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Paul Ryan O'Connor wins Speculative Literature Foundation's 2024 Older Writers Grant

November 2024—The Speculative Literature Foundation is pleased to announce Paul Ryan O'Connor as the winner of the 2024 Older Writers Grant.

O'Connor's winning piece is *Gumshoe Frankenstein*.

Paul Ryan O'Connor is a frequent contributor to *Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*, where his short story debut, "Teddy's Favorite Thing," was voted a 2023 Readers Award. His stories have also appeared at *Mystery Magazine* and *Shotgun Honey*. His as-yet unpublished first novel, *Gumshoe Frankenstein*, is a hard boiled 1950s noir where the detective might be Frankenstein's Monster. Paul's twice-monthly writing blog, The Hourglass, can be found at paulryanoconnor.com. Paul lives in Carlsbad, California with his family and a borrowed dog.

Since 2004, the Older Writers Grant has been awarded annually to writers who are at least fifty years of age at the time of application to assist such writers who are just beginning their careers as speculative fiction writers. Visit speculativeliterature.org/grants for more information.

The Speculative Literature Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting literary quality in speculative fiction. We encourage promising new writers, assist established writers, facilitate the work of quality magazines and small presses in the genre, and work to promote a greater public appreciation of speculative fiction. Learn more at speculativeliterature.org.

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