COMPARATIVE LITERATURE PRIZES FOR 2002

The René Wellek Prize

The René Wellek Prize, given in alternate years with the Harry Levin Prize, recognizes an outstanding work in the field of literary and cultural theory.

The winner of the 2002 Wellek Prize was Rei Terada, University of Michigan, for her book *Feeling in Theory: Emotion after the ‘Death of the Subject’*, Cambridge: Harvard UP, 2001. The full citation of the award, presented by committee chair Ian Balfour at the ACLA conference in San Juan, is printed in this issue of the *ACLA Bulletin*.

The Levin-Wellek Prize Committee for 2000-2002 consisted of: Ian G. Balfour, York University, Chair; Christopher Braider, University of Colorado, Boulder; and Peggy Kamuf, University of Southern California, Los Angeles. The new Levin-Wellek Prize Committee, beginning with the 2003 Levin Prize competition, will include: Haun Saussy, Stanford University, Chair; Lois Zamora, University of Houston; and David Ferris, University of Colorado, Boulder.

Announcing the 2003 Harry Levin Prize Competition:

Those books eligible for the Levin Prize in 2003 emphasize literary history or criticism as opposed to theory; in the spirit of comparative literature, they are engaged with more than one national literature or with issues of literary study in general. Books published in the triennium 1999 to 2002 will be considered for the Levin award, which will be presented at the ACLA Annual Meeting in San Diego, April 2003. The deadline for nominations for the 2003 Harry Levin Prize is 31 December 2002. Please see the ACLA website ("ACLA Prizes") for additional information about the prize competition; [www.acla.org](http://www.acla.org).

A. Owen Aldridge Prize

The winner of the 2002 A. Owen Aldridge Prize, awarded to the best student essay selected from a national competition, is Andrea Bachner, Harvard University, for her essay entitled “Anagrams in Freud, Lacan, and Lyotard.” The prize includes a monetary award, and the essay is published in *Comparative Literature Studies*, Editor Thomas Beebee, The Pennsylvania State University. The deadline for next year’s competition for the Aldridge Prize is 15 November 2002. Additional information on the prize and details concerning submission of manuscripts are available at [www.cl-studies.org](http://www.cl-studies.org).

The members of the Aldridge Prize Committee were Beatrice Hanssen, University of Georgia, Chair; Paul Gordon, University of Colorado; and Lydia Liu
(then at UC-Berkeley). Two of the committee members (Hanssen, Liu) have agreed to serve for another year, and they will be joined by Mary Ann Witt, North Carolina State University.

**Horst Frenz Prize**

The Frenz Prize is awarded for the best paper delivered by a graduate student at the annual ACLA conference, in this case at the meeting in Boulder, CO, April 2001. The first prize went to Katarzyna Pieprzak, University of Michigan, for her paper “Whose Patrimony Is It Anyway? The Quarrel between Ali Baba’s Cave and the National Museums of Morocco.” The prize consists of a book award, a travel award toward attendance at the next ACLA annual conference, and publication of the essay in the *Yearbook of Comparative and General Literature*, Editor Giancarlo Maiorino, Indiana University. Runner-up for this year’s prize was Joy Ramirez, University of Colorado, for her paper “The Desert of the Real: Las Vegas.”

The deadline for nominations each year is 15 May, which is about one month after the annual meeting. They should be sent to higonnet@uconn.edu.

The Frenz Prize Committee for 2001-2002 was Margaret Higonnet, University of Connecticut, Chair, and Eugene Eovang, Lingnan University/Indiana University. The same committee members have generously agreed to continue their service for another year, and they will be joined by a third member: Kevin Larsen, University of Wyoming.

**Bernheimer Prize**

No competition was held this year for the Bernheimer Prize because the dates of the competition needed to be adjusted to the academic calendar. Dissertations defended during the academic year 2001-02 will be considered for the next Bernheimer Prize competition, with a deadline for submission of 1 October 2002. Copies of the dissertation should be sent to the committee members listed below; please see the ACLA website for details. Nominations are limited to one per institution, and nominating departments need to have a current departmental membership in the ACLA; please see the ACLA website if you need information on departmental memberships.

The jury for this prize next year will consist of: Susan Suleiman, Harvard University, Chair, and Michael Palencia-Roth, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Kudos to all the winners of this year’s prizes for their accomplishments! We also want to warmly thank those who volunteered their time and expertise as committee members; the many hours of labor were greatly appreciated. Thanks too to all those who have agreed to serve on prize committees during the coming year.