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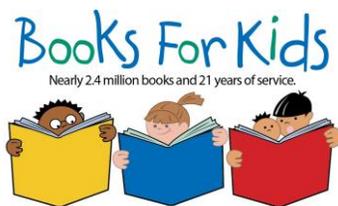
The newsletter appears biweekly during the semester;
the next issue will appear on Wednesday, 16 March 2016.
Current and past newsletters are available on the [English Department website](#).

DEPARTMENT AND FACULTY NEWS

Please congratulate **LAURENCE SHINE**, who has received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching! He joins the English Department's two previous winners of this prestigious award, **DENNIS WOJTASZCZYK** and **ED TAYLOR**.

TIM BRYANT published an article, "Building the Culture of Contingency: Adaptive Choice in Ludic Literature from Role-Playing Games to Choose Your Own Adventure Books," in McFarland Publishing's collection *The Role-Playing Society: Essays on the Cultural Influence of RPGs*.

Yesterday the Books for Kids book donation campaign kicked off its twenty-second year; the community drive was founded by **GERALDINE BARD** and **ELIZABETH CAPPELLA**. In 2015, Books for Kids distributed 74,414 books to individual children. Books for Kids hopes to raise \$20,000 this year; donations are used to purchase special needs books, including bilingual books, Braille books, multi-cultural books and books for children with learning and/or physical challenges. Visit www.buffalonews.com/booksforkids for a list of collection sites for books and donation information.



AIMEE LEVESQUE was a Guest Contributor for the Museum of disABILITY History's newsletter; her article, "The Paradox of Happiness," appears in the Winter 2016 edition.

ED TAYLOR's poem "Anthropocene Era" will appear in a forthcoming anthology on drought. He will be featured **TODAY** as a reader at Center for Inquiry/Just Buffalo Literary Café at 7:00 pm; the Center for Inquiry is located at 1310 Sweet Home Road in Amherst. His poem "Man/Woman" appeared in the Buffalo News "Sunday Gusto" section February 28.

KAREN SANDS-O'CONNOR completed a mini-tour of the UK by giving lectures at Homerton College, Cambridge ("From Empire to Empire Windrush and Beyond: Black British Literature for Children") and Roehampton University, London ("Politics and Publishing: Black Power, British Publishing and Child Readers"). Both talks overran their allotted time periods because of the interest of the audiences.

On Sunday, March 6 at 3 pm, **LISA BERGLUND** will sing a set of Aaron Copland's *Old American Songs* in a concert given by the faculty of the Community Music School and the Active Members of the Chromatic Club. The overall program ranges from Hugo Wolf lieder to Broadway show tunes. Tickets are available at the door; the concert will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Main Street in Snyder.

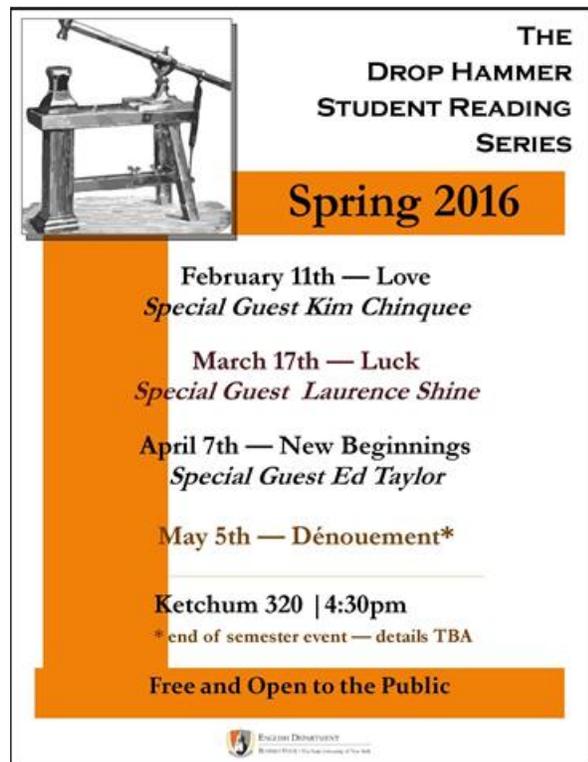
In the *Buffalo News* on February 14, **TOM REIGSTAD** published a [review](#) of Stacy Schiff's *The Witches: Salem. 1692*.

The *Buffalo News* also recently carried the [obituary](#) of **CYNTHIA DWYER**, a freelance writer who had been a hostage in Iran in 1980; Mrs. Dwyer was the wife of the late **JOHN DWYER**, a former chair of this department.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS

A [profile](#) of **STEPHANIE BRIECHLE**, who graduated with a BA in English this summer, has appeared in the *Cheektowaga Bee* under the title "Resident Overcomes Challenges to Continue Education."

Writing major **STEVEN JURA** was honored at a reception yesterday for Arts and Humanities students whose work will be on display in the Dean's Student Art Gallery throughout 2016. If you happen to be in Rockwell 222, check out Steven's two short creative writing pieces, along with sculpture, painting, jewelry, photography, and other student works.



**THE
DROP HAMMER
STUDENT READING
SERIES**

Spring 2016

February 11th — Love
Special Guest Kim Chinquee

March 17th — Luck
Special Guest Laurence Shine

April 7th — New Beginnings
Special Guest Ed Taylor

May 5th — Dénouement*

Ketchum 320 | 4:30pm
*end of semester event — details TBA

Free and Open to the Public

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DEADLINES AND OPPORTUNITIES: For Students

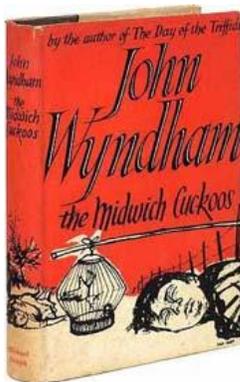
The \$1,250 Estelle Engels Tuition Scholarship is available to an undergraduate major in Communication, English, or Television and Film Arts. Candidates must have completed at least four semesters at Buffalo State, have at least 45 credit hours, and

a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Four copies of at least three different samples of writing and one letter of support from a faculty member are due to the Office of the Dean of Arts and Humanities, Rockwell Hall 222, by Friday, April 1, 2016. The name of the candidate should not be on any writing samples. Candidates also should write an application letter describing how receiving the award will make a difference in their life and help them attain their goals.

The 18th annual **Student Research and Creativity Celebration** (SRCC) is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 29 and 30. The event is open to both undergraduates and graduate students. SRCC applications are [completed online](#). Applications are due by midnight on Tuesday, March 15. For more information, visit the [Undergraduate Research](#) website or scan the QR code on the event posters.

The Buffalo office of **U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is looking for interns for the 2016 Summer and Fall Semesters**. Typical intern duties include supporting staff with constituent outreach and advocacy events, participating in meetings with community leaders and organizations, monitoring daily regional news, and serving as an advocate on behalf of Buffalo for the Senator. Interns may apply for college credit through their department or college career office. An online application is available at <http://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/services/internships/>. Deadlines are **April 1 for the Summer position and June 3 for the Fall position**. Contact Kapila Kapoor at (716) 854-9725 or [Kapila Kapoor@gillibrand.senate.gov](mailto:Kapila.Kapoor@gillibrand.senate.gov) for more information.

RECOMMENDED READING



Here's a fun list: **The Worst Children in (Adult) Literature**. But shouldn't it include the loathsome Pearl from *The Scarlet Letter*? http://www.abebooks.com/books/lord-flies-bad-seed-evil/worst-children-literature.shtml?cm_mmc=nl_-nl_-CPrpt01-h00-childrAM-123324GN_-01cta&abersp=1.

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