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Place and Experience Poetry Prize 2010 winners announced

The UTAS School of Philosophy is pleased to announce the winners of the Place and Experience Poetry Prize 2010.

The poetry competition sought to hear from aspiring poets Australia-wide about their experience of place.

The first prize of \$1500 goes to Jillian Pattinson (Vic), for her poem *The Still Point*.

Highly commended were *With the Bark* by Kevin Gillam (WA), *Flight* by Andy Kissane (NSW) and *How to Dive in Kelp Forest* by Susan Fealey (Vic). Gillam, Kissane and Fealey will each receive a prize of \$250.

The competition attracted more than 260 entries nationally.

Judges Dr. Lucy Tatman (Head of the UTAS School of Philosophy) and Tasmanian poets Gina Mercer and Adrienne Eberhard were impressed by the quality of the poems.

Pattinson will receive her prize and read her poem at the Tasmanian Writers Centre's monthly "Readings at the Lark" at the Lark Distillery, Hobart, **today** (Wednesday 15 September 2010 6pm - 8.30pm).

The competition was sponsored by the UTAS School of Philosophy, the UTAS School of Geography and Environmental Studies, Island Magazine, Fullers Bookshop and the Tasmanian Writers' Centre.

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