Three awards of $300 each will be offered this term for excellent expository writing in a First-Year Writing Seminar. Honorable mentions, if any, will receive $100. Publication of winning essays in Discoveries is also possible.

- The Elmer Markham Johnson prize is given in memory of Elmer Markham Johnson, who taught freshman English at Cornell and served as Chancellor of Telluride House.
- The generosity of the Adelphic Cornell Educational Fund allows us to offer two James E. Rice, Jr. ’30 Awards. Judge Rice, a leader in civic and philanthropic activities in Tompkins County for over fifty years, was a student of Elmer Markham Johnson.

To be eligible for an award, an essay must have been written in response to a teacher’s assignment. The essay should, of course, be fully intelligible to a reader not familiar with the assignment or the course, and it must include all appropriate documentation. Essays without accurate documentation might not be considered for publication in Discoveries.

Please note:
- Any student in any First-Year Writing Seminar is eligible to enter, at the invitation of his or her instructor.
- Only two entries can be submitted from each class.
- Each paper should be typed and should include the author’s name and local address, and the name of the instructor and course.
- A complete and accurate list of all sources (including images), in an accepted documentation format, must be included.
- The essay must be accompanied by a copy of the assignment that elicited it. Please do not staple.

Submissions are due in 101 McGraw Hall by Thursday, December 17. No exceptions can be made. Undergraduate writers may not submit the same essay for more than one prize.

Fall 2015 Elmer Markham Johnson Prize and James E. Rice, Jr. Prize

Application

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Instructor’s name_______________________________________

Department ________ Course # and title ____________________________

Student’s name __________________________ College __________________________

Local address__________________________________________________________________________ Class of _____________

Local telephone __________________________ Email (Cornell and/or otherwise) ____________

Home address (street, city, state, zip) ______________________________________________________

Home telephone __________________________ Student ID Number _________________________

I understand that I may submit this essay for only one prize for the current semester. Should I win a prize, I give the John S. Knight Institute permission to publish, quote from, and/or distribute copies of my essay, and to distribute publicity to newspapers and other publications, local and/or national, about my winning the prize. I am prepared to send electronic versions of my text (not a PDF, but an editable text document) to Donna O’Hora (dlo1@cornell.edu) in the Knight Institute. I understand that I will receive the award for my prize-winning essay upon submission of the electronic text.

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Title of Essay

Student’s signature __________________________ Date _____________