

**Department of English Language and Literature**

**The First Research Essay Contest in Science-Fiction and Fantasy Literature**

***In Memoriam Can Abanazır***

**The Legacy of Bram Stoker's *Dracula*: Vampires in Literature**

Those eligible to enter:

- All MA and PhD students currently enrolled in English Language and Literature – American Culture and Literature programmes in Turkey.

Possible topics may include, but are by no means limited to:

- The vampire as metaphor in literature
- The vampire tales in eastern European folklore
- The vampire in the nineteenth-century anglophone literature
- The vampire in contemporary anglophone literature

Rules:

- Each graduate student may submit only one research essay.
- Each essay must represent original research.
- A well-composed and substantially illustrated research paper is expected.
- Essays should be not more than 2500 words, including the work cited.
- Essays must be written in English, on A4 size paper, double-spaced, in twelve point font, and in Times New Roman style. Two cm. margins on both sides are required.
- References must be written in accordance with the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th edition.
- All entries must be unpublished work. A chapter of the entrants' thesis/dissertation will not be accepted.
- Deadline for submissions is December 20, 2012.
- Submissions should be sent as Microsoft Word (97-2003) attachment by e-mail to Sinan Akıllı at the following address: [sakilli@hacettepe.edu.tr](mailto:sakilli@hacettepe.edu.tr)
- E-mail body texts (but not the manuscripts) must include the following information:  
Essay Title  
Student's name  
Name of university  
Name of graduate programme  
Contact information (i.e. mailing address, phone number etc)

Evaluation:

- The essays will be assessed by a panel of judges:  
Prof. Dr. A. Deniz Bozer  
Prof. Dr. Burçin Erol  
Prof.Dr. Serpil Oppermann  
Assoc.Prof. Dr. Huriye Reis  
Assoc.Prof. Dr. Hande Seber  
Assoc.Prof. Dr. Aytül Özüm  
Assist.Prof.Dr. Şebnem Kaya  
Assist.Prof.Dr. Alev Karaduman  
Dr. Sinan Akıllı

Essays will be judged using the following criteria:

- How well does the essay reflect the issue involved?
- Does the argument follow a logical progression?
- How compelling is the conclusion?
- How many resources have been used?
- How good are the composition, grammar, spelling, punctuation, and scholarly expression?

Final voting and awards:

- Authors of five shortlisted works will be notified by e-mail on or before, but no later than, December 27, 2012.
  - On Wednesday, January 2, 2013 , highlights from the five short listed research essays will be presented by the entrant him/herself in fifteen minutes to the public constituting undergraduate students, graduate students and academics.
  - After all five presentations, a final voting will be taken by all present in the auditorium to establish the first, second and third place winners.
  - During the final voting, along with the panel of judges, all undergraduate and graduate students, and academics will vote.
  - The winner essays will be published in the Department's website. The Department reserves the right to ask for editing prior to publishing the essays.
  - There will also be surprise prizes.
  - There will be no cash prize.
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- **Date:** January 2, 2013
  - **Venue:** Hacettepe University, Faculty of Letters Building, Prof.Dr. Tuğrul İnal Hall
  - **Time:** 10:00-13:00