Departmental Prizes 2015-16

Phyllis Hodgson Prizes
The English Department is pleased to be able to reward our students' excellent work in the fields of Old and Middle English literature with funds endowed in memory of Phyllis Hodgson. Phyllis Hodgson (1909-2000) was Professor of Medieval Literature at Bedford College, before it merged with Royal Holloway. She was an important editor of Middle English texts, especially the works associated with the Cloud of Unknowing for the Early English Text Society and the influential students' edition of Chaucer's Franklin's Tale for Cambridge University Press. She taught a generation of influential medievalists, including Elizabeth Salter, Stanley Hussey and David Burnley.

The prizes available are for:

- Exceptional achievement in one of our BA courses on Old or Middle English literature (Pre-conquest English I, Pre-conquest English II, Tolkien's Roots, Medieval Arthurian Literature, Middle English Poetry, Medieval Drama, Medieval Dream and Vision, Medieval Epic and Romance, Reading Beowulf, Beowulf and the Critics, The Gawain Poet, Special Author: Chaucer). For more on these courses consult our Options Booklet.
- Excellent work done on the MA in Medieval Studies, either for courses or for the dissertation, in the fields of Old or Middle English literature.
- Excellent PhD work on Old or Middle English literature, either in the form of a conference paper or an article submitted to a journal or other publication.

Students following the BA or MA degrees will automatically be considered for awards. PhD students should submit drafts of their papers to Dr Jenny Neville in the Department of English by 31 March.

Current holder of Phyllis Hodgson Prize (BA): Matthew Burrows
Current holder of Phyllis Hodgson Prize (MA): [not awarded in 2015-16]
Current holder of Phyllis Hodgson Bursary (PhD): [not awarded in 2015-16]

Margaret Bretherton Memorial Prize (N.B. Not available until further notice)
This prize was founded in 1918 in memory of Miss M A Bretherton (Mrs Pittendrigh), a distinguished student of Bedford College who entered in 1899. £60 awarded annually on the recommendation of the Head of Department to a First Year Honours student for excellent work. The prize money is to be spent on books, the selection of which is to be approved by the Head of Department of English.

Current prize holder: Bethany Davies

Alice Irene Ezard Prize
Awarded annually on the recommendation of the Head of Department to the student, who during their second year of the BA Honours Degree Course, has made the most noteworthy progress since entering the College. The prize money is to be spent on books, the selection to be approved by the Head of Department.

Endowed with a legacy from Miss Alice Irene Ezard, a student of Bedford College (1913–1916).

Current prize holder: Marley Ellis
Hilda Green Prize
This prize was founded in 1980 with a legacy to the Royal Holloway College from Miss H A C Green (member of the staff of the Department of English from 1928-1967) who died in 1980. Awarded annually on the recommendation of the Head of Department to a Second Year and Third Year Honours student for excellence in Old English or early Middle English.

*Current prize holder:* Rachel Jones

Phillippa Hicks Memorial Prize
The prize was endowed in 1986 by Mr and Mrs A T Hicks of Chertsey in memory of their daughter Phillippa Anne Hicks, a student at Strode's College, Egham, who died after a road accident in the Autumn of 1985. She had hoped to read English at Royal Holloway and Bedford New College. Awarded annually to the undergraduate student in English who, in the judgement of the Head of Department, has demonstrated qualities of innovation and originality in his or her studies.

*Current prize holder:* Kate O'Donovan

Edmée Manning Award
Endowed in 1976 by the bequest of Mr Hatch-Anderson-Pelham, in memory of his wife (Edmée Manning, RHC 1901-05). The will also expressed the wish that a red rose be placed in the College Chapel on 22 June every year in memory of Edmée Manning, who was born on 22 June 1881. This has been done annually since the award was established. The prize is awarded annually on the recommendation of the Head of Department to a Third Year Honours student for excellent work.

*Current prize holders:* Rebecca Feghali, Jan Articek, and Jessica Reeves

Caroline Spurgeon Memorial Prize
This prize was named in memory of Professor Caroline Spurgeon, member of staff of the Department of English from 1901-1928 and Professor of English Literature from 1913 to 1928, who died in October 1942. It was founded in 1946 by the amalgamation of a donation made by Miss E M E Haydon, MA (Registrar of the College from 1919-1945) with a fund collected by the Bedford College Old Students' Association. The prize, which was originally to the value of £10, is awarded annually to one student or two students demonstrating excellence in Shakespearean studies, who is/are progressing to the MA at Royal Holloway, in addition to the College bursary.

*Current prize holder:* Henrietta Longstaff

Gertrude Schryver Prize
This prize was founded in 1980 with a legacy to Bedford College by Miss Gertrude Schryver, an invalid interested in women's work. Awarded annually on the recommendation of the Head of Department for a Second Year Honours student for excellent work. The prize money is to be spent on books, the selection to be approved by the Head of Department.

*Current prize holder:* Konrad von Halewyn


**Vianney Walters Prize**

Established in 1981 by Mr P F Vianney Waters, a student at Royal Holloway College from 1965-1968. Awarded annually on the recommendation of the Head of Department of English to the best undergraduate essay concerned with some aspect of the English language, or the history of the English language, in any field of English studies. The prize money is to be spent on books.

*Current prize holder:* Jasper Watkins

**Clive Ling Prize**

Founded by Ruth Ling in memory of her husband, Clive Ling, in 2000. Mr Ling was a student of English at Royal Holloway University of London and graduated in 1992. He had a passion for creative writing and for poetry, especially. He met his wife while they were both students here and died in 1996.

Awarded annually on the recommendation of the Head of the Department of English to a second year Honours student in Creative Writing, Poetry, for excellent work.

*Current prize holder:* Gina Strausa

**RHUL English: Creative Writing Prizes**

Established in 2014 by the Department of English at RHUL to encourage passion and reward excellent work in Creative Writing.

Three prizes are awarded annually to undergraduates in first, second and third years on the recommendation of the Head of Department of English.

*Current first year prize holder:* Ansley Echols  
*Current second year prize holder:* Rakaya Fetuga  
*Current third year prize holder:* Emily Hancock

**University of London MA Creative Writing Prize**

Established in 2014 by the University of London to recognise the ‘Best Creative Project on the MA Creative Writing’.

*Current prize holder:* N/A

**Driver Prize**

The Driver prizes, in all subjects taught at Royal Holloway at the time, were endowed by Miss Mary Ann Driver in 1887, just after the opening of the College. Miss Driver was the sister of Jane, wife of Thomas Holloway.

*Current holder:* James Strachan