

Essay Prize in Informal Logic/Critical Thinking/Argumentation Theory

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The Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking (AILACT) invites submissions for the 2023 AILACT Essay Prize. This will be the 19th year that the prize has been offered.

- Value: \$700 U.S.
- The prize-winning paper, and any “honourable mention” paper, will be considered for publication in *Informal Logic* upon the conditions listed below.*
- Papers related to the teaching or theory of informal logic or critical thinking, and papers on argumentation theory, will be considered for the prize.
- There are no restrictions on authorship. Authors need not be members of AILACT but are encouraged to be or become dues-paying members, so that the prize award can continue.
- Previously unpublished papers, and papers published or accepted for publication between January 1, 2020 and September 1, 2023 are eligible. Maximum length: 6,000 words (exclusive of footnotes and bibliography). Authors may not submit the same paper, or a similar paper, more than once following the first submission.
- Entries will be assessed on the basis of their argument, scholarship, style, and importance to the field. There is a limit of one entry per author.
- The jury members for the 2023 AILACT essay prize, approved by the AILACT Board of Directors, are Geoffrey Goddu, Professor of Philosophy, University of Richmond; Sally Jackson, Professor of Communications, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Tim Kenyon, Humanities & Vice-President Research, Brock University. The jury's decision is final.
- To submit a paper, attach a PDF or MS Word document to an email with AILACT ESSAY ENTRY on the “subject” line and send it to Gilbert Plumer (plumerge@gmail.com). Include in the email your name, a mailing address, and the word-length of your paper exclusive of footnotes and bibliography. If the paper was published between January 1, 2020 and the date of its submission for the 2023 AILACT Essay Prize, please include in your email the name of the journal concerned, the year of publication, the volume number and issue number. Please send the paper ready for blind-reviewing (the author not identified on the paper or file containing the paper or in the description of the document’s properties that is part of the file, and self-identifying references removed from the text, notes, and bibliography). Each page should be numbered.
- ***The deadline for receipt of submissions is September 1, 2023.*** The winner will be announced by December 15, 2023. AILACT will publicize the name of the winner on its web site and at AILACT sessions held at American Philosophical Association divisional meetings in 2024.
- For further information about the essay prize, contact Gilbert Plumer (plumerge@gmail.com). For information about AILACT, visit our web site: <https://ailact.wordpress.com/>.

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