

# English Department Newsletter

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The newsletter is published biweekly throughout the academic year, except when the editor falls behind. The next issue will appear on 17 February 2010.

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Novelist Mick Cochrane presents a reading and writing workshop tomorrow,** Wednesday, February 3 in Bacon Hall 115, from 3-4:30 pm. Mr. Cochrane's first novel, *Flesh Wounds*, was named a finalist in Barnes and Noble's Discover Great New Writers Competition. His second novel, *Sport*, selected for the annual New York Public Library's Books for the Teen Age List. He is professor of English and Lowery Writer-in-Residence at Canisius College, where he has three times been named Peter Canisius Distinguished Teaching Professor. The workshop is sponsored by the Buffalo State College English Department and Just Buffalo Literary Center, and supported by the BSC Auxiliary Services Grant Allocation Committee.

The **Women's Studies Interdisciplinary Unit** is pleased to announce a **research symposium showcasing student, faculty, alumni and staff work** on women's and gender issues. If you are interested in delivering a paper, participating in a roundtable session, or creating a poster presentation, please submit the following materials in hard copy form to **Jennifer Ryan**, Ketchum Hall 304 (878-5415):

- A brief (200-500 word) description of your project
- A list of the people with whom you have worked on this project and/or fellow researchers with whom you wish to present your work
- A resume or short curriculum vitae
- A cover letter that details your work's engagement with topics in women's or gender studies and your commitment to the field of Women's Studies

Deadline for submissions is Friday, February 12. Participants will be notified by February 22. The symposium will be held in E. H. Butler 210 on **Friday, March 12**.

Suzanne Johnson from the Counseling Center and Kim Zittel from the Social Work Department are trying to establish a **Buffalo State chapter of [Active Minds](#)**. Our first meeting is Friday, February 5, from 12-1:30 p.m. in Classroom Building B-119. It is important that we get as many students involved as possible so we can begin the process of handing over chapter responsibilities, so please encourage interested students to participate.

## REMINDERS and USEFUL INFORMATION

The College Partnership Development office of the Center for the Development of Human Services at BSC is seeking **faculty partnership projects** in the areas of **Proposal Writing**, and **Business Writing** for Erie County Development of Social Services. Such projects aid social service providers in delivering information and skills to clients in NYS. The project(s) would **begin immediately this semester and run through August 31, 2010**. The stipend for individual faculty partnership projects is \$1600. Partnership Grants are recognized as Faculty Service and, often, Applied Research.

Projects can be research oriented, web-based delivery, workshop description or materials, multi-media curriculum, etc. Submitting a proposal to CDHS is a very streamlined process; contact [Gail Daniels](#), Director of College Relations. For more information you also can talk to [Barbara T. Bontempo](#).



Grants available through the **New York State Council on the Humanities** support public programs that bring humanities scholars and scholarship to a general audience. Two kinds of grants are available:

- **Mini Grants (\$2,500)** have a rolling deadline. Submit your application 8 weeks before your first event & you'll get a response back in 4 weeks. Mini-grants may be used to fund programs or to support program planning.

- **Major Grants (up to \$20,000)** applications are due March 15, 2010.

To be eligible, a project must be:

- rooted in the humanities or have a strong humanities framework
- designed for the general public
- use diverse and appropriate outlets for the intended audience
- involve humanities experts integrally in the project team

Any tax-exempt organization is eligible to receive 1 Major Grant and 1 Mini Grant in calendar year 2010. For more information, visit [www.nyhumanities.org/grants](http://www.nyhumanities.org/grants).

**NEH Summer Program for College and University Teachers** is offering 21 seminars and institutes in 2011; the topics include British Romanticism, contemporary Brazilian literature, mapping and art in the Americas, the golden age of magazines, interactions between Native Americans and European colonists, and medieval philosophy, history, and interfaith exchanges between Christians, Muslims, and Jews. **The application deadline is March 2, 2010.**

For a complete list of the seminars and institutes, eligibility requirements, and contact information for the directors, visit [www.neh.gov/projects/si-university.html](http://www.neh.gov/projects/si-university.html). Some spaces are now reserved for full-time graduate students.



**The NEH Summer Institutes at the National Humanities Center** in Research Triangle Park this year are “Reading Thomas Hardy’s *Jude the Obscure*” with Kate Flint and “Five by Five; The Short Story as Art and Artifact” with Louis Menand. The Institute runs 4-9 July 2010, and you get room, board, travel, lodging, texts and a \$1200 stipend. You could actually make money! [Applications](#) are due 12 March.

**Funding Available for Undergraduate Students to Conduct Research:** The Office of Undergraduate Research’s [Small Grants Program](#) provides up to \$400 to assist



students in carrying out their research and creative activities during the academic year. NEW this year: up to \$600 may be requested for a single project that involves two or more students.

The funding is intended to help defray the cost of travel, supplies, and other materials necessary to conduct a research, scholarly, or creative project. It is not intended as salary for the student(s). Student(s) receiving small grants awards are required to participate in the 12th annual Student Research and Creativity

Celebration, April 30 and May 1, 2010. A second round of this program has a spring call for applications and a submission deadline of February 26, 2010.

## FACULTY ACTIVITIES

The **English Education program** is now [Nationally Recognized](#) by NCATE. Thanks and congratulations to everyone who worked so hard on this long and arduous application process.

**Gregg Biglieri’s** *Little Richard the Second* was just accepted for publication by Brooklyn’s fabulous Ugly Duckling Presse for its 2011 chapbook series.

On Saturday, November 14, **Ann Colley** went to a meeting of the Victorian Reading Group held at Syracuse University. She with ten other faculty members from the University of Rochester, SUNY at Buffalo, Syracuse University, and Hobart and Williams Colleges spent a full day commenting upon essays or part of book manuscripts submitted in advance which members of the group had written and about which these members wanted responses and suggestions. Ann writes that it is good to get to know others in the area who are teaching and writing about Victorian literature and culture. The group meets once a semester.

**Lisa Berglund’s** article “Fossil Fish: Preserving Samuel Johnson within Hester Lynch Piozzi’s *British Synonymy*,” appeared in *Dictionaries* 30 (2009): 96-107.

## STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS

The English Department will host an **alumni reception at 6:00 o’clock on Friday, March 19** in the Donald Savage Flexible Theater. Alumni, current and

retired faculty, and guests will gather for good company and refreshments. Following the reception, at 8:00 o'clock we will move to the Warren Enters Theatre in Upton Hall to enjoy George M. Cohan's play about a novelist, *Seven Keys to Baldpate*.

There will be food, soft drinks and a wine bar, and the Theater Department has offered tickets to the production at a deeply reduced cost. Tickets for the evening, including the reception and play, are \$20.00. To reserve your spot please give your name, the name of your guest, and a check payable to **Buffalo State College Foundation** to [Maureen Lougen](#) by **March 1**.

**Alumni!—We want to share your news!** Send updates and weblinks to [Lisa Berglund](#) or [Maureen Lougen](#).

## INQUIRIES

If you are interested in buying one or two shares in a locally farmed, organically raised pig, please let [Lisa Berglund](#) know.

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