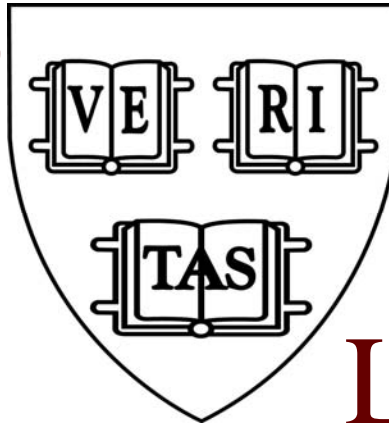


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### The Eugene R. Cummings Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies Senior Thesis Prize

Eugene Cummings, the son of an Irish immigrant schoolteacher from Fall River, Massachusetts, was a gay student at the Harvard Dental School who ended his life on June 11, 1920, just days short of receiving his degree, after being interrogated and informed that he would be expelled by the “secret court” that purged gay men from Harvard in 1920. This prize has been established to ensure that his name and experiences will not be forgotten and that future generations will have opportunities for self-expression that were denied to Mr. Cummings.

**A prize of \$1500 will be awarded to the best thesis on a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender Studies topic from any department or program at Harvard.** The thesis should focus on LGBT subject matter, rather than touching on LGBT issues tangentially. Theses may be submitted by a department, a faculty member, or an undergraduate. Three copies of the thesis and three copies of the readers’ comments should be delivered to the **Committee on Degrees in Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Boylston Hall Ground Floor, by 5pm on Thursday, April 24th.** To expedite distribution of the award, the submission should include the following information in an attached letter: the entrant's Harvard ID number, telephone number, mailing address, and e-mail. The prize will be awarded at the Women, Gender, and Sexuality end-of-year party in May.

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