

Congratulations

Stone Canoe congratulates **E.C. Osondu** upon the occasion of his winning the 2009 **Caine Prize for African Literature**. Osondu, originally from Nigeria, was a fellow in the Syracuse University Creative Writing Program, and won *Stone Canoe's* first **Allen and Nirelle Galson Prize for Fiction** in 2007. He currently teaches at Providence College.



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The **Caine Prize**, established in 2000 by Sir Michael Caine, is Africa's leading literary prize. The winner is awarded 10,000 pounds at an annual July ceremony at the Bodleian Library in Oxford, and is also offered a residency at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Osondu won the prize for his story "Waiting," originally published in *Guernica Magazine*.

Guernica fiction editor Meakin Armstrong calls it "a well-told story about a kind of life most of us couldn't even begin to imagine."

Chair of the Caine judges, the *New Statesman's* NanaYaa Mensah, called the story "a tour de force describing, from a child's point of view, the dislocating experience of being a displaced person. It is powerfully written with not an ounce of fat on it—and deeply moving."

Harper Collins will publish his new short story collection, *Voice of America*, in 2010, and his novel, *This House Is Not For Sale*, in 2011.