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## CORNERSTONE FALL 2021 CONTEST: “CHANCE ENCOUNTER”

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*Magnetism by Agnes Cecile*

This fall the Cornerstone contest is seeking **writings** and **artworks** as well as other forms of creativity including **videos** and **poetry** inspired by our readings in Transformative Texts (SCLA 101 or 102).

Our theme is **chance encounter**. Reading is a form of encountering; to read is to fill our minds with voices that are not our own and to fill our hearts with emotions that we might never experience otherwise. Your SCLA classes encourage you to read outside of your comfort zones, to explore a new topic, listen to a new voice, and appreciate a new perspective. We are forever changed by the story and by the author.

Encountering a good book is only one example of such a transformative encounter. In your own creative way, please share with us your experience with one chance encounter—with a person, a place, a text, a hobby, a form of art, an alternative perspective, etc.—that enchanted and changed you. You can also portray an imaginary chance encounter that challenges and transforms your fictional characters.

Your work can either be directly inspired by the content or theme of a Transformative Text or speak to your reading experience of it. You can also simply emulate the style of an author you have read in class.

**Eligibility:** Any student currently enrolled in SCLA 101 or 102

**Criteria:** You can submit a short story or an essay (1500 words minimum, double-spaced, TNR-12), a video speech (3-5 minutes), a long poem or series of poems, series of photographs, or a piece of artwork (digital or not). A committee composed of Cornerstone faculty will judge submissions based on originality and creativity.

**Prizes:** Amazon Gift Cards. First Place: \$95; Second place: \$75; 3 honorary mentions: \$50. Winners will automatically be nominated for publication in *The Cornerstone Review* and have their work exhibited in the Cornerstone Reading Room in HSSE Library.

**Timeline:** Submission deadline: **November 12, 2021**. Please send your submissions to Dr. Ayala-Chittick at [smatosay@purdue.edu](mailto:smatosay@purdue.edu). Winners announced: **December 3, 2021**