Stockton Professor Emerita of Writing Mimi Schwartz Wins Prestigious Pushcart Prize

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Galloway Township, NJ- Stockton Professor Emerita of Writing Mimi Schwartz is one of several highly accomplished writers who won this year's Pushcart Prize, which, according to *Publishers Weekly*, is among the most influential projects in the history of American publishing.

Her winning essay, "The Truth that Matters," first appeared in the Fall 2008 issue of the "Arts and Letters Journal of Contemporary Culture." Her winning work will be published in the next Pushcart anthology slated for November 2009.

Dr. Schwartz received the news about the Pushcart last week. Immediately afterward, she was notified of another possible accolade. Her book "Good Neighbors, Bad Times: Echoes of My Father's German Village" is a finalist for the Foreword Book Award in Memoir. (This text will be available in paperback in late summer.)

According to Stockton Assistant Professor of Writing Judith Copeland, "The Pushcart is the highest honor that can be awarded for a work of creative nonfiction published in a literary journal in the United States."

During Dr. Schwartz's distinguished tenure at Stockton, she taught creative nonfiction, memoir, literary journalism and literature of the Holocaust. After her retirement, Stockton's Writing Program continues to celebrate her work each semester by conferring the Mimi Schwartz Creative Nonfiction Award to a deserving Stockton student.

About The Pushcart Prize - Best of the Small Presses: The Pushcart Prize is a prestigious honor awarded to works appearing in literary journals and to portions of novels that are nominated in the United States. To win, an author must be nominated by a magazine or small book press editor.