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AWP Announces Winners of the 2021 George Garrett and Small Press Publisher Awards

USA, March 18, 2021 — On March 3, the opening evening of the 2021 AWP Conference & Bookfair, AWP hosted a celebration of this year's George Garrett Award and Small Press Publisher Award winners.

AWP Executive Director Cynthia Sherman announced Allison Adelle Hedge Coke as the winner of the 2021 George Garrett Award for outstanding community service in literature, which recognizes individuals who have made notable donations of care, time, labor, and money to support writers and their literary accomplishments. It includes a \$2,000 honorarium and conference travel, accommodations, and registration.

"I feel fortunate to have come from parents that instilled service as a given . . . set[ting] into place the unfolding of my life to be one of service for needs larger than my own," said Hedge Coke before offering a poem of gratitude in acceptance of the award.

AWP Board Member Kris Bigalk announced the Minneapolis-based press Milkweed Editions as the winner of the 2021 Small Press Publisher Award, which honors nonprofit independent press contributions to the literary landscape through the publication of consistently excellent work. It includes a \$2,000 honorarium and a complimentary exhibit booth and two accompanying conference registrations for the following year.

"It is with a spirit of humility and commitment to what our author Robin Wall Kimmerer describes as 'mutual flourishing' that we accept this award," said Daniel Slager, publisher and CEO of Milkweed Editions.

AWP offers its sincere appreciation of the contributions of these award winners and congratulates them on their many accomplishments.

For more information about the award winners, [read the full article](#) in the Writer's News.