

Abstract for Oral Presentation

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*New Reasons to Fear*

For my senior project as a writing major, I decided to write a short collection of original poetry. I have always been interested in the many ways the different emotions manifest themselves into everyday life, and the various (sometimes unexpected) ways they have come about. For my collection, *New Reasons to Fear*, I decided to hone my poetry of various styles in on my thoughts around grief. Each of my poems displays a different kind of grief, or a different emotion that can be associated with those different kinds. The poetry talks about death, tragic death, friendship, romantic partnership, and politics. While they might not all hold a tone of fear or intense sadness, they all include an element of loss that I have been fearful of, and I feel many others are also afraid of. No matter how urgent or unimportant a situation may be, it is interesting to see how the same emotions and responses to those emotions are shared. *New Reasons to Fear* is a collection that is personal to me, but I feel can be related to by anyone who has felt similar emotions, even if they haven't had the same experiences.