

English Professor to Serve as Editor for Prestigious Pushcart Prize Anthologies

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Assistant Professor Tom Paine has been asked to serve as an editor on the board of the *Pushcart Prize*. The *Pushcart Prize* is an American [literary prize](#) that honors the best "poetry, short fiction, or essays" published in the [small presses](#) over the previous year. Along with the *Best American Short Stories* and the *O. Henry Award*, it is one of the most prestigious award anthologies for short fiction in the country.

Former editors include [Anaïs Nin](#), [Buckminster Fuller](#), Daniel Halpern, [Gordon Lish](#), [Ishmael Reed](#), [Joyce Carol Oates](#), [Paul Bowles](#), [Ralph Ellison](#), and [Reynolds Price](#).

Among the writers who received early recognition in *Pushcart Prize* anthologies are [Kathy Acker](#), [Steven Barthelme](#), [Rick Bass](#), [Charles Baxter](#), [Raymond Carver](#), [Junot Diaz](#), [Andre Dubus](#), [William H. Gass](#), [Paul Muldoon](#), [Joyce Carol Oates](#), [Tim O'Brien](#), [Peter Orner](#), [Kay Ryan](#), [Mona Simpson](#), and [Wells Tower](#).

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