

English Department Newsletter

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MEETINGS and EVENTS



Charles Bachman will be telling Native American stories on the subject of "Transforming Lives" as part of the **2013 Anne Frank Project**, 10:50 am-12:00 pm, **tomorrow**, Thursday, September 12, in the Warren Enters Theatre.

The 2013–2014 "Conversations in and out of the Disciplines" series begins **Friday, September 20**, as **Bridget Chesterton**, associate professor of history and social studies education, presents "The Sweet Herb: Ka'a He'e and the Guaraní Treatment for Global Obesity and Diabetes from the 1900s–2010s." Upcoming speakers and their topics are **Mayra Vélez-Serrano**, "Puerto Rico: The Next 51st State? Reasons, Consequences, and Prospects" on October 18; **Julie Wieczkowski**, "Feeding Ecology of the Tana River Mangabey of Kenya" on November 22; and **Mark Fulk**, "William Gilpin, Eliza Knipe, and the Limits of Picturesque Aesthetics in the English Lake District, c. 1780" on December 6. All talks will be held on Fridays at 3:00 pm in Ketchum Hall 320. A short, informal wine-and-cheese reception is held after each talk, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Ed Taylor will be reading at the **Book Corner in Niagara Falls on September 28** at 6pm (there will be pizza!) and will be a featured reader in the Gray Hair Reading series at Hallwalls on October 9, wishing that series had a different name. But of course having nothing against gray hair.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 107 Scott Street, Tonawanda, presents **Cameo Productions of WNY's staged reading of George Bernard Shaw's "Don Juan in Hell"** from *Man and Superman* on Friday, September 20 and Friday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. "Don Juan in Hell" is presented as an inaugural Dessert Theatre production; dessert will be served before the live performance. Tickets are only \$5. For reservations, call Immanuel Lutheran Church at 692-6200.

English MA student and Adjunct Theater professor Maureen Porter is directing the thought-provoking drama *Doubt* for the BSC Theater Department. The show opens on October 2 (Preview on October 1) and runs until October 12.

The CG Jung Center at 408 Franklin Street will hold a series of discussions on **“The Road after Jung,”** on **Tuesdays October 8, November 12, and December 10**, 7:30-9pm. Discussions are moderated by **Mark Warford**, associate professor of Spanish and Foreign Language Education. For more information visit the [Analytical Society of Western New York’s website](#).

REMINDERS and USEFUL INFORMATION

The 2014 Northeast Modern Language Association conference will be held April 3-6, 2014 at the Hilton Harrisburg in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The deadline for abstracts is September 30. For the full Call for Papers, please visit [NEMLA’s website](#). Encourage graduate students to submit their abstracts! This is a relatively nearby, moderately priced opportunity to present a paper at a professional conference.



Check out the opportunities available from the Office of Undergraduate Research. The deadline for the small grants program is 9 October. Visit the [UGR website](#) for more information.

Faculty: please pay your **annual dues** by October 1. The rate is unchanged: \$50/\$45 for full time faculty (if one’s salary is \geq \$60,000/ \leq \$60,000) and \$5 for adjunct faculty. Dues should be paid to Maureen: cash (preferred) or a check made out to Lisa Berglund. We use faculty dues for such expenses as flowers (congratulations, condolence) and department events. If you would like to see how your dues were spent last year, the Faculty Dues Fund report for 2012-2013 is available on the department sharedrive.

If you apply for **travel funding**, visit the [Travel Services website](#) before you start filling out forms.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The **English Department Writing Center** (peer-tutoring) will open on September 23. Please forward the names of students who may benefit from peer tutoring to [Natalie Haid](#). The Center also is looking to fill both paid and volunteer positions. Encourage promising students to contact Natalie.

Kate Urda has joined **Maggie Weiser** as this year’s English Department work-study employees. If you have any projects on which you need assistance, please ask Maureen if our student employees are available.

A creative writing club is being formed, with the goal of becoming an official campus organization with funding for speakers, readers, etc. Please share this news with your classes and encourage any student (English or non-English major) who wishes, to become involved. Interested students should contact [Charles Bachman](#), [Kim Chinquee](#), or [Lorna Pérez](#).

FACULTY NEWS and ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to **Wynnie Fisher**, who on 10 September won a competitive primary race for the Erie County Legislature! We wish her luck in November.

"Fuku Americanus and Hauntings in *The Brief Wonderful Life of Oscar Wao*," a presentation by **Lorna Pérez**, has been accepted for the Latino/a Studies area of the 2013 Annual Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Popular & American Culture Association to be held in November in Atlantic City. Her article "Multiple Hybridities: Jíbaros and Diaspora in Esmeralda Santiago's *When I Was Puerto Rican*" has been accepted for publication in *Label me Latina/o* and will be published in a forthcoming special edition.

Mark Fulk will present a paper at The International Conference on Romanticism at the end of the month in Oakland, MI; the working title is "The Sublime Politics of *Ice Road Truckers* and *IRT: Deadliest Roads*." Additionally, he recently published a review article, "Travel and/as Enigma," and a single-title review of Adrian J. Wallbank, *Dialogu, Didacticism, and the Genres of Dispute: Literary Dialogues in the Age of Revolution (The Enlightenment World)*, in *Eighteenth-Century Studies* (Summer 2013).

STUDENT and ALUMNI NEWS



Did you see the [nice feature](#) in *The Buffalo News* on alumnus **Rob Currin**, an English teacher at Alden and now coach of the football team? The Bulldogs won their first game for Coach Currin, too. (Thanks to the *News* for the photo.)

Alumni! We want to share your news. Please send word of your doings to [Maureen Lougen](#).

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