



## Occupation Haiku Contest

April 2018: To celebrate National Occupational Therapy Month and National Poetry Month, the School of Occupational Therapy and the Department of Humanities are hosting the fourth 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)

Espresso is bold  
Life is tall, venti, and grand  
The smooth taste wakes me.

*Madeleine Herbermann,*  
*2017 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. Sandy Brim and Kathryn Locey.

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

**Deadline:** Thursday, April 12. All entries must be received by 11:59 PM.

**Celebration and Reading by Winners:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 5:30 pm Library Quiet Zone