

English Department Newsletter

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MEETINGS and EVENTS

As part of the Buffalo State Native American Student Organization's celebration of "Finding Our Community," **Tim Bryant will speak** on "The Cultural Work of Contemporary American Indian Literature" **TODAY**, Wednesday, April 17 in Bulger West 2 at 4 pm.

Charles Bachman will give a related presentation tomorrow, Thursday, April 18 in Upton Hall 230, again at 4 pm.

Tomorrow, April 18 at 12:15pm in Bulger Communications Center West 2, **veteran Sweet Home High School English teachers Lisa Feyes (a 2006 alumna of Buffalo State) and Heather Paolucci** will discuss the work they have done implementing a yearlong *Readers and Writers Workshop* approach to English Language Arts Instruction. They will discuss the impact the pedagogical approach has had on their teaching and their students' learning. Heather and Lisa will share resources for teachers to use in their own classrooms. [Contact Jim Cercone](#) for more information.

Peter Ramos and Charles Bachman will read from their work on Friday, 26 April at 3 pm in Ketchum Hall 320. Refreshments (above and beyond the poetry) will be provided.

To formally celebrate the hard work and scholarly achievements of students who are completing master's theses, an **English Department Graduate Research Symposium and Reception will be held on Monday, 29 April, beginning at 6 pm, in KH 320**. Students will present selections from their theses or projects, and a modest reception will follow. Fellow students, faculty, family and friends are invited. For more information, ask [Lisa Berglund](#).

THE DROP HAMMER STUDENT READING SERIES

Open Mic Reading

THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH

4:00-5:30PM

KETCHUM 212

Bring your piece(s) to read
for a slot of up to ten minutes,
and grab a friend for support.
No need to sign up in advance.

Show up and read,
and enjoy the works of other writers.



REMINDERS and USEFUL INFORMATION

[Provost's Incentive Grants](#) for Faculty Research, Scholarship, and Creativity are offered through the Academic Affairs Office to provide faculty members with funds to assist with travel, purchase of materials, conference fees, and other support for scholarly, research, or creative activities. The application deadline is 4 pm on Thursday, 2 May, for activities taking place during the 2013-2014 academic year. All full-time Buffalo State tenured and tenure-track faculty are eligible. Please contact [Cara Angie](#), ext. 3841, for more information.

The Anne Frank Project is now accepting proposals from faculty, staff, students and community members for the Anne Frank Project 2013, "Transforming Lives," to be held on the Buffalo State campus September 10–13. The proposal deadline is Wednesday, May 1. For more information on AFP 2013 and easy online proposal directions, please visit [AFP 2013: Transforming Lives](#).

Please inform your graduate students of this terrific opportunity: **the 2013 riverrun Special Collections Internship at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library**. Under the direction of the Special Collections Manager/Rare Book Curator, the intern will conduct research on one (or more) of the following B&ECPL Rare Book collections listed below.

- Oz Collection – Study of Baum's Oz literature, examination of RBR's holdings on Oz and related material, and recommendation of additions to collection.
- Little Harlem Club – Club on Michigan Avenue owned and operated by Ann Montgomery from the 1930s through early 1960s, where Count Basie, Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday and others performed. Study would be of this club and other clubs of the time period, and the programs and photographs in the collection.
- Cuneiform – Study of Babylonian history, the tablets and cones themselves, and the Edgar Banks Expedition that procured them.
- Bruce Shanks Collection – Study political cartoons in the collections and *Buffalo News*, and the context of his work from 1930s through early 1970s.
- Zorah Berry Collection– Buffalo impresario who brought many important musicians, (Rachmaninoff, Heifetz, etc.) to Buffalo from the 1920s to late 1950s. Study would include the Zorah Berry Scrapbook Collection, Buffalo Programs and Zorah Berry Music Series and photo collection.

Research will include history and provenance of the collection, significance of the collection locally and beyond, and value of the collection to the Library. The intern shall conduct two public presentations on the completed research and the collection and shall submit a written report for archival public information purposes.

Research and presentation(s) shall be completed over the course of June, July and August. It is anticipated the intern will work 12 hours per week for a period of 10 weeks. Compensation: \$2,000.



The intern must be a current Graduate student in a Humanities or Social Sciences field, such as Literature, History, Art or Library Science; possess excellent research, organizational and computer skills; be detail-oriented; have excellent oral and written communication skills; and be self-motivated and able to work independently. The candidate must submit a resume and an essay, not to exceed two pages, expressing interest in an internship of this nature, which collection they would choose to research and why. The resume and essay are due **May 17, 2013** to: Jeannine Doyle, Human Resources Officer, Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY 14203.

FACULTY NEWS and ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Ryan's paper "Taking the Blues Back Home: Jayne Cortez's Eco-poetics" has just been accepted for presentation on the "Activist Poetics" panel at the 2014 Modern Language Association Convention in Chicago. The panel will be chaired by Meta DuEwa Jones, a scholar whose work Jennifer has long admired.

David Ben-Merre has been elected to the Faculty Senate as a representative of Arts and Humanities.

On March 30, **Lorna Perez** presented a paper "Tropicalizing Diasporic Identity: Esmeralda Santiago and Julia Alvarez's Strange Fruits" at the 43rd annual Popular Culture Association – American Culture Association National Conference held at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park in Washington DC.

STUDENT and ALUMNI NEWS

Two undergraduate English majors will present papers as part of the BSC Student Research and Creativity Celebration on Saturday, 4 May. **David Buczek** will present a talk entitled "Chaucer's Game of Chess" and **Tamara Burross** will speak on "Disembodied Presences: Reflection on Narrative Voice in Virginia Woolf." The presentations will take place during Humanities Session III, 1-4:45 pm, in Butler Library 210.

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