

AU English professor wins national poetry competition

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Juliana Gray

Juliana Gray, assistant professor of English at Alfred University, is the recipient of the 2010 Orphic Book Prize from Dream Horse Press for her manuscript "Roleplay." Dream Horse Press will publish Gray's book of poetry next year, and she will also receive a cash award. She notes she is "the second Dream Horse Press author with an Alfred connection." Alumnus Jason Gray '98 (not related to Juliana) received the National Poetry Chapbook Prize in 2003 for "Adam and Eve Go to the Zoo," which Dream Horse Press subsequently published. Juliana Gray also received the 2010 Bea Gonzalez Prize for Poetry from Stone Canoe: A Journal of the Arts and Ideas from Upstate New York. The Bea Gonzalez Prize has been awarded annually since 2007 to a young writer for a series of three poems published in the Stone Canoe journal. Recent poems have appeared in or will be published in "The Tampa Review," "Iron Horse Literary Review," "The Hopkins Review," "New South," and "River Styx." Juliana Gray teaches a summer poetry workshop at the Sewanee Young Writers' Conference and is a member of the staff for the Sewanee Writers' Conference. She joined the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at Alfred University five years ago. Gray received her B.A. degree in English from the University of Alabama, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, in 1994. She earned a master's degree in English and creative writing from the University of Tennessee in 1997, and a Ph.D. degree in English and creative writing from the University of Cincinnati in 2001. She has also written "The Man Under My Skin," which was published in 2005 by River City Publications, Montgomery, AL, and a chapbook, "History in Bones," which won the Kent State University Wick Poetry Chapbook Competition in 2001. Earlier work appeared in numerous poetry journals, including "Sou'wester," "Poetry East," "Southern Humanities Review," "The Formalist," "Blackbird," "Alabama Literary Review," and "River City." She is the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, and has presented at several conferences, including several times at the Sewanee Writers Conference at the University of the South. For more about Juliana Gray, see <http://las.alfred.edu/fac...> more about Dream Horse Press: <http://home.comcast.net/~...> Horse Press titles are available at Amazon.com / Barnes&Noble.com and direct from the publisher: JP Dancing Bear, PO Box 2080, Aptos, CA 95001-2080.