

**2017 Call for Nominations!**  
**Confluence Award for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Writing**  
**Confluence Award for Excellence in Creative Writing**

The members of the AGLSP board and the Editorial Board of *Confluence: The Journal of Graduate Liberal Studies* are pleased to announce the 2017 Call for Nominations for the **Confluence Award for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Writing** and the **Confluence Award for Excellence in Creative Writing**. The first award celebrates interdisciplinary inquiry as the central intellectual practice of Graduate Liberal Studies and critical writing as a foundational tool of graduate study. The second award celebrates creative writing as a form of inquiry, art, and expression. The winning pieces will be published in the *Confluence* October 2017 issue. The authors will each receive a prize of \$500 and will be invited to attend the 2017 Annual Conference in Raleigh, NC.

**Eligibility:** The **Confluence Awards** may be given to any current student or recent graduate (up to one year post-graduation) of an AGLSP institutional member program in good standing. Nominated pieces may include anything written as part of the author's graduate work during the previous calendar year.

**Genre:** The interdisciplinary writing award is given to a carefully-researched and well-crafted critical essay that makes exemplary use of interdisciplinary tools in order to engage a general educated audience.\* The creative writing award is given to an exemplary single piece in any of the genres of creative writing, such as short story, personal essay, creative nonfiction, or poetry.

**General Requirements:** Entries may be no longer than 4000 words, including bibliographic materials prepared as endnotes in Chicago style.\*\* Each entry should also include full contact information for the author, a bio note including likely date of graduation, and, in the case of critical essays, a lively 150-word abstract that makes clear the interdisciplinary nature of the piece.

**Procedure:** For each award, the director of each AGLSP institutional member program may nominate up to two entries per award each year, based on a screening procedure agreed upon by the program's regular faculty. **Only one piece by each author may be nominated.** Nominations must be addressed to the Editorial Board and submitted by the director to the AGLSP National Office by February 28, 2017 at [info@aglsp.org](mailto:info@aglsp.org).

The director's nominating email must include a one-sentence description of the \*\*\*program's screening procedure, the names of the authors, and the titles of their pieces. Entries must be submitted as word doc files. Judging will be carried out by the journal's editorial team. A winner and any honorable mentions will be announced by late summer. Essays awarded an honorable mention may also be published in the journal or on the journal's website.

**Annual conference:** The winners are encouraged to attend the Annual Conference in October to accept their award in person at the Friday evening banquet. However, it is not necessary to be present to receive the award. The Association will waive the conference registration fee if the awardee chooses to attend the conference. All travel expenses including airfare and accommodations are not covered by the association. It is with hope and expectation that the winner's home program will help defray the writer's travel expenses if the awardee would like to personally accept their award at the conference.

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\*An essay written for a narrow audience of specialists is not appropriate for this award.

\*\*Shorter pieces are also welcome, and given the word limit, judges will keep in mind that a winning entry might take a suggestive rather than exhaustive or definitive approach to its subject matter. Poems, of course, might be much shorter than 4000 words.

\*\*\*Programs are welcome to design a screening procedure most appropriate for their own circumstances, as long as the program's director and regular faculty are satisfied with the procedure's fairness.