

THE CARNEGIE MELLON ENGLISH DEPARTMENT *and*
THE CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM *present*

THE 2007
PAULINE B. ADAMSON
AWARDS
for Student Writing



featuring the distinguished poet
ELIZABETH ALEXANDER

Poetry is what you find
in the dirt in the corner,

overhear on the bus, God
in the details, the only way

to get from there to here.



TUESDAY, MAY 4 *at* 8PM
BAKER HALL · ROOM 136

ADAMSON AWARDS

Adamson Awards are presented in memory of Pauline B. Adamson at the bequest of her husband, the late Clarence H. Adamson, as a testimonial to their marriage and her interest in the English language and American Literature.

DONNA GREAR MEMORIAL AWARD

Donna Gear Parker graduated magna cum laude from Carnegie Mellon in 1991. A dual major in Creative Writing and Literary and Cultural Studies, Donna received an Adamson Award that same year for a collection of her poetry. In 1997, Donna died in a car accident. In an article that appeared in the Altavista Journal following Donna's death, one of her former colleagues was quoted as saying, "Donna was special. I've never seen someone give so much of themselves to their job and the students. We are lucky to have had her in our lives for these years. She was a brilliantly talented and wonderful writer. It's difficult to understand how many lives she touched."

In memory of her talent and spirit, we remember Donna by presenting the Donna Gear Memorial Award to a student who reflects her gift for poetry, her dedication to the craft of writing, and her spirit of giving and caring for her community.

1997	JOHN BIGGS
1998	BRANDY HUMPHRY
1999	BECKY COWSER
2000	FIONA TRANQUADA
2001	DELLA FEHER
2002	SARAH CYPHER
2003	SEAN MINTUS, EMILY GREEN
2004	DEBRA HALPERN
2005	
2006	BENJAMIN PELHAN

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY
PRESS PRIZE FOR POETRY

1982	ELAINE TIN NYO
1983	CATHERINE VODREY
1984	LAURIE SCHORR
1985	SCOTT STOREY
1986	CHRISTINE TELFER
1987	ERICA QUIROZ
1988	DAVID KOEHN, MICHELE OSHEROW
1989	MICHELE GARVEY
1990	CYNTHIA KING, TAMARA LIEBERT
1991	ELIZABETH PAIGE CLARK
1992	TRACY PERNETA
1993	EMILY WINSLOW
1994	SARAH STERLING
1995	EMILY PIHLQUIST
1996	MEGAN PARK
1997	BECKY COWSER
1998	KAREN RIGBY
1999	AMY CYPHERT
2000	MERCER BUFTER
2001	
2002	STEPHANIE EUGENIA BODNAR
2003	CAROLYN ELLIOT
2004	JENNIFER ANTONEN
2005	ALLISON POTTERN
2006	ALAYNA FRANKENBERRY

MARGARET SMITH CUSHING AWARD

1990	KEREN KURTI, BRAN SAKS, JAMISON WARREN
1991	VANESSA CALVIN, ADAM GROSS
1992	AMY LEFKOWITZ, ABBY SHIFF
1993	TODD CAMILL, STEPHANIE STINE
1994	G. NOAH BRINTON, JOSEPH WESIER
1995	DENISE DELGADO, CHRISTY HIPCHEN
1996	MICHAEL BROOM, MARGARET PETERSON
1997	DARIN FLYNN, MICHELLE GRIFFITH
1998	ADAM HOWARD, YANG HE
1999	KIMBERLY BRICKER, SONESH SURANA
2000	VICTOR LASNIEWSKI, KAVYON FATAHALIAN
2001	-
2002	DANIELLE COMMISSO, AMY WANG

ADAMSON AWARD NONFICTION ACADEMIC /
SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

1984	JEFFREY SCHWARTZ, NINA WISHBOW
1985	
1986	JENNIE NELSON, BETSY BOWEN
1987	BRETT MOLOTSKY, PAMELA HORN

1988 JOHN TIMMINS, MICHELE OSHEROW
 1989 STUART GREENE, PAUL GRIPP, LORRAINE HIGGINS,
 LESLIE GRIFFIN
 1990 RICHARD REES
 1991 CRAIG DIONNE
 1992 LILIE VELEZ, MAUREEN MATHISON
 1993 GREG BOLTON, CHARLES SABATOS, ANNETTE VAN
 1994 LAURA MARTZ, SAMANTHA FENNO
 1995 SAMANTHA FENNO, PRAHLAD GUPTA, RICHARD DAVIS
 1996 RICHARD DAVIS, MARGARET PUSKAR,
 BRENADINE HUMPHREY
 1997 CAMERON DEZEN, JENNY HELENE GOODE, MAUREEN
 MCGRANAGHAN
 1998 JOHN EPERJESI, MAUREEN MCGRANAGHAN,
 COURTNEY MALONEY
 1999 JOHN EPERJESI, MAUREEN MCGRANAGHAN, BECKY COWSER
 2000 LIS HARVEY, LISA BIGELOW, EMILY LANDES
 2001 JAD SMITH, TAM JONES
 2002 RYAN HENNESSEY, ERIN SNYDER, MARIA SUAREZ
 2003 JAD SMITH, ERIN SNYDER, CLINTON FIELD
 2004 MICHAEL SCOTTO, MARK EGERRMAN, JACLYN MADDEN
 2005 CAROLYN ELLIOT, JOYCE MISHAAN, JENNIFER ANTTONEN
 2006 MICHAEL SZCZERBAN, RADHA CHITALE, MAYA MEITAL

ADAMSON AWARD NONFICTION POPULAR JOURNALS

1984 ALICE ALFONSI, DOUGLAS OTT
 1985 JUDY MANGAN, WENDIE WULFF
 1986 WALTER RITCHIE, MARK CARR
 1987 A'DORA PHILLIPS, ARTHUR GELMIS
 1988 FELICIA THIEBEAULT, NATALIE CAPONE
 1989 SUSAN ADAMS, NATALIE CAPONE
 1990 ELSBETH GORMAN, KARL BARNHART
 1991 DARLENE FOZZARD
 1992 DONNA LEWIS, SHEILA SKAFF, MIKE SHAPIRO
 1993 MEGAN DIETZ, DEBORAH MILLER, PAMELA BERNHARDT
 1994 BROCK HAMLIN, SEAN BRADY, AMY POTTHAST
 1995 AMY POTTHAST, CHRISTINE MCGUINNESS, RICHARD LUBELL
 1996 ADRIANE SEIBERT, JENNY HELENE GOOD, WENDY JONES
 1997 ALEX LEWIN, CARRIE JONES-MCGUIRE, DANIEL ARP
 1998 EMILY SLABY, MICHELLE HAN, DANIEL ARP
 1999 ERIN TOCKNELL, EMILY SLABY, LISA FERUGGIA
 2000 ERIN TOCKNELL, ANN RAY, DANIELLE PIERATTI
 2001 PETER BURCH, JULIET BOGART, JOHN HURSH
 2002 BETSY BIALON, ADRIENNE DYBES, SABRINA SMALL
 2003 MEAGAN CIESLA, MARK RISTAINO, KEVIN A. GONZALEZ
 2004 JEANNIE CHOI, SARAH SMITH, SOLA FASEHUN
 2005 MICHELLE M. BOVA, CHRISTINA D'ANDREA, ZACHARY HARRIS
 2006 BRITTANY MCCANDLESS, ANNE MARIE ROONEY, SALLY MAO

ADAMSON AWARD SCREENWRITING

1992	STEVEN SANTOS, ALEXIE COHEN, MAUREEN MCGRANAGHAN
1993	MICHAEL GABRIEL
1994	MARTIN RIKER, SREYAS SRINIVASAN, LEIGH SILVERMAN
1995	BROCK HAMLIN, RICHARD SMOLEN, ADRIANE SEIBERT
1996	GREG MARCKS, WENDY JONES, PRATIK PATEL
1997	GREY MARCKS, MIKE AYOOB, ALEX LEWIN
1998	CHRISTOPHER SPEARS, STEVEN BITTLE, GREG MARCKS
1999	ELISABETH FINCH, STANLEY TRAN
2000	KIMBERLY ALGIERI, CHARLES WERNER, PETER SAND
2001	SABRINA SMALL, MICHAEL ALLEN, EMILY BRUNGO
2002	JOHN HURSH, SEBASTIAN HABR, RITA MARICONE GREEN
2003	MEGAN CIESLA, SEBASTIAN HABR, MIKE SCOTTO
2004	BRENDAN FREDERICK, MICHAEL SCOTTO, CLARE DROBOT
2005	
2006	DEANNA MULYE, ALIE KOLB, MATTHEW KOPEL, BENJAMIN PELHAN, WENDY SCOTT

NICHOLAS PILEGGI SCREENWRITING AWARD

2003	MICHAEL GABRIEL
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ADAMSON AWARD FICTION

1982	DENA SANTORO, JAMES STRATMAN
1983	ANNE DALEY, CAROL MARBLE
1984	KRISTIN KOVACIC, CATHERINE VODREY
1985	CATHLEEN BARNHART, KRISTIN KOVACIC
1986	LAURIE SCHORR, JOHN PARRAS
1987	KURT WOHLBER, MARK CARR
1988	FELICIA THIEBEAULT, MARSHALL KLIMASEWISKI
1989	JACQUELYNE QUINN, KATHLEEN SUMMERS
1990	KATHERINE MANCALL, BENJAMIN DONELLY, CHRISTOPHER KUSH
1991	JOHN VRESILOVIC, DAVID GROSS, FRANK NEPA
1992	LORRAINE MILLER, LOUIS FAASSEN, BRIAN CONNELLY
1993	CHRISTIAN MATYL, MIKE LIPPERT, SIDNEY NEILL
1994	MICKI KOCHANSKYJ, AIMEE BEAL, BROCK HAMLIN
1995	BROCK HAMLIN, ADRIANE SEIBERT, RICHARD SMOLEN
1996	CHRISTOPHER MCCORMICK, REBECCA MCCADNEY, JOHN BIGGS
1997	DANIEL ARP, JOHN BIGGS, DEANNA RUBIN
1998	JUSTIN BIGOS, DANIEL ARP, AMY KRISTIN PAVRI
1999	DAVID ELMAN, SUSAN CALDWELL, ERICA VOGEL
2000	ANN RAY, AMY BERGER, ANN LIN
2001	NOAH MCGEE, ANN LIN, SARAH CYPHER
2002	LAURA MORRIS, EMILY GREEN, SEBASTIAN HABR
2003	ROBYN MURPHY, JUSTIN KER, KATHERINE FARGO

- 2004 MICHAEL SCOTTO, CONNIE AMOROSO, ROBYN MURPHY
 2005 SARAH SMITH, ALLISON POTTERN, GREG VAN HORN
 2006 RUBEN QUINTERO, SALLY MAO, KRISTAN LIU HOFFMAN

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY
 PRESS PRIZE FOR FICTION

- 1986 PETER KLEINHANS
 1987 ROBERT HOLTON
 1988 KATHLEEN SUMMERS
 1989 WILLIAM BLAKE
 1990 CHALICE APEL, JACK SILBERT
 1991 LORRAINE MILLER
 1992 JULIE ALBRIGHT
 1993 TRACY PERNETA
 1994 PAUL PLATOSH
 1995 ALEXIS SOTTILE
 1996 ALEX LEWIN
 1997 JILL KHOURY
 1998 AMY BERGER
 1999 SAYAKA KANADE
 2000 DANIELLE STORM
 2001 ERIC STORY
 2002 STEPHANIE EUGENIA BODNAR
 2003 COREY GINSBERG
 2004 ALLISON POTTERN
 2005
 2006 RYAN COON

ADAMSON AWARD POETRY

- 1982 CLAIRE BAUERIE, JEFFREY SCHWARTZ, REBECCA BOGART,
 DENA SANTORO
 1983 KRISTIN KOVACIC, JEFFREY SCHWARTZ,
 LAUREN SCHNEIDER
 1984 JEFFREY SCHWARTZ, KRISTIN KOVACIC,
 LAUREN SCHNEIDER
 1985 LAURIE SCHORR, LAUREN SCHNEIDER
 1986 LAURA WALDRON, LAURIE SCHORR
 1987 A'DORA PHILLIPS, EDIE LOCKE, CHARLES LEGGET
 1988 GEORGIA SINE, ELAYNE TOBIN
 1989 ANNE-MARIE HARVEY, SANDRA MYERS
 1990 ELIZABETH EDWARDS, DALE JAMES, JAMES RUBENSTEIN,
 MARK BUKOVEC
 1991 DARLENE FOZARD, KEVIN THOMAS,
 FRANCIS GOLDBERRY III
 1992 CINDY KING, EMILY WINSLOW, ERIKA GENTRY,
 BILL RACIOT, CHRIS COKER
 1993 KATHY JO KRAMER, SIDNEY NEILL, ROBERT DIXON
 1994 AIMEE BEAL, MICKI KOCHANSKYJ,
 CYNTHIA KOLANOWSKI

- 1995 MICHAEL ULRICH, SARA BURTON,
BRENADINE HUMPHREY
- 1996 MICHELLE VOLLMAR, HESTER KAMIN, JOHN BIGGS,
BRENADINE HUMPHREY
- 1997 EMILY PIHLQUIST, MICHELLE VOLLMAR, AMY D'AMICO
- 1998 MAUREEN MCGRANAGHAN, MEGAN PARKE, AMY BERGER
- 1999 JUSTIN BIGOS, DAVID ELMAN, CARRIE JONES-MCGUIRE
- 2000 CANDICE AMICH, LIS HARVEY, MATT MOORE
- 2001 JAY KIM, KAREN RIGBY, JON BERNSTEIN
- 2002 ERIC STORY, NATE BORREBACH, MIKE ALLEN
- 2003 LILLIAN BERTRAM, JENNIFER SCHAUPP,
KATHERINE FARGO
- 2004 GAURAV MUNJAL, REBECCA BORTMAN,
PETER BORREBACH
- 2005 SARAH WILSON, ZACHARY HARRIS,
ANNE MARIE ROONEY
- 2006 ZACHARY HARRIS, LILLIAN BERTRAM, RACHEL BROWN,
ANNE MARIE ROONEY

ACADEMY OF AMERICAN POETS PRIZE

- 1982 MARY EMERY, GAY GIORDANO
- 1983 ALICE ALFONSI
- 1984 JANICE WOESTER, JUDI HOFFMAN
- 1985 DAVID YEZZI
- 1986 KATE BONELLO
- 1987 KEN DOYNO
- 1988 ANNE-MARIE HARVEY
- 1989 CHUCK LUDINSKY, SUSAN ADAMS
- 1990 TRINA PUNDURS, MICHELE GARVEY
- 1991 RONALD LEE
- 1992 KRISTIN PAPE
- 1993 REBECCA LIVINGSTON
- 1994 KATHY JO KRAMER
- 1995 HESTER KAMIN
- 1996 EMILY PIHLQUIST
- 1997 HESTER KAMIN
- 1998 MARSHALL WARFIELD
- 1999 ELIZABETH PADDOCK
- 2000 NATALIE BEYLIS
- 2001 EMILY BRUNGO
- 2002 SALLY STEWART
- 2003 KEVIN A. GONZALEZ
- 2004 HEATHER DIPRIMA
- 2005 SARAH SMITH
- 2006 MICHAEL J. HARTWELL



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Elizabeth Alexander is the author of four books of poetry, one of which, *American Sublime*, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2005. Her scholarship in African-American literature has culminated in the essay collection *The Black Interior* published by Graywolf Press. Her work has received a Guggenheim Fellowship, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, and Pushcart Prize among other recognitions. She is an Associate Professor of African American studies at Yale University.