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The awards are presented by Hopwood Director Meg Sweeney  and Hopwood Program Manager Rebecca Manery.  Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes, Associate Professor of American Culture, Romance Languages and Literatures, and Women's Studies will introduce poet Raquel Salas Rivera, who will deliver a reading following the announcement of the awards.

A reception for all in attendance today will be held in the Assembly Hall after the ceremony. Books by Raquel Salas Rivera will be available for sale from Literati Bookstore, and Dr. Rivera will be available to sign them. Please join us!


## 2020 HOPWOOD FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR AWARDS JUDGES

Judges for the Hopwood First- and Second-Year Contest's Fiction and Nonfiction divisions were Emily McLaughlin and Chris McCormick. Judges for the Hopwood First- and Second-Year Poetry contests were Rae Gourirand and Marlin M. Jenkins.

Emily McLaughlin judged the Roy W. Cowden Memorial Fellowship; Rae Gouirand and Marlin M. Jenkins judged the Academy of American Poets Awards,the Bain-Swiggett Prize, the Marjorie Rapaport Award, the Jeffrey L. Weisberg Memorial Prize, and the Michael R. Gutterman Award.


## RESULTS OF THESE AWARDS

This year's Hopwood First- and Second-Year Awards in fiction, nonfiction, and poetry awarded $12,100 to nine first- and second-year students. The other awards go to seventeen students for a total of $19,890. In all, this ceremony represents twenty-seven prizes, totaling $31,990 awarded directly to twenty-five excellent student writers.


## NEXT AWARDS CEREMONY

Please plan to join us for our April awards ceremony, which will celebrate the Hopwood Graduate and Undergraduate Hopwood Awards, on April 14, 2020 in the Tauber Colloquium of the Ross School of Business building at 5:30 PM. The announcement of the awards will be followed by an original lecture from memoirist and novelist, Kiese Laymon.

If you are a University of Michigan student, submissions for this next cycle of awards will be due no later than January 29, 2020 at noon. Please visit lsa.umich.edu/hopwood for more details, or email hopwoodprogram@umich.edu.

# 2020 Contest Winners

### HOPWOOD FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR FICTION

$1,000 to Vivian Chiao, a class of 2022 LSA History and Creative Writing student from Ann Arbor, Michigan, for "Two Stories: While I was Away and Home with the Fairies."

$1,500 to Kathryn DesLauries, a class of 2022 LSA student from Buchanan, Michigan, for "In the Woods Somewhere."

$1,750 to Jena Vallina, a class of 2022 LSA English major from Romeoville, Illinois, for "The Doglord."

### HOPWOOD FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR POETRY

$800 to Destiny Wu, a class of 2024 School of Engineering and Computer Science student from Grand Rapids, Michigan, for "Letters Home."

$1,000 to Olivia Evans, a class of 2023 LSA  student from Northville, Michigan, for "Overwinter."

$1,000 to Jade Wurst, a class of 2021 LSA Creative Writing and Literature student from Commerce Township, Michigan, for "darkroom."

$1,500 to Nicole Tooley, a class of 2023 LSA Education and English student from Ann Arbor, Michigan, for "Unfamiliar Family Portraits."

### HOPWOOD FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR NONFICTION

$800 to Brooke Alisabeth Kensington Lange, a class of 2023 LSA English student from Greenwich, Connecticut, for "Go Alone, Bodice Ripping and Other Serious Business."

$1,000 to Olivia Evans, a class of 2023 LSA Residential College student from Northville, Michigan, for "Sacraments," "Brookville," "Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore," and "Solomon's Temple."

$1,750 to Elizabeth Farmer, a class of 2022 LSA English student from Grand Rapids, Michigan, for "This is not an Amen."

## THE ACADEMY OF AMERICAN POETS PRIZE

Two awards of $100 are offered by this national organization for poems submitted by University of Michigan undergraduate and graduate students. The contest was endowed by Sharon Galley Sherrow in memory of her late husband, David Galley, a 1966 graduate of the University of Michigan.

### GRADUATE DIVISION

$100 to Michael Weinstein, a class of 2020 MFA student in the Helen Zell Writers' Program from Boston, Massachusetts, for "Anniversary."

### UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION

$100 to Lynne Bekdash, a class of 2020 Ross Dual Degree student in BBA and Creative Writing from Basking Ridge, New Jersey, for "Immigrant Daughter Ghazal."

## THE BAIN-SWIGGETT POETRY PRIZE

An award for the best poem in traditional form submitted by a University of Michigan student.

$380 to Carlina Duan, a class of 2024 Ph.D. student in English and Education from Ann Arbor, Michigan, for "Nainai Killed Rats."

$380 to Zoya Gurm, a class of 2020 LSA English & Cellular and Molecular Biology student from Ann Arbor, Michigan, for "Paper Birch Sonnet."

## THE MICHAEL R. GUTTERMAN AWARD IN POETRY

Two prizes for poems that exemplify "the new, the unusual, and the radical." Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gutterman endowed this contest in memory of their son, Michael.

$550 to Miriam Saperstein, a class of 2021 LSA Residential College Judaic Studies student from Huntington Woods, Michigan, for "control."

$600 to Bryan Byrdlong, a class of 2020 MFA student in the Helen Zell Writers' Program from Chicago, Illinois, for "Still Life: blaeknes."

## THE JEFFREY L. WEISBERG MEMORIAL PRIZE IN POETRY

The family and friends of Jeffrey L. Weisberg established as a memorial two annual prizes in poetry for the best poems submitted by first and second year students at the University of Michigan.

$800 to Julia Freeman, a class of 2022 LSA student from Irvine, California, for "Trying to watch anime while my brother fights through chemo."

$1,000 to Hiba Dagher, a class of 2022 LSA student from Dearborn, Michigan, for "35 mm with Two Grandfathers."

## THE ROY AND HELEN MEADOR WRITING AWARD

Given each year to an undergraduate on the basis of financial need and writing talent, the award was established by Helen Meador in memory of her husband, Roy Meador, who was a writer and bibliophile. Mr. Meador was a commercial and science writer for many years in Ann Arbor, as well as a freelance writer, antiquarian, fiction writer, and the author of Book Row, a history of the antiquarian book trade in New York City.

$980 to Jena Vallina, a class of 2022 LSA English student from Romeoville, Illinois.

## THE ROY W. COWDEN MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

These fellowships were made possible by contributions of Hopwood winners and other students of Professor Cowden, who was the Director of the Hopwood Awards Program from 1935 until 1952. The awards are made on the basis of financial need and writing talent.

$700 to Dylan Gilbert, a class of 2021 LSA student from Ann Arbor, Michigan, for "On black girls and brooks."

$1,000 to Emily Russell, a class of 2020 LSA Political Science and Environment student from Columbus, Michigan, for "BEAT."

$2,500 to Grace Toll, a class of 2020 LSA Creative Writing and Psychology student from Jackson, Michigan, for "Coruscate."

$2,500 to Mylicia Williams,  a class of 2022 LSA Residential College Creative Writing and Literature student from Ann Arbor, Michigan, for "the birds are running away from me."

$3,500 to Matt Harmon, a class of 2020 LSA International Studies student from Royal Oak, Michigan, for his play, "Exhibits in the Zoo."

$3,500 to Drew Allyn Metcalf, a class of 2019 LSA Film, TV, & media student from Southfield, Michigan, for his screenplay, "No More Monsters."

## THE MARJORIE RAPAPORT AWARD IN POETRY

This award is presented with thanks to Mrs. Phyllis Rapaport in memorial to her daughter Marjorie.

$600 to Benjamin Glass, a class of 2021 LSA Biomolecular Science student from Huntington Woods, Michigan, for "October Sonnet."

$800 to Smitty Smith, a class of 2023 LSA Residential College student from Detroit, Michigan, for "twilight."

Congratulations to all and thank you for joining us.

For more information on the Hopwood Awards, and on events such as the awards ceremonies and our weekly Hopwood Teas, please visit lsa.umich.edu/hopwood or email Rebecca Manery at hopwoodprogram@umich.edu.