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We are delighted to announce  
that final judge Patricia Smith has selected

Philip Metres' "When It Rains in Gaza"

as the 2019 winner of

THE ADRIENNE RICH AWARD FOR POETRY



**Finalists** (selected by Patricia Smith)

Hillery Stone, "Coyotes"

Jeff Tigchelaar, "Search History"

**Semifinalists** (selected by the editors)

Micah Bournes, "Lament for Mother Tubman"

K. Avvirin Gray, "Discuss."

Éireann Lorsung, "An archaeology"

Anna V. Q. Ross, "She threw herself upon the coffin"



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

—ADRIENNE RICH