The Avery Review
Essay Prize 2018

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The Avery Review, a journal of critical essays on architecture published by the Office of Publications at Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, invites submissions for its first-ever Essay Prize. The call is open to current students and recent graduates, whether in schools of architecture or elsewhere (eligibility details below). In keeping with the mission of the journal, we hope to receive submissions that use the genres of the review and the critical essay to explore the urgent ideas and problems that animate the field of architecture. We’re looking for essays that test and expand the author’s own intellectual commitments—theoretical, architectural, and political—through the work of others.

We plan to award one first-place prize ($4,000) and three second-place prizes ($2,000) across the various categories of eligible participants. The winning essays will be published in our April 2018 issue.

Submissions
Submissions for the Avery Review Essay Prize should take the form of critical essays on books, buildings, and other architectural media, broadly defined. We're delighted to receive work that was developed in the context of classes and seminars as well as independent writing. Our essays are typically 2,500–3,500 words in length and have some object of review at their core. We like stylish, concise, accessible, and earnestly felt writing. Texts should be submitted as double-spaced Word files without images; you may provide six to eight images compiled into a separate PDF (keep attachments to 3mb max please). Submissions should be emailed to editors@averyreview.com.

Eligibility
Current undergraduates, current masters-level students, and recent graduates (after 12/1/2016) are eligible; please include your student status in your submission email. We encourage submissions from any field of study that takes architecture as a subject. M.Phil students who are pursuing a Ph.D. but have not yet advanced to candidacy are eligible. Unfortunately, if you are currently receiving any kind of payment from Columbia University, including fellowships or work study, you are not eligible for the Avery Review Essay Prize.

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