

# Student Essay Competitions

The Department of Philosophy currently hosts two student essay competitions annually: (1) The Nammour Student Essay Competition and (2) The Weddle Award. Both are named in memory of emeritus members of our department, Jamil Nammour (1937-1986) and Perry Weddle respectively (1939-2006).

## The Nammour Student Essay Competition

The Nammour Student Essay Competition occurs in connection with the Department's Nammour Symposium, which normally occurs sometime in April. The conditions for entering and winning this competition change from year to year. [This is a link](#) to the flyer describing the upcoming or most recent Nammour Competition.

## The Weddle Award

The Weddle Award is presented to the student who writes the best analytical essay for a philosophy course taught at Sacramento State during any given calendar year. These essays are submitted by the instructor with the permission of the student. The winner is announced at the beginning of the Spring Semester. The winning essay is (with the student's permission) published on the Department website with the aim of helping future philosophy students to master this form.

[An analytical essay writing guide and past Weddle Award winning essays can be found here.](#)