



Southern Indiana Review

Michael Waters Poetry Prize

Updated Announcement

Southern Indiana Review is pleased to announce that Fady Joudah has selected Nicole Lachat of Lincoln, Nebraska, as the recipient of the 2024 Michael Waters Poetry Prize. Lachat's prize-winning collection, *The Red We Silk*, will appear fall 2025.



Nicole Lachat was born in Edmonton, Canada, to a Peruvian mother and Swiss father. She earned her MFA in Creative Writing from New York University. Her poetry appears in *Tinderbox Poetry Journal*, *Ruminate Magazine*, *Birdfeast Magazine*, and *Poets.org*, among others. She was awarded the 2022 Wilbur Gaffney Poetry Prize through the Academy of American Poets, and is a Banff Art Centre fellow. Lachat teaches at the University of Nebraska, where she is pursuing her PhD in Creative Writing.

“Nicole Lachat feels movement in everything she touches and everything that touches her. Her consciousness tenderizes her conscience on the edges of ruin. Now and again, the natural world intervenes to mitigate the irretrievable. Hers is a voice to listen to as it settles and unsettles in time.”

–Fady Joudah, author of [...] and *Tethered to Stars*

Finalists

Maja Lukic: *The Moon is a Pale White Telephone*

Christopher Nelson: *Fugitive*

Maya Salameh: *In My Dreams I'm Never Beautiful*

Nicholas Samaras: *Exile Dossier*

Samyak Shertok: *No Rhododendron* (withdrawn)