

2015 ALFRED POYNT AWARD IN POETRY

In the spirit of stimulating the imagination, promoting creativity, and fostering appreciation of English language skills and the art of poetry, the Department of English and Writing Studies is pleased to announce a competition for the annual Alfred Poynt Award in Poetry. This award is made in accordance with the wishes and through the generosity of the late Alfred R. Poynt of London, Ontario, and will be presented in May of each year. The winning entry will receive a prize of \$250.00; the runner-up will receive a prize of \$100.00; and three “judge’s choice” poems will each receive a prize of \$100.00.

Poetry Contest Rules

1. Participants must be full-time students registered in any undergraduate (baccalaureate) program at Western University. Previous first-prize winners are not eligible.
2. Poems must be in English and may use any style of poetry. Poems will be judged for their originality and for their use of form and technique, traditional or contemporary, in a skilful and creative way to create or intensify themes or effects.
3. Total entry not to exceed 4 pages. Maximum 150 lines. Entries might be one longer poem or several shorter poems.
4. Entries must be original, titled, previously unpublished, and not currently under evaluation for publication.
5. Poems must be typed on 8.5 x 11 paper in 12-point type.
6. Entries cannot be returned. Entrants retain their copyright.
7. Poems must be submitted and received no later than April 8, 2015.
8. Submission: on a cover page marked Poynt Competition, please include your name, student number, permanent mailing address, telephone number, email address, and title of poem(s). Do not include your name on the poem page. No staples. Submissions will be numbered and coded before the judging by a contest organizer who is not a judge.
9. The winner will be named no later than May. All contestants will be notified by mail.

Please submit entries to:

Poynt Competition
Department of English and Writing Studies
Arts & Humanities Building, Room 2G02
Western University

Adjudication will be done by a volunteer panel of published writers from London and/or the University community selected by the competition organizer. The decision of the judges will be final. This year’s panel is comprised of Laurie D. Graham, Olha Nowosad, and Ron Stewart.

Past Winners:

2014	First Prize	Katherine O’Reilly	Honourable Mention	Robyn Obermeyer
2013	First Prize	Kerrie McNair	Honourable Mention	Alex Carey
2012	First Prize	Laura Johnson	Honourable Mention	Erin Lamotte
2011	First Prize	Mark MacKichan	Honourable Mention	John Vincent
2010	First Prize	Millie Ho	Honourable Mention	John Vincent
2009	First Prize	Saiyid Hasan	Honourable Mention	Malory Smith
2008	First Prize	Amy Sanders	Honourable Mention	Brooke Nolan