

**English & Comparative
Literature Department
Spring 2010 Awards
Ceremony**



San Jose State University

**Friday, April 30, 2010,
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**English & Comparative Literature
Department
Spring 2010 Awards Ceremony**

Virginia de Araujo, Academy of American Poets

Celebrity Judge: Marilyn Chin

1st Place: Julian Aguas, "Easter X"

Honorable Mention: Josh Cembellin, "First Catch"

Gwen-Florelei Luib, "A Little Princess Bride"

Lois King Thore Short Story Scholarship

Undergraduate: Laura Thomas

Graduate: Matt McCoy

**Marjorie McLaughlin Folendorf Award for
creative writing**

John Newman

***Dorritt Sibley Poetry Award**

Undergraduate: Jonathan Cook

Graduate: Evelyn So

***Ruth MacLean McGee Award for creative
nonfiction**

Liz McDonald

***Robert Woodward Award for excellence in
American literature**

Erin Angell

***Outstanding Teaching Associate**

Charanya Arjun

**Prof. Jack E. Fink & Maxine Hunt Fink
Scholarship for English Majors**

Pollyanna Macchiano

**Bonita M. Cox Award for Classical and Medieval
Studies**

Jane Cooper, "The Concept of Chivalry: Historical Reality and Literary Convention"

***The Schelby Sweeney Beowulf Prize**

Charanya Arjun

**Bonita M. Cox Award for Studies in Medieval
Literature:**

Lara Hubel, "Hwaer cwom maththumgyfa? Lost treasure words from Old English"

Bonita M. Cox Award for Creative Non-Fiction

1st Place: John Newman, "There are Always Sharks at Diaper Point"

2nd Place: Ruth Rabin, "Two Tenths of a Pound of Flesh or A Day in the Life of a Weight Watcher"

James O. Wood Shakespeare Award

Tuyen Nguyen

***Mara Steffey Award for excellence in
graduate studies**

Charanya Arjun

***Harvey Birenbaum Award for excellence in
the graduate study of literature**

Jan Adkins

***Shirley Nelson Iverson Award for a freshman
English major who wishes to become a teacher**

Jessica Apple

***Catherine Urban Scholarship for academic promise in writing**

1st Place: Nancy Larson, "What is Remembered?"

Marquez Scrambles Time in Solitude"

2nd Place: Danielle Roberts, "What Makes a Woman Good?"

***Roberta Holloway Award for outstanding scholarly achievement**

Joanne Shombert

***The Josephine Chandler Scholarship for academic excellence and commitment to study of the humanities**

Peter Skeehan

John O'Connell

Abraham and Eleanor Bezanker Scholarship

Darrell Dela Cruz

*Faculty Nomination

Phelan Metrical Verse Under 30 Lines

Undergraduate

1st Place: Laura Thomas, "Dear Persephone"

2nd Place: Kirk Hinton, "Near Vierville"

3rd Place: Julian Aguas, "White Lies of Schrodinger"

Honorable Mention: Danielle Roberts, "George Sullivan's Lament"

Graduate

1st Place: Erica Zimmermann, "Too Close for Comfort"

Honorable Mention: Evelyn So, "Freedom to Marry"

Phelan Metrical Verse Over 30 Lines

Undergraduate: Laura Thomas, "When You Were Very Young"

Graduate: David Kern, "The Oklahoma Wind"

Phelan Free Verse Under 30 Lines

Undergraduate

1st Place: Danielle Roberts, "Palimpsest"

2nd Place: Julian Aguas, "Two"

3rd Place: Rachel Lamb, "Unwanted"

Graduate

1st Place: David Kern, "Dog Days"

2nd Place: Evelyn So, "My Mother Growing Up in China"

3rd Place: Charanya Arjun, "Fornication"

Phelan Free Verse Over 30 Lines

Undergraduate

Rachel Lamb, "Opus 85"

Julian Aguas, "Time"

Graduate

1st Place: Josh Cembellin, "Eds Sophisticated"

2nd Place: David Kern, "Museum"

3rd Place: Josh Cembellin, "Waiting"

Phelan Humorous and Satirical Essay

1st Place: Colette O'Connor, "Death of a Doormat"

2nd Place: John Newman, "Long Live the King"

Phelan Familiar Essay

Matt McCoy, "The Sea"

Phelan Critical Essay

1st Place: Charanya Arjun, "Take to the Greenwood"

2nd Place: Erik Olson, "The Bulls Have No Balls"

3rd Place: Charanya Arjun, "Too Occidental for a Long Vigil"

Phelan Short Story Under 2,000 Words

Undergraduate

1st Place: "Excerpts from 'An Oral History of the Bomb' (Doubleday Press, 2014)"

Honorable Mention:

Marisa Gomez, "Life in Custer County"

Angelique Mabanglo, "Wife Wanted."

Graduate

1st place: David Wirth, "At a Funeral Home"

2nd place: Nicole Hughes, "Day In Day Out"

3rd place: Charanya Arjun, "Floodwater"

Phelan Short Story Over 2,000 Words

Undergraduate

1st Place: Marisa Gomez, "VagaBonding"

2nd Place: Laura Thomas, "It's Getting Dark"

Graduate

1st Place: Matt McCoy, "Sundown Lake"

2nd Place: Colette O'Connor, "Bruno in the Afternoon"

3rd Place: Ruth Rabin, "By the Hair of His Chinny Chin Chin"

Honorable Mention:

Erik Olson, "The Man with a Dove on His Arm"

Jessica Hanley, "Fourth of July"

English Department Chair

John Engell

English Faculty Judges, 2010

Andrew Altschul

Sally Ashton

Cindy Baer

Noelle Brada-Williams

Clare Browne

Balance Chow

Gloria Collins

Bonita Cox

Robert Cullen

Paul Douglass

Adrienne Eastwood

John Engell

Karen English

Kate Evans

Andrew Fleck

Persis Karim

Revathi Krishnaswamy

Jonathan Lovell

David Mesher

Cathy Miller

Neli Moody

Scott Rice

Susan Shillinglaw

Alan Soldofsky

Nancy Stork

Mary Warner

Roohi Vora

Dan White

William Wilson