

FSU literary magazine to feature fall winners at reading

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FSU literary magazine the *Kudzu Review* will present its 2012 Fall Contest Reading on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Club Downunder. Contest winners and runners-up in the categories of fiction, nonfiction and poetry will grace the audience with their pieces.

An online version of the magazine is published in the fall, but the winners in each of the three categories will be included in the print issue of *Kudzu*, published in the Spring.

The winners are as follows: Danielle Gasparro for nonfiction, Jonathan Duckworth for fiction and Hannah Jancosko in poetry.

"Names were posted online on the Nov. 18," Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Kudzu* Laura Bradley said. "The pieces will be posted online at midnight the morning of Nov. 27 so everyone can get a taste of what will be read."

Of all the submissions, eight poems, three fiction pieces and three nonfiction pieces were chosen as winners and runners-up.

"We just wanted to make sure we publish the best stuff online and have the best for a reading," said Bradley. "It has to sound good in front of a crowd."

The basic criteria for selecting pieces to include in the journal are deciding which fiction pieces tell the best story, which poems capture emotion the best and which nonfiction pieces are most cohesive. The spring collection allows for more flexibility and design than the online version.

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"In the spring, we accept art," said Bradley. "It's too much to do online. It looks better in the book."

Last year's reading included 30 readers, but this year, the *Kudzu* staff chose closer to 12.

"This year we wanted to scale it down," said Bradley.

Due to the smaller scale of the reading at this year's event, each writer is able to have more time on stage to present their work.

"Fiction can read their whole story or a longer section," said Bradley. "Last year they could only read two pages because there were so many readers. This year, one gets to read his whole story and the rest are reading at least half. I'd much rather hear more of the story and have fewer readers."

Kudzu is still waiting for a few of the selected writers to confirm their participation in the reading. One author was actually chosen for both nonfiction and poetry and will be reading both selections at the event. The reading is free and open to the public, and there will be a bar serving beer for attendees over 21.

"I've been on staff since fall 2009, and we have had so many good submissions this year," said Bradley. "I'm really excited for spring."

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