ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS OF THE 2012 JUNIPER PRIZES

Juniper Prize for Poetry

The University of Massachusetts Press is pleased to announce that Brandon Dean Lamson has won the 2012 Juniper Prize for Poetry. His collection, titled *Starship Tahiti*, will be published in 2013. Lamson grew up in Scientist’s Cliffs, Maryland, and lives in Houston, Texas, where he is a visiting assistant professor at the University of Houston. A 2010 graduate of the University of Houston Creative Writing Program, he is the author of a chapbook of poems titled *Houston Gothic* (LaMunde Press, 2007) and his work is forthcoming in an anthology titled *Poets for Living Waters: An International Response to the BP Oil Disaster in the Gulf of Mexico* (Blazevox Press, 2013). Before moving to Houston where he completed his doctorate in creative writing and literature, he taught for three years at an alternative school on Rikers Island in New York. Lamson was a finalist for the Kathryn A. Morton Prize in Poetry, and his poems have appeared in many places, including *Brilliant Corners, Nano Fiction, Pebble Lake Review, and Hunger*.

The runner-up for this year’s Juniper Prize for Poetry is Siobhán Scarry of Ridgewood, New Jersey, for her collection titled *Pilgrimly*.

Juniper Prize for Fiction

The University of Massachusetts Press is pleased to announce that Steve Yates of Flowood, Mississippi, has won the 2012 Juniper Prize for Fiction. His story collection, titled *Some Kinds of Love*, will be published in 2013. Born and reared in Springfield, Missouri, Yates is an M.F.A. graduate from the creative writing program at the University of Arkansas. He has published short stories in *TriQuarterly, Southwest Review, Turnstile, Western Humanities Review, Laurel Review, Chariton Review, Valley Voices, Harrington Gay Men’s Literary Quarterly, Nebraska Review, Texas Review*, and many other journals. In *Best American Short Stories 2010*, one of his fictions was honored among the “Other Notable Stories of 2009.” His fiction has earned him two fellowships from the Mississippi Arts Commission and one from the Arkansas Arts Council. His first novel, *Morkan’s Quarry*, was published in 2010 by Moon City Press. Portions of the novel were published first in *Missouri Review, Ontario Review*, and *South Carolina Review*. Two portions of the sequel, *The Teeth of the Souls*, were published in *Missouri Review*, one excerpt appeared in *Elder Mountain: A Journal of Ozarks Studies*, and a novella-length excerpt appeared in *Arkansas Review/Kansas Quarterly*. Yates is assistant director/marketing director at University Press of Mississippi in Jackson, and lives in Flowood with his wife, Tammy.

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We wish to express our thanks to all of the writers who participated in this year’s fiction and poetry competitions. Guidelines for next year’s poetry and fiction prizes can be found at our website: [www.umass.edu/umpress](http://www.umass.edu/umpress). Submissions will be accepted between August 1 and September 30, 2012.