**THE 2023 BARROW STREET PRESS PROSE CONTEST**

This Inaugural Barrow Street Press Prose Contest award will be given in creative nonfiction for the best previously unpublished manuscript of creative nonfiction in English. Future contests will consider fiction. The winner will receive book publication by Barrow Street Press and $1,500. Finalists may also be considered for publication.

Judge: Mary Cappello

Deadline: 30 April 2023

Inaugural Genre: Creative Nonfiction

Fee: $30.00 online submissions ONLY

no paper submissions

Please note that manuscripts by current and former students and close friends of the contest judge will not be considered.

**GUIDELINES**

**General Guidelines**

Submit a 100-250 page (approximately 25,000-65,000 words) unpublished manuscript of original nonfiction prose in English. For our Inaugural 2023 Prose Contest, we will be accepting works of creative nonfiction only. All nonfiction subgenres are eligible: this includes personal essay; lyric essay; memoir; hybrid or experimental nonfiction; poetry in prose. Please note that this year we will not be reading or publishing works of fiction. Please do not submit novels or stories; fiction manuscripts will not be read this year.

**Submission Guidelines**

Use our Online Submission Manager to enter your contact information, upload the file containing your manuscript, and pay the contest entry fee. Submit a 100-250 page (25,000-65,000 words) unpublished manuscript of original nonfiction prose in English. Please number the pages of your manuscript and include a table of contents and an acknowledgments page for any previously published pieces. Please include your full contact info in the submission manager only. Follow the instructions on the submission manager main page and be sure to select "Prose Contest" from the genre drop down menu in order to pay the contest entry fee. The author’s name, address, and telephone number should not appear anywhere in the manuscript. You will need to upload the file containing your manuscript in either .doc(x) or .pdf format.

Please note that you can only submit one manuscript at a time, so if you are submitting multiple manuscripts, you will need to follow these instructions for each one. Please submit a blind copy of your manuscript. Your name or any other identifying markers should not appear on the manuscript anywhere. Simultaneous submissions are allowed; if your manuscript is selected for publication by another press, please withdraw your manuscript from this contest using the online submission manager. Contest entry fees are non–refundable.