To Comemorate
“Constitution Day,”
The Department of Humanities,
Social Sciences, and
Technical Communications
Proudly Announces an
Essay Contest

The issue of affirmative action has caused political division for the past 40 years. Affirmative action requires that employers and educators take active steps to ensure that women and minorities enjoy the same opportunities as white males. While some call it “reverse discrimination,” this policy was from the start justified as a temporary measure intended to overcome the historical legacy of racial discrimination. Among other things, the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution states that “no state . . . shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

In light of the Wu/Connerly debate of November 21st, please answer the following question in 900 to 1500 words: Does affirmative action represent the possibility of fulfilling the promise of equality represented by the 14th Amendment, or, on the other hand, does it itself represent a violation of that promise?

1st Prize: $150
2nd Prize: $100
3rd Prize: $50

Essays will be virtually free both of “banned errors” and of “common small mistakes.” (See http://www.my.ltu.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab_id=207_1)

Essays should be submitted electronically to Dr. Stewart Winger on or before Noon on Saturday, December 3rd: winger@ltu.edu

Subject line should read Contest Submission.

Prizes will be announced Finals week, and the committee reserves the right to withhold any and all prizes in the unlikely event of insufficient participation.