

## John Updike Society

### PRIZES, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS

**(need not be a current society member to apply)**

**The John Updike Review Emerging Writers Prize**—a \$1000 prize plus publication in *The John Updike Review*, awarded annually to writers 40 years of age or younger. Depending upon the quality of submissions, one or more winners will be announced annually. The review is looking for an essay by a young writer or critic that deepens our understanding of the work of John Updike. The writing may be scholarly or *bellestristic* in nature. Academics, critics, graduate students, assistant professors, novelists, poets, and short story writers are encouraged to submit 10-30 page essays. There is no deadline; submissions are open and rolling. Send submissions via attachment to: Prof. James Schiff, Editor, *The John Updike Review*, james.schiff@uc.edu. For more information about the journal, visit the website.

**The Robert M. Luscher Scholarship for Updike Research**—a \$1000 travel-to-collections scholarship awarded annually to enable students and researchers to study manuscripts and materials at one of many John Updike archives (see The John Updike Society website for a complete list of Special Collections). Preference will be given to students working on theses and dissertations and to those whose research focuses on Updike's short stories. Scholars from all nations are invited to apply. The scholarship is provided by Julia Thompson and Aurora Sharrard in honor of their father, an Updike scholar and current board member of The John Updike Society. The society will determine the winner and may, depending upon the quality of proposals, choose not to award the scholarship in some years. Deadline for submissions is October 1 of each year. To apply, send a one-paragraph bio and 1-2 page proposal describing the project and how specifically special collections research is expected to help. Send submissions via attachment to: Peter Bailey, pbailey@stlawu.edu.

**Schiff Travel Grants**—Up to five \$1500 travel-to-conference grants for scholars 40 years of age or younger to enable them to attend the next John Updike Society conference, and up to three \$1000 grants for society members needing assistance to be able to participate in the conference program. The grants are funded by The Robert and Adele Schiff Family Foundation, whose generosity enabled the society to purchase and maintain The John Updike Childhood Home. Both grants are merit- and need-based, and interested scholars should apply by April 3, 2020 for grants to attend the October 2020 conference. To apply, send a one-page proposal for a 15- to 20-minute paper presentation appropriate for the conference, along with a one-paragraph note about yourself, what grant you are applying for, and why the grant is important to you, to society president James Plath, jplath@iwu.edu. The selection committee will make their decisions and announce successful applicants by the end of the second week of May 2020.