

December 3, 2009

Dear Junior English Majors:

The Lewis & Clark College English Department is pleased to announce this year's application process for the Dixon Award. This \$2500.00 award was established in 2002 by the Dixon Family Foundation to be given to one junior English major each year through the efforts of two alumni, Hillary and Adam Dixon.

Past winners:

2009 **Marley Badolati** traveled to Massachusetts to study the influence of Robert Lowell on the poets Sylvia Plath and Anne Sexton.

2008 **Jessica Cartwright**: traveled to the Alex Turnbull Library in New Zealand to study Katherine Mansfield.

2007 **Stephanie Beechem**: attended the 2007 MLA Annual Convention in order to gain a greater understanding of French influences on Wallace Stevens' poetry.

2007 **Katrin Gibb**: visited the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas, Austin to study John Fowles' The Magus.

2006 **Jason Robertson**: traveled to England to visit British libraries and historical sites researching his project, Spenser's Reformation: Researching Iconoclasm and Literature in London."

2005 **Jason Simms**: traveled to Massachusetts to research the original manuscripts of Emily Dickinson in the Houghton Library at Harvard and the Frost Library at Amherst College.

2004 **Stasia Honnold**: traveled to and conducted research while attending the 14th Annual Virginia Woolf Conference held at the University of London.

2003 **Ariel Holman**: traveled to and conducted research at the Special Collections at the University of Sussex, UK.

If you are interested in applying, please complete the enclosed application form and return it to the English Department along with:

- 1) A copy of your transcript(s)
- 2) A brief letter of intent (maximum of 2 pages)

Please be specific and thoughtful in describing how you will use the funds, such as:

- Visiting a library/source that houses a literary collection that will enhance your field of study.
- Expanding your educational experience by attending writing workshops or lectures.
- Participating in literary events or conferences.

Be sure to explain how you feel the experience will enrich your current studies and advance your education as you begin your senior year here at Lewis & Clark College.

All applications are due by Monday, February 1, 2010 at 3 pm. After carefully considering each application, the department will notify this year's recipient by Friday, February 12, 2010.

Please contact the English department if you have questions. You might also consider scheduling an appointment with your advisor or another professor for guidance in the application process. This is a unique gift from the Dixon Family Foundation and we feel very fortunate to be able to offer our students the chance to apply for this wonderful educational opportunity. I look forward to your applications and wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely yours,

Rishona Zimring, Chair
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