

2022 WRITING CONTESTS

THE CATEGORIES

Joseph Doyle Prize for Critical Essays on American Literature

A submission to this category should be a critical essay that examines at least one literary work by an American author.

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A paper entered in this category should analyze a work of literature from an angle that crosses disciplinary lines. For example, a short story (or poem, play, or novel) might be examined through a specific theoretical perspective, such as psychological, historical, feminist, cultural studies, queer studies, etc.

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A paper entered in this category should analyze a work of art or film from an angle that crosses disciplinary lines. For example, a film (or painting, song, or sculpture) might be examined through a specific theoretical perspective, such as psychological, historical, feminist, cultural studies, queer studies, etc.

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Submit a packet of 1-3 poems on any subject or in any style in this category. Title each piece; or, if a poem is untitled, identify it as such. Remove your name and all other identifying marks from the attached file. Do not number pages. Enter no more than three poems. Email the poems as a single attachment to contest@hartford.edu with the category, "Abrahms Poetry," as the attachment title. The body of the email must contain your name, submission title(s), and category. Put your last name in the email's subject box.

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