



WRITING CENTER



Annual Writers' Café Writing Contest

The Writers' Café has offered an undergraduate writing contest in poetry, fiction, and nonfiction each spring term since 2004.

Prizes: \$200 for first place in each genre, \$100 for second place in each genre.

2020 Contest Judges:

Fiction: Christine Stroud

Nonfiction: Paola Corso

Poetry: Christine Stroud

Deadline: March 27, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Meet the Judges:

Paola Corso is the author of poetry and fiction books set in her native Pittsburgh where her Italian immigrant family found work in the steel mills. Most recent are *The Laundress Catches Her Breath*, winner of the Tillie Olsen Award in Creative Writing, *Once I Was Told the Air Was Not Breathing*, and her forthcoming collection *Vertical Bridges: Poems, Essays, and Photographs of City Steps*. Her nonfiction has appeared in venues such as The New York Times, Women's Review of Books, and U.S. Catholic. Corso is co-founder and resident artist for Steppin Stanzas, a grant-awarded poetry and art project celebrating Pittsburgh city stairs.

Christine Stroud is a poet and editor living in Pittsburgh, PA. Her chapbook, *The Buried Return*, was released by Finishing Line Press in March of 2014, and her second chapbook, *Sister Suite*, was released from Disorder Press in early 2017. Stroud's poems have appeared in *Prairie Schooner*, *Hobart*, *Ninth Letter's* first web edition, *The Paterson Literary Review*, *Cimarron Review*, *The Laurel Review*, and many others. She is the editor in chief of Autumn House Press.