

**Department of African and African American Studies, Harvard University
Dorothy Hicks Lee Prize
2024 Application**

For the most outstanding thesis relating to African American literature

**Eligibility: All Senior Thesis Writers in Harvard College
Application deadline: Friday, April 4, 2025**

Established in 1995 by her daughter and son, this prize honors Dorothy Hicks Lee by bringing attention to her commitment to cross-cultural studies and to her gift for making students understand the ways in which literature is relevant to their lives. She was the first African American and the first woman to earn a Doctorate from the Comparative Literature Department of Harvard University. A prize of up to five hundred dollars will be awarded for the most outstanding senior thesis submitted from any department on the topic of African or African American literature.

All African and African American Studies concentrators are automatically eligible for this prize and do not need to submit additional copies of their theses for consideration.

All other seniors must submit the application form, a copy of the thesis, a letter of recommendation from their thesis advisor, thesis reader comments, a one-page abstract of the thesis and a C.V. to our AAAS Undergraduate Studies and Graduate Studies Coordinator, by e-mail: Keirsten_melbourne@fas.harvard.edu

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Harvard ID
Number

Concentration

Thesis Title

Name of Thesis
Advisor(s)

Phone

Email

Permanent Legal
Address

Harvard Address

Estimated
Graduation Date

Application Checklist:

Application Form

Copy of Thesis

Recommendation
Letter from Thesis
Advisor

Thesis Reader
Comments

One Page Abstract
of Thesis

Resume or C.V.

All application materials must be submitted by the **Friday,
April 4, 2025** deadline to:

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