JAMES F. PARKER WRITING CONTESTS

James Forrest Parker was a Greenville, Texas, native who earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1948. After retiring from the United States Marine Corps, Lieutenant Colonel Parker served as a Professor of English at various University of California campuses for more than 30 years. He was an avid golfer and reader, a member of the Sierra Club, and enjoyed traveling around the world. A great friend to the Department of English, our writing contests are named in his honor.

Eligibility

The James F. Parker writing contests are open to all currently enrolled undergraduate English majors and Creative Writing Certificate students.

Entries

Poetry: An entry of up to 6 poems totaling no more than 10 pages. Poems are judged individually; however, winners may place only once in this category.

Fiction: A single entry with a maximum of 20 typed double-spaced pages.

Literary Criticism: A single literary criticism entry with a maximum of 15 typed double-spaced pages.

FANIA KRUGER FELLOWSHIP IN WRITING

Fania Feldman Kruger was born in 1893 in Sevastapol, Russia, on the shores of the Black Sea. There, she was witness to atrocities committed by Cossack troops against her family and others. In fear for their safety, Fania’s family escaped to the United States in 1908. These experiences inform her poems, which address persecution, injustice, and terror; they also reveal an abiding love of family and Jewish culture. Through her poetry, Fania demonstrates a deep compassion for all humanity and a commitment to human rights. Later in life, Fania settled in Austin, Texas, and frequented courses and lectures on the UT-Austin campus. The Kruger Fellowship honors a student whose writing is characterized by the social vision that is the hallmark of Fania’s poems.

Eligibility

The Fania Kruger Fellowship in writing is open to currently enrolled UT-Austin graduate and undergraduate students.

Entries

Submit an unpublished work of fiction or poetry characterized by its social vision. You may submit only one entry: up to 5 poems totaling no more than 10 pages, a short story, or novel excerpt of no more than 20 pages.

KEY DATES

Submissions are due by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15th; late entries will not be considered. The reception on May 12th has been canceled. Contest finalists will be notified the week of May 11th.
● INSTRUCTIONS ●

• You may submit only **one entry per category**.

• Please complete all items under “Your Information” below. You may use one form for entries in multiple categories.

• E-mail this entry form and an electronic copy of your contest submission(s) as attachments (docx, pdf) to Writing.mupi8pk9x6j0ch3w@u.box.com. Attachments cannot exceed 50MB.

• To ensure unbiased judging, please do not include personal identifiers (your name, etc.) on your documents; your EID will be replaced with an entry number by contest administrators prior to judges’ review.

• Please label each file with your EID and the category. (e.g., jd123_EntryForm; az999_ParkerPoetry).

• You should receive a confirmation email shortly after submission. Please note that while attached files are saved, your email text is not, so best to contact us at 512-471-5736 if you have any questions or comments.

● YOUR INFORMATION ●

Name

EID:

E-mail:

Phone

Please indicate the contest(s) you are entering and the titles of your submissions:

☐ Parker Fiction  Entry title(s):

☐ Parker Poetry  Entry title(s):

☐ Parker Literary Criticism  Entry title(s):

☐ Kruger Fellowship  Entry title(s):