



Southern Indiana Review

Michael Waters Poetry Prize

SIR is pleased to announce that Natalie Louise Tombasco of Tallahassee, Florida, has been selected as the winner of the 2023 Michael Waters Poetry Prize. Tombasco's prize-winning collection, *Milk for Gall*, will appear fall 2024.



Natalie Louise Tombasco is a poet from Staten Island, New York. Currently, she is a PhD candidate at Florida State University and serves as editor-in-chief of the *Southeast Review*. Recent work can be found in *Best New Poets*, *Verse Daily*, *Gulf Coast*, *Black Warrior Review*, *Diode Poetry Journal*, *Copper Nickel*, and *The Cincinnati Review*. Tombasco received an MFA from Butler University in Indianapolis. Find out more at natalielouisetombasco.com.

Runners-Up

Chee Brossy—*Word-Made World*
Forester McClatchey—*Eating in a State of Flowers*
Joe Wilkins—*Pastoral, 1994*

Finalists

Megan J. Arlett—*Louisiana Saturday Nights*
J. Scott Brownlee—*a blasphemer's salvation,
even with a bullet in him, is river water*
Shaheen Dil—*The Boat-maker's Art*
Stefania Gomez—*REDWORK*
Mickie Kennedy—*Worth Burning*

Jasmine Khaliq—*Somewhere Horses*
George Looney—*Music Inherent in the Extremities*
Julia Morrison—*Moon Charger*
Nicholas Pierce—*Crude*
Matthew Salyer—*Probation*
Ximena Keogh Serrano—*Tongue-Tied*