

SUBMIT TO THE 2023 YEO WRITING PRIZE AND EVANESCENT!

This Year's Theme: LGBTQ+ Experience



Are you a patient, caregiver, clinician, administrator, employee, teacher or student in the Jefferson community or Jefferson neighborhoods who identifies with the LGBTQ+ community or its allies? We invite you to submit stories, poems, or essays for consideration! Everyone has a unique voice, and we want to hear from as many of you as possible. **The deadline for submission is December 31, 2023. Cash prizes will be awarded!**

All submissions to the Yeo Writing Prize also will be considered for publication in the next issue of *Evanescent: A Journal of Literary Medicine*.

We offer the following prompts as mental firecrackers to get you thinking and writing (To see the complete prompts, use the QR code below):

- **Struggle:** *Being included in the LGBTQ+ community raises pronounced issues of self-definition and personal boundaries...*
- **Education:** *Gender identification and sexual orientation are different but related concepts that intertwine in various ways in the LGBTQ+ community...*
- **Perseverance:** *For many people, being in the LGBTQ+ community is about perseverance...*
- **Advocacy:** *Over the last few years, anti-LGBTQ+ and especially anti-trans legislation has been ramping up...*
- **Health encounters:** *For health care professionals, tell the story of an encounter you had with a patient from the LGBTQ+ community...*
- **Power of words:** *Language can be both liberating and confining...*
- **Joy:** *The LGBTQ+ community faces discrimination, struggle, and trauma, but it is also filled with love, celebration and acceptance...*
- **Allyship:** *The word 'tolerance' suggests putting up with something, but the word 'ally' suggests mutual respect and support...*
- **Community and chosen family:** *Family and community can mean so many different things, but finding the happiness of family and community makes life richer...*
- **Generations:** *What it means to exist in the LGBTQ+ community has changed over time...*

Scan the QR code to see the complete prompts, submission guidelines and link to the Submittable website.

