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Prestigious Literary Magazine Being Sent to Connecticut Troops Abroad

Connecticut Review, a nationally respected literary journal edited by faculty members of the Connecticut State University System and published semi-annually, will provide 400 copies of its latest edition for shipment to Connecticut-based members of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed overseas.

The semi-annual journal, published since 1967, has included literary plays, translations, creative nonfiction and essays as well as poetry, artwork, photography and academic articles of general interest. Faculty editors for the publication are Central Connecticut State University Professor of English Dr. Stuart Barnett, now serving as senior editor, and Western Connecticut State University Professor of English JP Briggs, Eastern Connecticut State University Assistant Professor of English Meredith Clermont-Ferrand and Southern Connecticut State University Professor of English Vivian Shipley.

CCSU Assistant Professor of English Dr. Aimee Pozorski, advisor to the CCSU chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society, is coordinating the effort on behalf of *Connecticut Review*. The concept was initiated by a recently inducted student as part of a larger program to promote world literacy and in discussions by *Connecticut Review* editors.

Golden Key inducted about 100 new members last fall, including Shane Matthews, a Trustee for the State Department of Veterans Affairs. At the end of each semester the organization's CCSU chapter sponsors a book drive. Previous beneficiaries have included the Janet York Women's Correctional Institution in Niantic and Books for Africa, through Better World Books.

Matthews suggested that books be donated to Connecticut units deployed overseas, primarily the 411th Civil Affairs Battalion that works to help rebuild the infrastructure in countries like Afghanistan and Iraq. Based in Danbury, the unit is augmented by soldiers from all over the nation.

Dr. Barnett noted that *Connecticut Review* is published as a "public service contribution to the national literary and intellectual discourse," by the CSU System. In recent years *Connecticut Review* has won awards from the Council of Editors of Learned Journals and National Public Radio. Pieces published in the magazine have also earned Pushcart Prizes and appeared in Best American Short Stories, Best American Essays, and Best American Poetry.

Those interested in submitting material for consideration should visit the CSUS website at www.ctstateu.edu or *Connecticut Review* at www.connecticutreview.com

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