Chet’la Sebree has won the 2018 New Issues Poetry Prize for her manuscript *Mistress*. Cathy Park Hong judged.

Sebree wins a $1,000 award and publication of her manuscript in the fall of 2019.

Chet’la Sebree was the 2014-2016 Stadler Fellow at Bucknell University’s Stadler Center for Poetry. She is a graduate of American University’s MFA in Creative Writing Program and has received fellowships from The MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, Hedgebrook, Vermont Studio Center, and the Richard H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello. Poems from her collection *Mistress* have appeared or are forthcoming in *Kenyon Review*, *Pleiades*, *Guernica*, *The Account*, *Gulf Coast*, *Auburn Avenue*, *wildness*, and *Crazyhorse* as well as *Monticello in Mind: Fifty Contemporary Poets on Jefferson* (University of Virginia Press, 2016) edited by Lisa Russ Spaar. Sebree was raised in the Mid-Atlantic on Maryland blue crabs.

Also accepted for publication:

*Raghead* by Eman Hassan

The New Issues Poetry Prize is selected by a guest judge. Thank you to Cathy Park Hong for judging our 2018 contest.

The 2019 prize will be selected by Jericho Brown. Guidelines for the 2019 prize are available on our website.

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The 2018 New Issues Poetry Prize

*Mistress*

by Chet’la Sebree

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The New Issues Poetry Prize

2017: Nina Puro

*Each Tree Could Hold a Noose or a House*

Judge: David Rivard

2016: Courtney Kampa

*Our Lady of Not Asking Why*

Judge: Mary Szybist

2015: Sawnie Morris

*Her, Infinite*

Judge: Major Jackson

2014: Abdul Ali

*Trouble Sleeping*

Judge: Fanny Howe

2013: Kerrin McCadden

*Landscape with Plywood Silhouette*

Judge: David St. John

2012: Marni Ludwig

*Pinwheel*

Judge: Jean Valentine

2011: Andrew Allport

*the body | of space | in the shape of the human*

Judge: David Wojahn

2010: Jeff Hoffman

*Journal of American Foreign Policy*

Judge: Linda Gregerson

2009: Judy Halebsky

*Sky=Empty*

Judge: Marvin Bell

2008: Justin Marks

*A Million in Prizes*

Judge: Carl Phillips

2007: Sandra Beasley

*Theories of Falling*

Judge: Marie Howe

2006: Jason Bredle

*Standing in Line for the Beast*

Judge: Barbara Hamby

2005: Katie Peterson

*This One Tree*

Judge: William Olsen