

## The Fifth Annual JASNA Literary Competition

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“With a focus on the letters incorporated in a Jane Austen novel of your choice, show how the letter-writers’ characters are revealed by the letters they write” was the topic for the 1992 Annual JASNA Literary Competition. We received entries from high school students (eligible for the first time) and undergraduate and graduate students from all sections of the United States and Canada. Multiple submissions were received from North Carolina State University, Lehigh University, and Lakeridge High School (Oregon).

J. David Grey, Gene Koppel, Catherine Lynch Sadler, and Mary Marshall were judges for the graduate level. Victoria Carson, Edith Lank, Inger Thomsen (our graduate winner for the last two years), and Mary Marshall were judges for the high school and undergraduate level.

Ray Tumbleson of Seattle, Washington, a graduate student at the University of Washington, was selected to receive the \$750 first prize for graduate students. His paper “‘It is like a woman’s writing’: The Alternative Epistolary Novel in *Emma*” is published in this issue of *Persuasions*. Catherine Lynch wrote of his essay, “[He] pursues original and complete analysis of Frank Churchill’s letters and the function of his letter writing in the novel. . . . [The essay] remains more masterful and original than others.”

Elizabeth Currence Cochran of Raleigh, North Carolina, a graduate student at North Carolina State University was awarded the \$250 graduate student second prize for her paper, “Frank Churchill—Jane Austen’s Insufferable Puppy.”

Suzanne Daly of Newtown Square, PA, a junior at the University of Pennsylvania will receive the \$750 undergraduate first prize for her essay “Sending Self-Portraits: Letters and Their Writers in *Pride and Prejudice*.” Amy Llewellyn of Johnson, NY, a senior at Lehigh University and Heidi Janz of Edmonton, a senior at the University of Alberta tied for the \$250 undergraduate second prize.

The judges also awarded honorable mentions to two graduate students, Tracy Witherill Beck (Allentown, PA, Lehigh University) and Margaret Madrigal Wilson (Cleveland Heights, OH, Cleveland State University) and to two undergraduate students, Colleen Hanley (Coral Springs, FL, The Catholic University of America) and Carole Walker (Friendship, MD, The Catholic University of America).

At the 1992 JASNA Board Meeting held at the AGM, the board members voted to discontinue the Annual Literary Competition after 1993.