THE POETRY CENTER AT PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE is pleased to announce the winners of the

THE 2006 PATERSON POETRY PRIZE WINNER

Luis J. Rodriguez
My Nature is Hunger
Curbstone Press, Willimantic, CT

"In My Nature is Hunger, Luis Rodriguez gives us a passionate and unforgettable portrait of his world; his poems transcend all barriers of race, ethnicity, and social class to celebrate that which survives in all of us. They are so powerful, so alive; they almost leap off the page."

FINALISTS

Jacqueline Berger, Things That Burn (The University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City, UT)
Barbara Crooker, Radiance (Word Press, Cincinnati, OH)
Daniel Donaghy, Street Fighting (BkMk Press, Kansas City, MO)
Gary Fincke, Standing Around the Heart (The University of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville, AR)
Gail Mazur, Zeppo’s First Wife (The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, IL)
Peter E. Murphy, Stubborn Child (Jane Street Press, New York, NY)
Henny Wenkart, Love Poems of a Philanderer’s Wife (Jewish Women’s Resource Center, New York, NY)
Rynn Williams, Adonis Garage (The University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, NE)

Paterson Award for Sustained Literary Achievement to previous winners of the Paterson Poetry Prize

Maxine Kumin, Jack and Other New Poems (W.W. Norton & Company, New York, NY)
Vivian Shipley, Hardboot (Louisiana Literature Press, Hammond, LA)
Gerald Stern, Everything is Burning (W.W. Norton & Company, New York, N

The Paterson Poetry Prize of $1000 is given annually by the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College to a book of poetry (48 pages or more) published in the previous year, with a minimum press run of 500 copies.

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