

English Department Newsletter

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The newsletter appears biweekly throughout the semester; the FINAL ISSUE of 2015 will appear on 16 December 2015. Current and past newsletters are available on the [English Department website](#).

DEPARTMENT AND FACULTY NEWS

ED TAYLOR's poem "Mordred" is forthcoming in *The Literary Review* and his [review](#) of the odd debut novel *Bats of the Republic* appeared in last Sunday's Buffalo News.

KIM CHINQUEE'S flash fiction "Knock-Knock" will be included in the forthcoming anthology *Funny Bone: Flashing for Comic Relief*, by the UK editors of [Flash: The International Short-Short Story Magazine](#). This anthology's mission is to support [Comic Relief](#), which provides global funds and assistance to combat poverty and social injustice. Kim's flash fiction "Highball" will appear in the next issue of Georgia State's literary journal [Five Points](#). She received a special mention for her work in *Buffalo Noir* in a recent [NPR interview](#) with the anthology's editor, Ed Park. In addition, she is editor for the Fall 2015 issue of [New World Writing](#).



Joan Wilking's story "clutter," published in the Harvest Issue of *ELJ (Elm Leaves Journal)*, received special mention in the Pushcart Prize XL: Best of the Small Presses.

Students in THERESA HARRIS-TIGG's ENG390W Teaching Writing course are working with students at PS80, and the middle-schoolers visited their mentors at Buffalo State last month, as featured in [this story](#) in the *Daily*.

November was a busy month for AIMABLE TWAGILIMANA, who served as an application reviewer for the President's Young African Leaders Initiative ([YALI](#)), which involved reading 45 applications in the "business and entrepreneurship" track, scoring, and writing short reviews of each. Aimable published [an opinion piece on leadership](#) in *The New Times* (a Rwandan daily) on November 29. Just Buffalo invited Aimable to facilitate a discussion of *The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears* at Betty's, as one of the events organized around the November 18 BABEL lecture featuring the novel's author, Ethiopian American writer Dinaw Mengestu.

The second edition of Aimable's book *Historical Dictionary of Rwanda* was published by Rowman & Littlefield on November 6. It is a mini-encyclopedia of

Rwanda with a substantial introduction, a chronology, a 50-page bibliography, and hundreds of articles of various lengths on major economic, social, and cultural features, history, literature, significant persons, places, events, trade, international relations, homegrown solutions to development challenges, and leadership. You can read certain parts (e.g., the introduction) for free on [amazon](#).

The Encyclopedia of Victorian Literature has been added to the Butler Library collection; it features a long, long entry on Robert Louis Stevenson by ANN COLLEY. Ann describes the four-volume set as “an excellent collection of entries written by leading Victorian scholars that should be helpful both for those doing research and also those teaching a particular Victorian subject.”

KAREN SANDS-O'CONNOR gave a lecture at Newcastle University on November 18 entitled "Past Histories, Present Debates: Stephen Lawrence, Mary Seacole and the National Curriculum," one of several Leverhulme lectures she will be giving this year. This particular lecture generated a lively debate, and will eventually become a chapter in her forthcoming book on *Publishing for a Black British Child Audience*.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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**DROP HAMMER
STUDENT READING SERIES**

'December Enjambment'

Join us for an end-of-semester celebration as Buffalo State's best student writers read from their work in fiction, poetry, and non-fiction.

Tahmeed Ahmed
Geneva Frederick
Steven Jura
Da'Jae Rogers
Nathan Stolte
James Taback
Sarah Webb
Sherwin Williams

With special guest: Dr. David Lampe

Thursday, December 3 | 4:00-5:30 P.M. | Cleveland 418

Free & Open to the Public

The English Department Faculty Holiday Party will be held at Lisa Berglund's house on December 11, beginning at 6:30 pm. Please sign up to bring a dish to share.



Conversations in and out of the Disciplines Lecture Series
The Buffalo State English Department

Presents a talk by
Chuck Mancuso
Professor of Music

"The Last Great Days of the Buffalo Jazz Scene"

Friday, December 4, 2015
Ketchum Hall 320
3:00-4:30 p.m.








These talks are open to faculty, staff, and students.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS



The students of Sigma Tau Delta will be holding a conference in the spring to highlight undergraduate and graduate work in literature. Students are invited to submit work of any kind related to literature, including creative work. The conference will showcase what students are ALREADY doing in the department; submitting course papers or projects is encouraged. The one-day conference will be held in Ketchum Hall. The call for papers is available on the department website: <http://english.buffalostate.edu/sigma-tau-delta-student-conference-playing-within-discipline>.

We continue to feature the achievements of our alumni in our alumni booklet and our Ketchum Hall bulletin board of alumni profiles. If you'd like to share an update on your post-Buffalo State activities, either for the alumni board or for the newsletter, email MAUREEN LOUGEN. Please include your graduation year and degree info, and feel free to include a photograph.

DEADLINES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Undergraduate and graduate students can apply for scholarships of \$3,000 offered by United University Professions (UUP). To qualify, applicants must be full-time undergraduates with a minimum GPA of 3.75; or full-time graduate students who have completed at least nine credits, and hold a cumulative GPA of at least 3.95. For more information, visit <http://www.uupinfo.org/scholarships/scholarship.php>.



The [Faculty-Student Association](#) (FSA) is accepting applications for grants to enhance the educational and cultural life of the Buffalo State campus during the 2016 calendar year. Application forms are available on the [FSA website](#).

RECOMMENDED READING

As a coda to the "Gender Bender" Humanities Festival, check out this article in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*: "[The Professor is a Drag Queen.](#)" And mark your calendars for next September's Humanities Festival, whose theme will be "Renaissance" (part of the Arts & Humanities Year of Shakespeare). Dava Sobel will be the keynote speaker.

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