Creative Non-Fiction Award

1st Place: Rachel Gunther, "Electrocution"

2nd Place: Brandon Flores, "Addiction. Self?"

3rd Place: Cecilia Lee, "1968"



Michele Forsten Advocacy Award

- 1st Place: Mervet Tayeh, “Observing Through a Different Lens”
- 2nd Place (tied): Gabrielle Navarro, “Outside my Bedroom Window”
- 2nd Place (tied): Nayely Calixto, “Mija: A Love Language”

Aaron Barlow Journalism Award

- 1st Place: Arnold Ludd “More than a Theory, ‘Pass it On,’” featuring Inspiring Minds NYC

Mary Nilles Award for City Tech Spirit

- 1st Place: Paige Sanderson, “City Tech, My Love”

With Gratitude to

President Russell Hotzler, Interim Provost & VP of Academic Affairs Pamela Brown,
Dean of Arts & Sciences Justin Vasquez-Poritz,
Interim Special Assistant to the President, Caroline Hellman

Prof. Megan Behrent,
Event Director

Prof. Lucas Kwong,
Director of City Tech Writer Documentary & LAF Co-host

Evelyn Ng with the support of Philip Zeng the Faculty Commons Design Team,
Artwork & Design for LAF Poster, Program & Writing Competition

Abigail Thomas & Matthew Ahrens,
LAF Hosts

Profs. Kate Falvey, Jody Rosen, Jennifer Sears,
LAF Writing Competition Judges

Profs. Jennifer Sears & Rob Ostrom,
LAF in the Classroom

Prof. Jody Rosen,
LAF OpenLab & Social Media

Profs. Jason Ellis, Caroline Hellman, Lucas Kwong, Suzanne Miller,
Event Planning & Support

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Event Publicity & Support

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