

English Department Newsletter

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This is the tenth newsletter of the academic year. Our next issue will be published April 14.

DEPARTMENT REMINDERS AND NEWS

Please use the [Shared Drive](#) to store your committee work products and the [Department Calendar](#) to schedule your meetings and events.

[Advising](#) is under way. Please make sure that your advisees know when and how to reach you this week, and if possible, please consider extending normal office hours for your students. Remember, assigned advisors are the only people who have access to student PINS, so students will need to see their assigned advisor to register. Registration begins next week.

Mark your calendars for [Friday, April 10th](#) as we will be having a party to celebrate the careers of [DR. BARBARA BONTEMPO](#), [DR. HEIDI DIETZ FALETTI](#), and [DR. THOMAS NEWHOUSE](#). The celebration will take place from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Campbell Assembly Hall. Please contact Maureen for more information on the celebration.

[SPRING OPEN HOUSE](#) for undergraduates is scheduled for April 11th

Also, please save the date for [Friday, May 15th](#), for our annual [Awards Ceremony](#). We will be honoring our students who have received graduation awards, and this year we will also be giving the inaugural [BARD-CAPPELLA](#) awards. The ceremony is scheduled from 4:00-5:30 in the Campbell Assembly Hall.

FACULTY NEWS

[DR. LISA BERGLUND](#) attended the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies conference in Los Angeles March 19-22, where it was not as sunny as one might hope, but much, much sunnier than Buffalo. She gave a roundtable presentation on "What I Learned from Teaching Jane Austen" and chaired a panel on Dr. Johnson entitled "Take Two *Ramblers* and Call Me in the Morning."

PROF. KIM CHINQUEE'S flash fiction "Mighty" was accepted for publication in Burnside Review (<http://burnsidereview.org/>) Her flash fictions " "In My Gear, With All of My Equipment" was published in the recent issue of NOON (<http://www.noonannual.com/>).

She will be hosting ELJ's launch at the Association of Writers and Writing Program Conference offsite location Magers and Quinn Booksellers in Minneapolis, MN on April 9, 2015 at 7:30 pm; she'll be reading from her work at LUMINA MAGAZINE's launch at the AWP offsite location Ancient Grounds on April 10 at 3 pm, and she'll be presenting on a panel "Flash Fiction: What Editors Want" at the Hilton Convention Center on April 11 at 1:30 pm. On April 25th at 1 pm, she will be reading for the Local Authors Reading at the West Falls-Colden Community Library.

DR. MARK FULK will be presenting a paper at the Northeast Modern Language Association Meeting in April entitled "Paradigms for the Presentation of the Middle Sister in *Downton Abbey*: A Heideggerian Reflection."

Congratulations to DR. JENNIFER RYAN who has just been honored with the Dr. Muriel A. Howard Presidential Award for the Promotion of Respect for Equity and Campus Diversity. She will receive the award at a luncheon on April 7, which she will attend with her invited guest, Tim Bryant. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!

Kesh by PROF. RALPH L. WAHLSTROM has received the 2015 EPIC E-book Award for children's writing from the Electronic Publishing Industry Coalition.

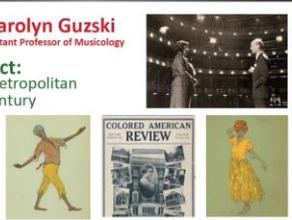
UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Presents a talk by **Carolyn Guzski**
Assistant Professor of Musicology

Manhattan Project:
Desegregating the Metropolitan
Opera in the 20th Century

April 3, 2015
Ketchum Hall 320
3:00PM - 4:30PM



These talks are open to faculty, graduate students, and interested undergraduates

The CONVERSATIONS IN AND OUT OF THE DISCIPLINES series continues Friday, April 3, when Carolyn Guzski, assistant professor of music, will present "Manhattan Project: Desegregating the Metropolitan Opera in the 20th Century" at 3:00 p.m. in Ketchum Hall 320. A short, informal wine-and-cheese reception will be held after the talk. Everyone is welcome.

At our last talk, Professor M. Scott Goodman, summarized his presentation with a series of Haikus in honor of the English Department that invited him for his talk



DR. CHARLES BACHMAN will be giving a reading from his last (sixth) book, *FLINCH ONLY A LITTLE*, at 4:00 Thursday, April 16, in the Buff State Barnes & Noble Bookstore (about 40 or 45 minutes) with an introduction by Lorna Pérez

April 24th, we will be hosting 18th century scholar Chloe Wigston-Smith of the University of Georgia, who will be presenting a talk entitled “Textual Fashions: Clothes, Paper, and Fashion Culture In Eighteenth-Century Britain” at 3:00 P.M. in Technology Building 160. Dr. Wigston-Smith specializes in material culture studies, fashion, women, labor. Many thanks to Dr. Lisa Berglund, who is helping coordinate the visit. Dr. Wigston-Smith’s talk will be followed by a reception.

PROGRAM/READINGS/CENTER NEWS



The DROP HAMMER STUDENT READING SERIES will be held on April 22 at noon in the campus bookstore. For more information contact Professor Chinquee at chinquk@buffalostate.edu

Congratulations to English BA student Joseph Wreh who will be participating in the inaugural SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference (<http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/surc/>) on Friday, April 10, 2015 at the College at Brockport. This research and creativity event brings together undergraduate researchers, artists, and their faculty mentors from across the SUNY system for a full day of research activities, performances, and workshops. Joseph will be reading his poem “*What you want from me!?*” This free-verse poem illustrates various literary elements and techniques, exemplified by mood, dialogue, metaphors, imagery, and alliteration, in order to convey a psychological perspective along with the personal experiences of a fatherless child attempting to gain closure from an absentee father. Joseph’s faculty mentor for this project, Barish Ali, will also be attending the event.

MA PROGRAM NEWS

Congratulation to APRIL O’ BRIEN whose thesis “*God Loves All Them Feelings: Renegotiating Faith and Sexuality in The Color Purple and Angels in America*” has been selected as one of the 2015 Outstanding Master Thesis awards.

SUMMER IN ISTANBUL

Student demand has persuaded DR. BARISH ALI to run his Summer in Istanbul program for a third straight year. This year’s study tour, which will be hosted once again by the prestigious Boğaziçi University, will



take place from **June 22 to July 17, 2015**. This innovative summer abroad experience will combine a rigorous study of the region's history and literature with a hands-on experience of Turkish culture. Students who participate in this six-credit program will have the opportunity to experience distinctive literature and art, learn a rich and diverse history, and examine a political system that is different from most other nations. The program is open to students from all majors who have a minimum GPA of 3.0. This year's program will be limited to six students; please encourage your best students to apply. More information can be found at <http://english.buffalostate.edu/turkey>. Prospective students should contact Barish for more details about the program and for information regarding available scholarships and grants.

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni, we want to show off your achievements and hear about what you are doing. We've created an alumni booklet featuring profiles of English Department Alums that demonstrate the wide variety of things one can do with an English major. We have also created an alumni bulletin board in Ketchum Hall featuring Alumni profiles. If you would like to be featured, please send an email to Maureen Lougen (LOUGENM@BuffaloState.edu) with the subject line "alumni board" (feel free to include a recent professional photo). Also, we would love to hear from you to find out what you are up to. Please feel free to send your news and achievements for this newsletter to Maureen Lougen with the subject line "alumni newsletter item". Please include your graduation year and degree info.

The Buffalo State College Alumni Writing Group has a table at the Buffalo Small Book Press Fair on Sat April 18 between 12pm to 6pm. Come stop by to say Hi!

Reminder: Please let us know your news and achievements for the next newsletter. Send your info to Maureen Lougen (LOUGENM@buffalostate.edu), copied to Lorna Perez (perezll@buffalostate.edu) with the subject line "newsletter item".