

Winners of the 2004 Lester M. Wolfson Awards

Judge: Gerald Stern

Poetry

First Place: Mary Moon, "Dissatisfaction"

Second Place: Karen Chmielewski, "broccoli sticks to lipstick"

Short Fiction

First Place: Karen Neubauer, "Sissy's Story"

Second Place: Eric Gingerich, "Cursed"

Drama

First Place: Lisa A. Swartzentruber, "911"

Second Place: Mary Moon, "Stock Options"

Past Winners:

2003

Judge: Stephen Kuusisto

Poetry

First Place: Stephen T. Henn, "How to Avoid Being Put Back on the Ward"

Second Place: Jedediah Walls, "I Left Alone"

Fiction

First Place: Stephen T. Henn, "Drifting in Indiana"

Second Place: Anthony Smith, "Winter's Friendship"

Non-Fiction

First Place: Anne Farinella, "The American Coin"

Second Place: Mark Van Lue, "Peace at Ground Zero"

Drama

First Place: Jedediah Walls, "Broken Glass"

2002

Judge: Valerie Sayers

Poetry

First Place: Donald H. Winter, Jr., "Saturday Night Desperate"

Second Place: Stephen T. Henn, "Probabilities"

Fiction

First Place: Bryce Gypsy Rayne, "Fading Away"

Non-Fiction

First Place: Stephanie Scurto, "Masks of Women"

Drama

First Place: Kathryn Kolar, "Sisterly Love"

2001

Judge: Susan Neville

Poetry

First Place: Nicole Litty, "Sometimes a Peach is Just a Peach"

Second Place: Clifford Green, "Euchre on the Day Frogs Did Not Fall from the Sky"

Fiction

First Place: Derek M. Clardy, "A Living"

Second Place: Sharon Dettmer, "Crimson"

2000

Judge: Ray Hedin

Poetry

First Place: Jeremiah Wade, "They Say My Brother Was the Zodiac Killer"; "Tell Me What You Know about Dionysus"

Second Place: Melissa Snyder, "Hangover"

Fiction

First Place: Lisa Feldman, "Jacob's Ladder"

Second Place: Jesse Conrad, "You'd Better Get Movin' When PETA Takes Offense (with thanks to Old Bull Lee)"

Non-Fiction

First Place: Elizabeth Krager, "Imaginative Mothering: The Context of Stories"

Drama

First Place: Melissa Snyder, "Sally"

1999

Judge: Les Edgerton

Poetry

First Place: Audrey Butler, "Orange"

Second Place: Joe Coti, Several Poems

Fiction

First Place: Sean Hoade, "Father, Son, Holy Ghost"

Non-Fiction

First Place: Anne Raymer, "What the River Said"

Drama

First Place: Sean Hoade, "Who Killed JenBeret"

Second Place: Michael Neal, "How to Be Perfect"

1998

Judge: Michael Martone

Poetry

First Place: Anne Raymer, "South Bend Sunset, Valentine's Day"

Second Place: Steve Spencer, "Dead Bird Poetry"

Fiction

First Place: Sean Hoade, "Tough Love"

Second Place: Carol Elliott, "Angel of Mercy, Mercenary Light"

Non-Fiction

First Place: Carol Elliott, "The Bee Tree"

Second Place: Stephanie Wezeman, "Disclose It"

Drama

First Place: Carolyn Sherman, "Off the Merry-Go-Round"

Second Place: Michael Muhme, "A Dying Breed"

1997

Judge: Joshua Clover

Poetry

First Place: Gretchen M. Young, "Balance"

Second Place: John David Morris II, "Beggars at the Gate"

Fiction

First Place: Michael J. Kouroubetes, "My Afternoons with Nostradamus"

Non-Fiction

First Place: Gretchen M. Young, "The Burlap Sack"

Second Place: Todd A. Mikesell, "Golden Child"

Drama

First Place: Sean A. Hoade, "Switching Formats"

1996

Judge: Maura Stanton

Poetry

First Place: Amy Reese, "nyad"

Second Place: Joe Coti, "Connections"

Fiction

First Place: Rahnee Patrick, "Virtual Reality"

Second Place: Brenda Kay Roberts, "One to Grow On"

Non-Fiction

First Place: Christine Hensley-Behrend, "Slaughterhouse Education"

Second Place: Kimberly Wyatt, "Freefall"

Drama

First Place: Timothy Richardson, "To Write a Wrong"

Second Place: Timothy Richardson, "Toby's Play"

1995

Judge: Philip Baruth

Poetry

First Place: Cynthia D. Vander Ven, "The Floraville Cafe"

Second Place: Gary T. Czerwinski, "Pariah"

Fiction

First Place: Kelly L. Danielson, "Loss"

Non-Fiction

First Place: David S. Young, "Recovering from Mormonism and Learning to See"

Second Place: Gretchen M. Young, "Art of Being Amazed"

Drama

First Place: Karen M. Woodiel, "Stopping by Self on a Lonely Evening"

Second Place: Kirsten E. Golden-Devlin, "Another One of Those Victim Stories"

1994

Judge: Dian Beck

Poetry

First Place: David Lehr, "Nothing," "Sketch"

Fiction

First Place: Cynthia La Follette, "Dancing Skillets"

Drama

First Place: Kelly Burns, "Margery Matters"

1993

Poetry

First Place: Dian Beck

Second Place: Julia Mahon

Fiction

First Place: Kelly Burns

Second Place: Douglas Henderson

Non-Fiction

First Place: Emily Good

Drama

First Place: Polly Williams

Second Place: Michael Kouroubetes

1992

Poetry

First Place: Lynn Gaugler

Second Place: Maryann Moran

Fiction

First Place: Ellen Mathia

Second Place: Mary DeRidder

Non-Fiction

First Place: Theron Rulli

Second Place: Fred Arroyo

1991

Poetry

First Place: Harry Spigle

Fiction

First Place: Daniel Breen

Second Place: Gail Mancini

Non-Fiction

First Place: Kathy Kelsey

1990

Poetry

First Place: Nancy Botkin

Second Place: Michael Amato

Fiction

First Place: Michael Folker

Non-Fiction

First Place: Barbara Knowles

Second Place: Tracey Malesa

1989

Poetry

First Place: Naomi Spigle

Second Place: Nancy Botkin

Fiction

First Place: Julia Mahon

Second Place: Michael Folker

1988

Poetry

First Place: Naomi Spigle

Second Place: Nancy Botkin

Fiction

First Place: Scott L. Murphy

Second Place: Ronald N. Johnson

Non-Fiction

First Place: Linda Conyers