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SHORT AND SWEET - GREAT ESSAY AND SHORT STORY WRITING

What makes a great short story? **Stephen D. Gutierrez** should know. His collection of short stories and essays, *Elements*, won the '96 Charles and Mildred Nilon Excellence in Minority Fiction Award. He appears regularly in highly esteemed publications such as **The Minnesota Review**, **ZYZZYVA** and **Fiction**, and his work will shortly appear in two anthologies - **Many Mountains Moving** and **Fantasmas - Supernatural Stories by Mexican American Writers**.

His latest collection, *La Gloria Meets La Helen en la Marqueta: A Fresno Montage*, is just out, but he is already working on another book, *California Considerations*. Somehow he manages to find time to write and still handle a demanding teaching job at Cal State Hayward.

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Nilon Award

Charles H. and N. Mildred Nilon Award for Excellence in Minority Fiction from the University of Colorado and FC2.

\$1,000 and publication for an unpublished novel or collection of short fiction. FC2, formerly called Fiction Collective Two, sponsors the contest, which is open to citizens of the United States who are of one or more of the following racial or ethnic minorities: African American; Hispanic; Native American; Asian; or Pacific Islander. Only original, book-length fiction manuscripts are considered.

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