



WINNERS OF 2012 ALLEN GINSBERG POETRY AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College is proud to announce the winners and honorable mention recipients of the 2012 Allen Ginsberg Poetry Awards, given annually to both established and emerging poets in honor of Ginsberg's contributions to American literature.

This year's contest attracted 1500 entries from across the country. Poems are judged by an anonymous panel, and cash prizes are awarded to the top winners. To read the winning poems, click on the title.

First Prize - \$1,000

Dante Di Stefano, Binghamton, NY

Poem:

[*Sometimes I Think I'll Never Leave the Triple Cities.*](#)

Second Prize: \$200 (Tie)

Donna Spector: Warwick, NY,

Carole Stone, Verona, NJ

Poem:

[*I. Who Am Living Now*](#)

[*Day of the Dead: Secrets*](#)

Third Prize: \$100

Jim Reese of Yankton, SD

Poem:

[*Black Words on White Paper*](#)

Commenting on this year's top winner, Poetry Center Director Maria Mazziotti-Gillan said, "Dante di Stefano's poem was chosen for the first prize in the Allen Ginsberg Awards because it is a poem that is marked by specificity and honesty, a poem that brings people and place alive, a poem that makes us both laugh and cry."

An awards ceremony and poetry reading for all winners will take place on **February 2, 2013**, in the historic Hamilton Club Building of Passaic County Community College, 32 Church Street, corner of Ellison, in downtown Paterson. Winning poems and honorable mentions are published in the following year's issue of the *Paterson Literary Review*.

Cash prizes in the contest are funded by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

For more information, visit www.pccc.edu/poetry

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