

2018 COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE POETRY PRIZES

NFSPS is happy to announce the winners of the 2018 College Undergraduate Poetry (CUP) competition, which awards two cash prizes and publication.

Winner of the **2018 NFSPS Edna Meudt Memorial Award** is **Iryna Klishch**, a senior at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, for her manuscript titled A Monster the Size of the Sun. Iryna's hometown is Glenview, IL.

Winner of the **2018 NFSPS Florence Kahn Memorial Award** is **Catherine Valdez**, a junior at Columbia University in New York, NY, for her manuscript titled Imperial Debris in Quisqueya and Beyond. Her hometown is Miami, FL.

The Federation also congratulates the other finalists in the competition:

1st Honorable Mention - Kara Applegate,
Gordon College, Wenham, MA, for On Certain Mornings

2nd Honorable Mention - Juliana Chang,
Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, for Inheritance

3rd Honorable Mention - Hannah Isaac,
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, for Puppet Show

4th Honorable Mention - Heather
Bellinger, Corban University, Salem, OR, for Cut Gravity's Cord

5th Honorable Mention - Christie Clause,
Gordon College, Wenham, MA, for Things to Remember

The judge for this year's contest was Dr. Benjamin Myers. He was the 2015-2016 Poet Laureate of Oklahoma and currently teaches at Oklahoma Baptist University as the Crouch-Mathis Professor of Literature. CUP winners are invited to read and to sell their books at the NFSPS Annual Convention. At this time, neither winner is sure she can attend the upcoming convention. Although their chapbooks will soon be available through Amazon.com, we hope to see both of these young women in Denver and receive our copies from the hands of the authors themselves.