HANNA PYLVÄINEN, CLASS OF 2007, the Alumnae Association is pleased to present to you the Mary Lyon Award. The award honors an alumna who graduated no more than fifteen years ago and who has demonstrated sustained achievement in her life and career consistent with the humane values that Mary Lyon exemplified and inspired in others.

Hanna, your mastery of the written word has achieved rare recognition. You have been the recipient of several prestigious residencies; were awarded a fellowship at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Massachusetts; and received the Whiting Writers’ Award for emerging writers, given to writers who exhibit “early accomplishment and the promise of great work to come.”

In your highly acclaimed debut novel, *We Sinners*, you examine a family’s struggle with the burdens of faith, creating a beautiful portrait about the ordinariness of an American family with anything but ordinary beliefs.

In recognition of your exceptional early career achievement and in anticipation of your continued contributions to the literary world, the Alumnae Association presents you with the Mary Lyon Award.