

English Department Newsletter



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MEETINGS and EVENTS

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

<p><i>Presents a talk by:</i> Professor Tony Chase, Assistant Dean School of Arts and Humanities</p> <p>"Mae West, Comedy and the Disenfranchised Woman Playwright"</p> <p>Friday, March 7, 2014 3:00-4:30pm Ketchum Hall 320</p>  	<p><i>Presents a talk by:</i> Professor James Cercone Department of English</p> <p>"Community-Based Participatory Teacher Education: Lesson from the Digital Writing Workshop"</p> <p>Friday, April 25, 2014 3:00-4:30pm Ketchum Hall 320</p>  
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These talks are open to faculty, graduate students, and interested undergraduates

The Drop Hammer Student Reading Series

will continue on March 13, April 3, and April 24, during Bengal Pause (12:15-1:30 pm), at the bookstore in the Student Union.

UPDATES and REMINDERS

The **16th Annual Student Research and Creativity Celebration (SRCC)** will take place on **Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3**, with an opening reception in Butler Library on Friday. The SRCC online application is available [here](#). The deadline for student applications is March 18. Don't forget about the **Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship** program: deadline to apply is April 2.

Faculty: you can apply for a **grant to support "Integrating Undergraduate Research into the Curriculum"**—that deadline is May 14. For more information, visit the [Office of Undergraduate Research website](#).

The **Anne Frank Project Fellowship Program** will award individual incentives of \$500 each to four Buffalo State faculty or staff members and one community leader. The Fellowship application deadline is Thursday, May 1. Information and applications are

available on the [AFP 2014 Fellowship web page](#). With questions about the AFP 2014 Fellowship, contact [Drew Kahn](#).

FACULTY NEWS

[Critical Insights: The Awakening](#) (ed. Robert Evans, Salem Press, 2014), which contains **Peter Ramos's** chapter, "Casting aside that fictitious self: *The Awakening* as a Cautionary Tale," is now out. Peter reports: "I tried to see if I could get an extra copy from Amazon, but they've sold out, which would be good news, if I got royalties (HA). But I'm still excited."

Kim Chinquee will read her fiction for *Lumina Journal* at AWP in Seattle on February 28.

At Gettysburg College on February 26, **Lisa Berglund** delivered the 36th annual Morris Croll lecture: "Take that, Noah Webster! Early American Readers Really Liked to Write in their Dictionaries." She also spent an afternoon at the Musselman Library Rare Book Collection, where she found six Federalist era lexicons to add to her database of early American annotations in dictionaries (now comprising 231 volumes).

Jennifer Ryan has just signed a contract with Oxford University Press to contribute the Sonia Sanchez entry to the new online *Oxford Bibliographies in American Literature*. Her entry will include 100-150 annotated citations, divided into several subsections, each with its own introduction.

[A story in USA Today](#) quoted **Ann Colley** on the history of Valentine's Day and included a photograph of a Victorian Valentine from Ann's personal collection (*at right*).



STUDENT and ALUMNI NEWS

Christopher Stampone (who is working on his PhD in Texas) sends this message: "I can tell you that I recently wrote the notes for the Library of America's edition of William Wells Brown's major works. I completed the project under the guidance of the book's editor, Ezra Greenspan, and learned a great deal about the publication trade in the process."

Heartiest congratulations to the English Department students who graduated in December 2013! From the English Education program: **Katie Felschow, Timea Kernacova, Kim Gajewski, Vanessa Ludwig** and **Ashley Weselak**; from Writing: **Kayla Collins, John Murphy, Melissa Stepien** and **Michelle Scott**; and from English: **Adam Ashley, Melissa Bisso, Sarah Blake, Danielle DeJoseph, Chelsea Garbe, Bryan Jacobson, Jessica Kane, Steven Krull, Catherine Lang, Kristen Lapierre, Alexandra Ozolins, Justin Pierzchala, Ramoya Rattigan, Danielle Sloan, Alysia Stevenson** and **Jessica Wilkin**.

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