



## The 16<sup>h</sup> Student Competition American Studies May 29, 2024

This competition is open to undergraduates and MA students interested in American literature, creative writing and literary translation.

### Sections:

1. **AMERICAN LITERATURE.** Participants have to submit a critical essay on one of the works listed below. The chosen text can be approached from various literary or linguistic perspectives.

### Short stories:

[“The Time Being,” by Joseph O’Neill | The New Yorker](#)

[“Ira & the Whale” < Literary Hub \(lithub.com\)](#) by Rachel B. Glaser

[Odd Ducksby Marlene Olin : MAYDAY \(maydaymagazine.com\)](#)

### Poems:

[“Remains,” a Poem by Rose McLarney < Literary Hub \(lithub.com\)](#)

[Poem That Takes Place in a Human Hand by Glen Armstrong: MAYDAY \(maydaymagazine.com\)](#)

Papers written according to the requirements below and the registration form, including the title of the paper and the first paragraph, will be sent to [studentcompetition\\_ucv@yahoo.com](mailto:studentcompetition_ucv@yahoo.com) by **May 20, 2024**. No identification information will be written on papers.

**If a student quotes any source, be it online or otherwise, (s)he must mark that and use footnotes or risks being disqualified.**

### Requirements:

**Length:** 900-1500 words. Word count does not include the bibliography and footnotes.

**Language:** English

**Format:** Paper size: A4

Font: Times New Roman, 12 point

Line spacing 1.5

Alignment: justified

Margins: 1” top, bottom, right and left

Original unique title – top, center, bold, Times New Roman, 14 point

No identification information on the printed version submitted to the committee.

No essay cover page.

Student’s name and other identifying information may appear only on the registration form.

### Bibliography:

Bibliography is required to identify the research sources.

At least three books or academic journals are required for research.

- References in the text will be written in parenthesis,

e.g.: (Bauman, 1992); (Bauman, 1992: 23-25); (Bauman 23)

- References at the end of the article will be written as in the following example:  
Books, articles or chapters in a book:

Sidel, Ruth. *On Her Own: Growing Up in the Shadow of the American Dream*. New York: Penguin, 1990.

Lakoff, George, and Mark Johnson. *Metaphors We Live By*. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 1980.

Gates, Henry Louis, Jr., ed. *Classic Slave Narratives*. New York: NAL, 1987.

Dabundo, Laura. "The Voice of the Mute': Wordsworth and the Ideology of Romantic Silences." *Christianity and Literature* 43.1 (1995): 21-35.

Magny, Claude-Edmonde. "Faulkner or Theological Inversion." *Faulkner: A Collection of Critical Essays*. Ed. Robert Penn Warren. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1966. 66-78.

Alpern, David M. "Has Moscow Violated SALT?" *Newsweek* 22 Oct. 1984: 32.

### **General Encyclopedia, Wikipedia and other similar Internet sources are not acceptable.**

Online sources such as reference books and academic journals are valid sources and must be cited according to the example below:

**Article:** Ross, Andrew. "Hacking Away at the Counterculture." *Postmodern Culture* 1.1 (1990): 43 pars. 3 May 2003 <[http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/postmodern\\_culture/v001.1ross.html](http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/postmodern_culture/v001.1ross.html)>.

**Book:** Rawlins, Gregory J. *Moths to the Flame*. Cambridge: MIT P, 1996. *MIT Press*. 30 Aug 2000 <http://mitpress.mit.edu/e-books/moths/>.

For further details, please use: [www.wisc.edu/writing/Handbook/DocMLA.html](http://www.wisc.edu/writing/Handbook/DocMLA.html)



2. **CREATIVE WRITING.** Participants have to choose a theme and submit a work (poetry, fictional prose or drama) in compliance with the following requirements:

#### **Topics:**

1. **Climate change**
2. **Cyberwar**
3. **Fake news and elections**
4. **Neighbors**

**Poetry:** 3 poems; **fiction:** 5-10 pages; **drama:** 10 minute plays (approx. 10 pages)

**Language:** English

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3. **LITERARY TRANSLATION.** Participants will have to translate a literary text from English into Romanian. The contest will take place online on **May 23, 2024**. Further information will be announced via e-mail.

**Deadline for registration: May 20, 2024**

**Prizes for all the three sections will be announced on May 29, 2024. The ceremony will be held online and in person. Venue The American Corner, Craiova. The diplomas of the students who cannot personally take them will be sent by post.**

To register and for further information please use the email address:  
[studentcompetition\\_ucv@yahoo.com](mailto:studentcompetition_ucv@yahoo.com)

**REGISTRATION FORM to be sent via email:**

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