



Freshman Studies Summer Reading Essay Contest 2018

In *Coming of Age at the End of Nature: A Generation Faces Living on a Changed Planet* James Orbesen writes: “Weren’t children instructed, over and over, by their elders to pick up their toys and to clean their room? Those lessons came from some deep –seated impulse of taking responsibility for messes and spills” (p. 58). Describe a time in your own life when you challenged yourself and/or others to take responsibility for your/their own messes and spills.

Based upon your experience of trying “[to take] responsibility for messes and spills”—and making connections to the perspectives from two or three of the essays from the book—develop your own idea about what taking responsibility means.

Respond in an essay of 2-3 typed pages (please use double spacing and 12-point font). All quotes or paraphrased material from the text must be cited with page numbers.

Submit your entry by Friday, August 10, 2018. All submissions should be saved with your first and last name on the top of the essay and an attached Microsoft Word document. Email your essays to maggie.hernandez@shu.edu. Winners will be announced at Convocation on Sunday, August 26, 2018.

PRIZES INCLUDE:

One First Place winner will receive a \$400.00 gift card to the Seton Hall Bookstore

Two Honorable Mention winners will each receive a \$100.00 gift card to the Seton Hall Bookstore