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DEPARTMENT AND FACULTY NEWS

RALPH WAHLSTROM was elected to serve a three-year term as Chair of the English Department, beginning in August. **JENNIFER RYAN** will continue to serve as Coordinator of the English M.A. program.

The long-dormant **Buffalo State student literary magazine, *Portrait***, has been resurrected. A launch celebration was held on Thursday May 4 in the Louis P. Ciminelli Recital Hall in Rockwell Hall. Copies of the magazine were distributed, and contributors read and discussed their work. Special thanks to **Dean Benjamin Christy and the School of Arts and Humanities** for covering copy costs for the first revived issue.

MARILYN ASQUITH will be presenting at Conference on English Education (CEE) in June at Ohio State University. Her presentation is titled "Creating Equality in the Classroom: How to Invite All Students into the Dialogue using Aesthetic Responses."

At the Dictionary Society of North America biennial meeting in Barbadoes, June 8-12, **LISA BERGLUND** will be reading a paper entitled "The Literal Contents of Early American Dictionaries." She also will be performing with the Catchwords, a vocal group for which she has written several pastiches, including this year's new piece "Three lexicographers are we." Her essay "Touchstone in Penzance: Hester Lynch Piozzi Abridges her Life" will be published next year in a Bucknell UP collection on life writing and Samuel Johnson's circle; and she has been asked to write a piece on Johnson's "Lives and After-Lives" for *The Oxford Handbook of Samuel Johnson*, ed. by Jack Lynch.

MARK FULK has been appointed to the editorial board of the journal *Sermon Studies*. Additionally, he is providing introductions to four books for the new electronic guide *The Cambridge Guide to Eighteenth-Century Novel, 166-1820*.

On April 27, **MAGGIE HERB** was recognized by **President Conway-Turner** with Buffalo State's **Supervisor of the Year Award**. She was nominated for the award by writing tutor and English Education student **LILLIAN INGLUT**.

The poems "Jojo" and "The Women of My Family" by **JOEY NICOLETTI** will be out in the next issue of *Foundlings*. He will be reading them and poems from *Thundersnow* at

Nietzsche's with poets George Guida, Gerry LaFemina, and George Wallace during the issue launch on June 4th, 2017, from 2-5 pm.

LORNA PEREZ traveled to New York City where she presented her paper "The Double Consciousness of Conquest: Race, Gender and Empire in Esmeralda Santiago's *La Conquistadora*" at the Third Biennial Latina/o Literature and Criticism Conference. The conference theme was Latinx Lives, Matters, and Imaginaries: Theorizing Race in the 21st Century, and was held at John Jay College from April 13-15. In January, she served as a reader for a forthcoming special issue of *Label me Latina* focusing on Afro-Latinidad. In March, she also joined the editorial board of *Label me Latina*. Dr. Perez also accepted an invitation to join the College Alliance planning committee for the Seneca Falls Dialogues. She will be working with colleagues from a number of area colleges including St John Fisher, Brockport, Hobart William Smith, the University of Rochester, and Monroe Community College, to help plan the Seneca Falls Dialogues, a bi-ennial conference that seeks to reinvigorate Seneca Falls as a space of feminist activism and intellectual exchange. The next Seneca Falls Dialogues will be held in October of 2018.

ED TAYLOR will give a reading at Grindhaus in Allentown, 160 Allen Street, Friday May 12, at 7:00pm.

In early April, **RALPH WAHLSTROM** served on an evaluation team for the Middle States Counsel on Higher Education at Queens College. In addition, his short story "Fire" appears in the spring 2017 issue of *Reflex Fiction*.

Congratulations to **JILLIAN CUSTODI** (BA, 17), whose poster presentation for her Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship was selected to be displayed during the opening reception of the Research and Creativity Conference. Jill's project "The Postcolonial Feminine: Power and the Periphery in *Wide Sargasso Sea*." was also presented earlier this spring at the Race and Social Justice mini-conference, organized by **JENNIFER RYAN**. Jillian's project was overseen by **LORNA PEREZ**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Friday May 12, the English Department will honor its best and brightest at the **Student Awards Ceremony**, which will be held in Cleveland 418 from 4:00-5:30pm. The award recipients are listed below.

The Professor Arthur L. Bradford Award: Lillian Inglut

The James J. Morris, Jr. Scholarship: Mr. Nathanael Stolte

The Arts and Humanities Award for Excellence: Tiffany Bassett

The English Department Awards for Excellence:

Michael Rickard, English

Karina Love, English Education

Kaitlin Scirri, Writing (Kaitlin also received the Estelle Engel Scholarship)

Mary Grace Sileo, Post-Baccalaureate

William O'Neil-White, Master of Sciences

The Bard Capella Academic Award for Applied Literacy:

Matt Hahn
Tim Lipps
Mary Grace Sileo

The Buffalo State English Education Spring Banquet will be held this evening, May 11, from 5:30-9:30 at Pearl Street Grill & Brewery. **NANCIE ATWELL**, winner of the 2015 recipient of the Global Teaching Prize, will be recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Atwell, a 1974 graduate of Buffalo State and internationally-respected educator and author, will deliver the keynote address, titled "The Power of Stories and Self-Expression." Retiring English Education faculty members **THERESA HARRIS-TIGG** and **DENNIS WOJTASZCZYK** will also be recognized for their commitment to English Education.



On Friday, May 5, The English Department celebrated the career of its dedicated secretary of almost fifty years, **MARCIA GLISZCZYNSKI**, who is retiring in July. Friends shared stories, colleagues shared their appreciation, and everyone wished Marcia a long and happy retirement!

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