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Gulf Coast Student Wins Kathanne W. Greene Award Annual Essay Competition

University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast political science student Haddy Rikabi of Biloxi was recently named the winner of the Kathanne W. Greene Award Annual Essay Competition, sponsored by the Committee on Services and Resources for Women at Southern Miss.

Rikabi's essay "A Feminist World According to Y: The Last Man" was unanimously selected by committee members as the winner of the competition. The Committee on Services and Resources for Women is an interdisciplinary group of Southern Miss faculty and staff members interested in women's issues both on campus and in the local community.

PHOTO: Haddy Rikabi

Labat Project on Display at Biloxi Public Library

The Katrina Research Center at The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast, along with the Mississippi Humanities Council and Gulf Coast artist Lori K. Gordon, announce the latest exhibition of The Labat Project at the Biloxi Public

Library. The Labat Project is currently on display at the library through May 31.

The Labat Project is the second phase of an undertaking begun by Gordon in 2000 when she conducted an oral history interview with Celestine Labat of Bay St. Louis. Labat, who lived until the age of 102, gave Gordon access to her family photographs and, using Labat family materials, created an art quilt. The quilt was subsequently acquired by the Smithsonian Institution and Gordon began work on the second phase of the project.

In 2011, Gordon partnered with the university's Katrina Research Center to create a cross-cultural and interdisciplinary traveling exhibit which encompasses portions of Labat's oral history and images from her family archives. The exhibit is comprised of 36 images and 29 pages of text on wood panels. Funded by a grant from the Mississippi Humanities Council, the exhibit will be presented at four locations throughout Mississippi in 2012.

For more information on The Labat Project, contact the Katrina Research Center at 228.214.3423 or email krc@usm.edu. Additional information is available at <http://thelabatproject.blogspot.com> or contact Lori K. Gordon at 228.671.6146 or email lorikgordon@gmail.com.

Eagle's Nest Poetry Reading Series to Honor Poetry Month with Two Readings

In honor of National Poetry Month, the Eagle's Nest Poetry Reading Series will host two poetry readings in April to be held in room 204 of The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Library on the Gulf Park campus in Long Beach.

The first reading will be held Thursday, April 19 featuring Dr. William Watson, associate professor of English. The second reading

will be held Thursday, April 26 featuring Lenny Emmanuel, adjunct instructor of English. The poetry readings will feature literary selections read by the featured poet followed by an open microphone session.

Refreshments will be served and the series is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Southern Miss Gulf Coast College of Arts and Letters at 228.214.3245 or visit www.usm.edu/gulfcoast/arts-letters.

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