



Occupation Haiku Contest

April 2017: To celebrate Occupational Therapy Month, the 100th Anniversary of Occupational Therapy, and National Poetry Month, the School of Occupational Therapy and the Department of Humanities are hosting the third annual “occupation haiku” contest!

HAIKU: An unrhymed Japanese verse form that captures the essence of a single moment in an image (or images). It has three lines of five, seven, and five syllables. The images usually suggest one of the four seasons and imply a link between Nature and human nature. Although the form originated in Japan in the seventeenth century, it has been adopted by poets all over the world, and *haiku* in many different languages have been read and loved for more than five hundred years.

Distill a moment
in seventeen drops of sound:
five, seven, five—hush.

Sandra Brim

OCCUPATION: Activities...of everyday life, named, organized, and given value and meaning by individuals and a culture. Occupation is everything that people do to occupy themselves, including looking after themselves...enjoying life...and contributing to the social and economic fabric of their communities...(Law, Polatajko, Baptiste, & Townsend, 1997)

My feet pound the sand
The earth is calm and quiet
I watch the sun rise

*Sara Propes,
2015 1st Place Award*

Sucking life and milk,
Sucking sleep and money too--
My sweet parasite.

*Katelyn Rochford-Price
2016 1st Place Award*

Guidelines: Use the traditional 5-7-5 verse form of the *haiku* to capture a moment of human occupation and/or daily life and suggest its significance. Entries are encouraged from all members of the Brenau community. Only students may win cash prizes; faculty/staff winners will receive Honorable Mention.

Prizes: \$50 first prize, \$30 second prize, \$20 third prize. (Each entrant may win only one prize.). Dr. Betty Hasselkus, internationally known occupational therapy and science scholar, will judge the entries along with Drs. Kathryn Locey and Sandy Brim.

To Submit: In the body of a single email (no attachments, please), send up to three haiku to ceggerding@brenau.edu. Subject line: Occupation Haiku Contest.

Deadline: Monday, April 17. All entries must be received by 11:59 PM.

Reading of Winners: Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 5:30 pm Library Quiet Zone