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We are delighted to announce
that final judge Carolyn Forché has selected

Michael Wasson's "SELF-PORTRAIT AS ARTICLE 1[1].
[TREATY WITH THE NEZ PERCÉS, 1855]: CESSION
OF LANDS TO THE UNITED STATES"

as the 2017 winner of

THE ADRIENNE RICH AWARD FOR POETRY



Finalists (selected by Carolyn Forché)

francine j. harris, "Versal"
Gretchen Steele Pratt, "But For This Passage Touched By Nothing"
Jacob Sunderlin, "Circular Breathing"

Semifinalists (selected by the editors)

Emma Bolden, "In the Middle, the Night"
Julia Kolchinsky Dasbach, "Camp means field"
Alisha Dietzman, "Recommended for You Because You" and "For Fear That"
Philip Metres, "INSTRUCTIONS TO THE ARAB POPULATION (2) (for
Nahida Halaby Gordon)"
Gretchen Steele Pratt, "This Is How You Must Leave"
Sophia Stid, "But for I Am a Woman Should I Therefore / Live That I Should
Not Tell of the Goodness"
Meredith Stricker, "A Living Coal"
Michael Wasson, "EZEKIEL 37:3"



"... EVERY POEM BREAKS A SILENCE THAT HAD TO BE OVERCOME ..."

—ADRIENNE RICH