

The Gaines Center for the Humanities invites submissions to the 1st annual
Gaines Center Ghost Story Contest



A noise in the night. A shadow on the wall. A cold spot on the staircase. A ghostly apparition in the library.

Does the Gaines Center have a ghost? Tell us a story—a Gaines Center Ghost Story. All are welcome to visit the Gaines Center in person if possible, and to check out the facilities' history on our website for information about the Gaines Center, located in three historic houses on Maxwell Street on the northern edge of UK's Lexington campus. Could the ghost be one of the houses' 19th-century residents who refuses to abandon his Maxwell Street home? A co-ed from the "Greek house years" who met a tragic end? You tell us! Unleash your imagination in creating a short ghost story set, at least in part, at the Gaines Center. Share it with us—if you dare—in the 1st annual Gaines Center Ghost Story Contest. Two prizes will be awarded and public reading of winning entries will be held close to Halloween.

Prizes

One First Prize of \$150.00 will be awarded either in the form of a check from the University of Kentucky or in the form of a gift certificate from a bookseller of the winner's choice. The First Prize winner may choose either the check or the gift certificate.

One Second Prize of \$50.00 will be awarded either in the form of a check from the University of Kentucky or in the form of a gift certificate from a bookseller of the winner's choice. The Second Prize winner may choose either the check or the gift certificate.

Submission Information

Works that are previously published are not eligible for this award. Employees of the Gaines Center for the Humanities are not eligible for this contest. The contest is open to all other writers. There is no entry fee.

Stories must be written in English; they must be typed on standard white paper, and single sided. Entries must be no more than 2,000 words.

- (1) Submit only ONE copy of the story.
- (2) Do not put the author's name anywhere on the story itself. Attach a coversheet with the author's name, address, phone number, and email address.
- (3) Note on the coversheet whether you would like notification that the manuscript has been received. When requested, notification will be made by email.
- (4) Entries may be submitted in any of the following ways:

Hand-delivered to	The Gaines Center for the Humanities
Or by mail (any carrier)	232 E. Maxwell Street
	Lexington, KY 40506-0344
	Hours: 8 am-12 noon and 1-4 pm, Monday through Friday

By fax (859) 257-4543

- (5) We cannot return manuscripts.

Deadline for entries & Contest timeline

Submissions must be received by 4:00 pm Thursday, October 15, 2009.

Entrants will be notified of the contest results by Thursday, October 22, 2009.

Public reading and reception will be held at the Gaines Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 29, 2009.