The Ben Auburn Award in Cultural Criticism

The Ben Auburn Award in Cultural Criticism seeks to stimulate the production and recognition of works of cultural criticism by students at The University of Akron through an annual awards competition and symposium administered by the Williams Honors College, with the first prize of $500. The 2020 symposium will take place on

**Friday, April 24, 2020**

2:00 p.m.

**Jacobson Honors Common Room**

Culture adapts and changes, and cultural criticism identifies and assesses trends in the arts, aesthetics, and ideas of a human society. Limited neither to high culture nor to popular forms, its examples range across all human artistic and intellectual achievements. Moreover, cultural criticism can take many forms and appear in a variety of media. A series of related reviews, an extended essay or article, a monograph, or a chapter in a book are some written forms; video, audio, or filmed programs may constitute cultural criticism, as may exhibitions or performances, and works of imaginative textual (poems, fiction), pictorial, sculptural, and performance art designed primarily to reflect other works of the imagination.

The Ben Auburn Award, established by Mark, Sandy, and David Auburn in memory of their son and brother Ben, seeks to expand the boundaries of cultural criticism, the capacity of our students to participate in its creation, and the opportunities to grapple with ideas expressed in any form. It will recognize thoughtful analysis and commentary, reflective and careful judgment, and sustained acquisition of knowledge and taste. It will reward original thinking and expression. It will encourage intellectual risk-taking subjected to public assessment.

For more information please contact Prof. D. Dane Quinn, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Research, Williams Honors College, at quinn@uakron.edu, or at 330-972-6302. Additional details are also available at [https://www.uakron.edu/honors/students/ben-auburn-award.dot](https://www.uakron.edu/honors/students/ben-auburn-award.dot)

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**Submission**

The Ben Auburn Award competition is open to all undergraduate students at The University of Akron. Productions of cultural criticism must be submitted by

**Monday, April 13, 2020**

5:00 p.m.

Productions and the submission form should be addressed to:

ATTN: Peggy Walchalk  
Ben Auburn Cultural Criticism Award  
Williams Honors College  
The University of Akron  
Akron, OH 44325–1803  

or by email to peggy1@uakron.edu.

The first prize for the Ben Auburn Award is $500.
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Award Symposium: Friday, April 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Submission Form (Please Print)

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Please include a brief (maximum 200 words) description of your submission

Are you available to present on Friday, April 24, 2020?

| Yes | No (disqualifies entry) |