

# 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Gannon Writing Awards Program

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 20, 2023

Yehl Ballroom,  
Waldron Campus Center  
Gannon University

Guest speakers  
Poets Ilya Kaminsky and Katie Farris

Free / Open to Public

For more information email Dr. Shreeelina Ghosh at  
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www.gannon.edu/poetrycontest

## Praise for Kaminsky

"These poems bestow the power of sacred drama on a secular martyrology...Kaminsky is wonderfully attentive to...repeating patterns of details, contributing to the impression that his book is a through-composed whole, rather than simply a sequence of individual poems."

*The New York Times Book Review*

## 2022-23

### High School Poetry Contest

Entrants must be a high school student or a home-schooled student in grades nine through twelve. Students from anywhere in the United States may enter.

The top three winners will receive a monetary award, a signed book by poet Ilya Kaminsky, and publication in the Awards Night program.

First Place:	\$100
Second Place:	\$75
Third Place:	\$50

Winners will be notified by email in March 2023.

Awards will be presented at the annual Gannon Writing Awards Program.

*Poems may also win Honorable Mention awards.*

Awardee(s) will be invited to join a virtual workshop by our distinguished featured poet and will be recognized at the 46th Annual Gannon Writing Awards ceremony. He or she will receive a **monetary award of \$50**, a **book** by our featured poet, and **publication** in the Awards Night program and in the award-winning literary magazine, *Totem*.

## Contest Rules

- Each student may submit **1 or 2 single-authored original** poems as attachment(s) in ONE email.
- The **email subject line** should contain the student's name
- The **text section of the email** should contain student's name, address, phone number, email address, school name, school address, instructor's name, instructor's email, and grade in school
- Poems must be typed and submitted as **PDF or DOCX or DOC** attachments only. No other formats will be accepted. Online word processor formats or Google docs will not be accepted.
- Poems may be in rhyme, free verse, Haiku or other accepted poetry forms up to a maximum of 40 lines.
- Winners receiving a monetary award will be required to complete a **W-9 form** to receive their prize.

**Submit poems to:**  
highschoolpoetry@gannon.edu

**Deadline:**  
February 1, 2023

**Questions may be addressed to:**  
Dr. Shreeelina Ghosh at ghosh002@gannon.edu

"Evident throughout [Deaf Republic] is a profound imagination, matched only by the poet's ability to create a republic of conscience that is ultimately ours, too, and utterly his own - a map of what it means to live 'in a peaceful country.'"

*Kevin Young, The New Yorker*

"Cutting-edge."

*The Washington Post*

"Described as a 'parable in poems,' Kaminsky's soulful new collection opens on an act of horrific violence before meditating on silence and deafness in times of political unrest."

*Entertainment Weekly*

"Re-envisioning disability as power and silence as singing, Kaminsky has created a searing allegory precisely tuned to our times, a stark appeal to our collective conscience."

*NPR.org*

# Featured Poets

**Ilya Kaminsky** was born in Odessa, former Soviet Union in 1977, and arrived to the United States in 1993. He is the author of *Deaf Republic* (Graywolf Press) and *Dancing In Odessa* (Tupelo Press). His work won several awards including The Los Angeles



Times Book Award, The Anisfield-Wolf Book Award, The National Jewish Book Award, the Guggenheim Fellowship, and was also shortlisted for the National Book Award, National Book Critics Circle Award, Neustadt International Literature Prize, and T.S. Eliot Prize (UK). *Deaf Republic* was *The New York Times*' Notable Book for 2019, and was also named Best Book of 2019 by several other publications. In 2019, Kaminsky was selected by BBC as "one of the 12 artists that changed the world."



**Katie Farris** is a poet, writer of hybrid forms, and translator. Her poetry has been called "extraordinary" by both *Paris Review* and *The Los Angeles Review of Books*, while *The Literary Review* commented on

the "immersive magic and unforgettable imagery" of Farris's writing. Farris's work has been commissioned by MoMA and appears in magazines including *American Poetry Review*, *Granta*, and *McSweeney's*. She also is the award-winning translator of several books of poetry from the French, Ukrainian, Chinese, and Russian, including *Gossip and Metaphysics: Russian Modernist Poems and Prose*. Farris also writes prose about cancer, the body, and its relationship to writing. She holds degrees from UC Berkeley and Brown University, and currently lives and teaches in Atlanta.



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