## Stockton Junior, Emil Lech Studzinski, Wins Mimi Schwartz Creative Nonfiction Award

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's Writing Program has announced Emil Lech Studzinski as the winner of this semester's Mimi Schwartz Creative Nonfiction Award. A junior Literature Major at Stockton, Studzinski won with his experimental essay, "Miasma." Maxine Patroni and Allyn Stott, both seniors at Stockton, received honorable mention for their essays "Changing Lanes," and "Sunday," respectively.

The contest judge was Natalie Pearson who is a writer, journalist, and an editor who has been published in many newspapers and magazines. Pearson stated that "Selecting a winner from these wonderful entries was a challenge; each writer told an interesting story and drew a compelling scene. After much deliberation, I chose one of the least conventional essays, 'Miasma' because it blended situation, character, and story in such a unique and effective way. In short, it stuck with me. This writer took some risks with form, but they paid off in a memorable work of creative nonfiction."

As the contest winner, Studzinski will receive one hundred dollars.

The Mimi Schwartz Creative Nonfiction Award is funded through Stockton's Writing Program and is presented semiannually to a Stockton student.