

**21st Southern Writers Symposium**  
**February 25-26, 2011**  
Methodist University  
Fayetteville, North Carolina  
**Emerging Writers Contest Guidelines**

In 2011 the Southern Writers Symposium will launch an emerging writers contest. Lorraine López, finalist for the 2010 PEN/Faulkner Award for her short story collection *Homicide Survivors Picnic* and author of *The Gifted Gabaldón Sisters*, *Call Me Henri*, and *Soy la Avon Lady and Other Stories*, will serve as the contest's final judge.

Winning writers will share their work at the conference Saturday session and receive a cash award. The contest is open to fiction writers who meet at least two of the following criteria

- currently live in the South
- are natives of the South
- write about the South.

Additionally, writers must have not yet published a full-length volume of fiction. Writers published in other genres (e.g., nonfiction, poetry) are eligible.

**Submission Guidelines:**

Deadline: **October 1, 2010.**

Fee: \$15/story payable to *Southern Writers Symposium*.

Short story manuscripts of up to 5,000 words, typed and double-spaced.

Entry may not have been previously published in **any** form.

Cover sheet with the author's name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and title of work submitted as well as a brief bio and statement that the author meets the eligibility guidelines.

Winners will be announced on the Southern Writers Symposium Web site, so an SASE is unnecessary.

The reading fee is non-refundable.

Submission address: Southern Writers Symposium, Emerging Writers Contest, Department of English and Writing, Methodist University, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville NC 28311.

