

Virginia Woolf Society of Great Britain

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Julia Briggs Memorial Prize 2011

The Virginia Woolf Society of Great Britain (VWSGB) is holding an **essay competition** in memory of acclaimed Virginia Woolf scholar and VWSGB Executive Council member Julia Briggs, who died in August 2007.

The competition is **open to members and non-members** (except for the Executive Council and Editorial Committee of the VWSGB, the judges, and families of the above). **Entries should be sent** to Ruth Webb, 15 Southcote Road, London SE25 4RG, to arrive **by 10 January 2011**.

The competition **rules and entry form** are provided **below**. Entrants should read these carefully and **return the signed form** with the entry. If you have **any queries** or would like another entry form, please email Sarah M. Hall on **smhall123@yahoo.co.uk**.

Please note that student membership of the VWSGB costs only £10 for those at UK addresses and £15 for those at overseas addresses, per calendar year.

Competition Rules

The essay, on the **topic 'Why is reading Virginia Woolf still so crucial today?'**, **but with a title of the entrant's choosing**, should be between **2,000 and 2,500 words** in length. It should be the original work of the named entrant, and **previously unpublished** in print or any other medium. Student coursework is acceptable.

Entrants should **supply THREE typed copies** of the essay **on A4 paper**, printed on one side only, **double-spaced (or 1.5)** and in a font size no smaller than 10-point. The VWSGB regrets that **no emailed entries will be accepted**, because of printing costs.

The competition will be **judged by acclaimed Woolf scholars** Lyndall Gordon and Maggie Humm, and VWSGB Vice-Chair and Woolf biographer Ruth Webb. The decision of the judges is final. The VWSGB reserves the right not to award the prize if, in the judges' opinion, none of the entries attains the required standard. Otherwise **the winner will be contacted in mid-March**.

The winner will receive a cheque for £250, presented at the VWSGB's AGM in central London **on 2 April 2011**, and the **winning essay** will be **published in the *Virginia Woolf Bulletin***. If the winner is unable to attend the AGM, the prize will be sent by secure mail.

Please Note

No entry will be accepted without the signed entry form below, which should be attached to the first page of the first copy of the essay. There should be no personal details on the essay pages themselves. The VWSGB cannot return entries. Acknowledgement of receipt can only be given if the entrant supplies an SAE containing the confirmation slip below. (Entrants from outside the UK should email Sarah M. Hall as above for confirmation of receipt.)

VWSGB / Julia Briggs Memorial Prize 2011 – Entry Form

Please complete the details below in block capitals.

Name: _____

Address (no P.O. Box or company addresses are acceptable):

Phone: _____

Title of essay:

Email: _____

I have read the competition rules and agree to comply with them,

signed: _____

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VWSGB / Julia Briggs Memorial Prize 2011 – Confirmation Slip

Dear _____

Thank you for your entry for the VWSGB essay competition, which I have received.

Ruth Webb
Vice-Chair, VWSGB