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At its annual lecture, the Center presents the Robert Penn Warren/Cleanth Brooks Award to a scholar for his/her critical book published in English the year before. The recipients are chosen by a panel of members of the Advisory Group to the Center. Past recipients include:

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