

## Emory Elliott Prize commendation

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Rosie Cadman Beaumont, who graduated in July, has received a High Commendation for the Literary Encyclopedia's Emory Elliott Memorial Prize. The judges said 'her essay "Enfreakment and Personal Choice in Jeffrey Eugenides' Middlesex and Katherine Dunn's Geek Love" is a nuanced and independent comparative reading, theoretically-sophisticated and persuasively-argued and breaking new grounds in terms of the texts considered'.

Rosie said: "The essay I submitted for the Emory Elliott Competition, 'Enfreakment and Personal Choice in Katherine Dunn's Geek Love and Jeffrey Eugenides' Middlesex', was part of my final year assessment at Birmingham and drew on select disability theory studied during the Extraordinary Bodies module. I am absolutely thrilled to have received a high commendation as I truly loved reading and researching all the literature surrounding the topic and would definitely encourage other students to take the module".

The aim of the prize is to recognise and encourage the highest standards in literary critical writing. The prizes are named after Emory Elliott (1943-2009), the distinguished historian of American letters and one of the Founding Editors of **The Literary Encyclopedia** (<http://www.litencyc.com/index.php>).