

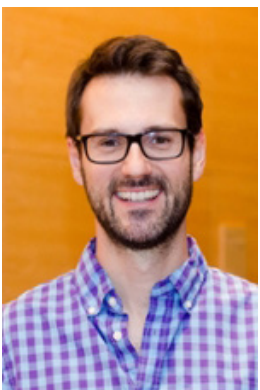
## 2014 Competition Results

Mark Hitz, a graduate student in the James A. Michener Center for Writers, won the \$50,000 Keene Prize for Literature for his two stories: "Shadehill" and "The Laws of Motion."

The Keene Prize is one of the world's largest student literary prizes. An additional \$50,000 is divided among three finalists. The recipients are all graduate students in the James A. Michener Center for Writers.



**Mark Hitz**, a first year student at the Michener Center, won the \$50,000 Keene Prize for his short stories, "Shadehill" and "The Laws of Motion". Both stories vividly evoke complex families that encounter catastrophe; in Shadehill the catastrophe involves the tragically timely question of the automatic American reverence for firearms.



**Alen Hamza**, graduate of the Michener Center, is a finalist for his collection of poetry, "Twice there Was a Country". Alen's work combines linguistic playfulness with high seriousness, and demonstrates his deep indebtedness to literature from Shakespeare to Ashbery.



**Rachel Kondo**, first year student at the Michener Center, is a finalist for her short story "Beverly", an atmospheric evocation of Hawai'i during the Vietnam War that sympathetically explores the relationship between an army volunteer and his disabled younger sister.



**Corey Miller**, graduate of the Michener Center, is third time Keene finalist, this time for his collection of poems "Onyxed Eden". The centerpiece of this fine collection is a learned and allusive journey to the underworld of a coalmine.