

BEST TEXT CONTEST

CELEBRATION OF WRITING

Words Near and Far

You're invited to participate in the Best Text Contest sponsored by the UMass Writing Program. Awards will be given for each of the following categories:

Junior-Year Writing. In order to recognize the range in diversity of writing across the disciplines, prizes will be awarded as follows:

- **Best Short Text (up to 5 pages):** \$200.00
- **Best Long Text (6 pages and above):** \$200.00
- **Best Multimedia/Non-traditional format:** \$200.00

Submissions must have been completed for an assignment in a Junior-Year Writing course within the 2009-2010 academic year. A panel of judges will be looking for a well developed, well thought-out, and well constructed piece that reflect the goals of the specific class you are enrolled in. Submissions must be copy-edited, error free, and demonstrate a good use of mechanics. One submission per course.

To submit: For written text, please provide a clean, revised, single-sided, 1.5 spacing, page numbered copy. For non-traditional pieces please provide a copy of your completed work. We're unable to read any submissions via email or work linked to web sites. All submissions must be accompanied by a cover sheet that includes the following information:

- Title of submission
- Your full name
- Local contact information (email, phone, current local mailing address)
- Course title/section number/Instructor's name
- Semester course taken
- A description of the assignment for this particular piece

This is a juried contest. Please do not print your name on any of your work (print only your full name on the cover sheet) so the judges make their decision based solely on the merit of the work and not influenced by knowing the name of the author of the submission.

Submit contest submissions to the Writing Program, 305 Bartlett Hall. Deadline for fall 2009 is Friday, December 18 by 4 p.m. Deadline for spring 2010 is April 7 by 4 p.m. Winners will be notified the last week of April. Awards will be given out during the Celebration of Writing Festival, which will be held Wednesday, May 5, 2010.