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Cal Poly Students Earn Academy of American Poets Award

SAN LUIS OBISPO – English student Kathryn Sugar won Cal Poly’s 2011 Academy of American Poets Contest for her poem “Communion.” She will be awarded \$100 for the win.

English students Amber Brodie and Sierra Jahoda earned honorable mentions for their poems “The One Whose Name Was Writ in Water” and “Weather-Worn Abs in the Town of Gym,” respectively.

Sugar’s poem is in the voice of a mother whose child has been kidnapped and possibly murdered. The judge noted a confidence in Sugar’s writing that conveyed emotional impact and mature imagery, as in the lines: “My Christina imagines she’s a chrysanthemum, begging for blossom from the clay cavity cradling her.”

The contest was judged by award-winning poet Eleanor Lerman.

The contest is sponsored by Cal Poly’s English Department and the Academy of American Poets.

The winning poem will be published in the quarterly literary journal *Moebius*, produced by Cal Poly’s College of Liberal Arts.

To read the winning poems, go to http://cla.calpoly.edu/engl_honorablementions.html

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