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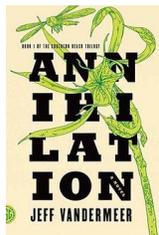
The newsletter appears biweekly, more or less, during the semester; the next issue will appear on Wednesday, 6 April 2016. Current and past newsletters are available on the [English Department website](#).

DEPARTMENT AND FACULTY NEWS

A selection from **ANN COLLEY's** "The Odyssey and Dr. Novak" appeared in the March 15 issue of [New World Writing](#).

KAREN SANDS-O'CONNOR continued her UK tour by giving a lecture, "The Education of Several Lifetimes: Eric and Jessica Huntley's Biographies Project," for the Media and Creative Studies program at Edge Hill University near Liverpool.

"Why Should Hester Lynch Piozzi Be Doctor Johnson's Mrs. Thrale?" an article by **LISA BERGLUND**, will appear in the next issue of *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* [64:4 (2016)].



TIM BRYANT will present a paper, "The Weird Wonder of VanderMeer's Area X: *The Southern Reach Trilogy*," at the International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, in Orlando on March 17.

At this week's Northeast Modern Language Association in Hartford, **MARK FULK** will present a paper entitled "The Autonomy of the Aesthetic Realm in the Works of Susan Sontag and Harold Bloom"; he also will participate on an invited roundtable presentation called "Zen Publishing: From Presentation to Juried Article."

"5 Skandhas," **ED TAYLOR's** collaboration with Associate Dean Carlos Jones, will be performed April 21-23 as part of "RAP--Dance & Spoken Word," the spring 2016 Casting Hall Productions program in Upton Hall.

A crepuscular video of **CHARLES BACHMAN** reading poems from his collection *I Ride the Dark Wind Horse* is available on Youtube: check out the atmosphere at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-J_1pjG40Y.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS

As part of her student teaching placement, post baccalaureate student (and BA '15) **SHEREE GRANT** hosted an event on Monday, March 14 at International Preparatory School. Dr. Drew Kahn gave a presentation entitled "A Personal Account of a Repairing Nation," as part of a unit on genocide for her 11th graders.

Sheree wrote, "I wanted to give my students in this placement an opportunity to draw connections from all the material they've learned, to a personal experience. I am very fortunate to have supportive administrators that are willing to allow me to create and host this type of event. Prior to my student teaching experience, as a Buffalo Public School Substitute teacher, I've seen a need for students in urban schools to be able to make sense of what they are learning through additional resources, and having Dr. Kahn as a guest speaker is an honor. There will be a Q & A segment at the end." Sheree adds, "**DANIELLE WOMACK**, my cooperating teacher, is a Buffalo State alumni [BS '03, MEd '08]. She teaches tenth and eleventh grade at International Preparatory School. She's an awesome teacher and such a wonderful role model."

DEADLINES AND OPPORTUNITIES: For Students

Applications for **English Department Scholarships and Prizes** are due at midnight, Saturday, March 19. Visit the English Department website for more information. Students also may access application requirements and drop boxes via the English Department Organization on their Blackboard homepage.

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.



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STUDENT READING
SERIES

THURSDAY March 17th

Ketchum 320 | 4:30pm

Theme: **LUCK**

Special Guest

Laurence Shine

Free and Open to the Public



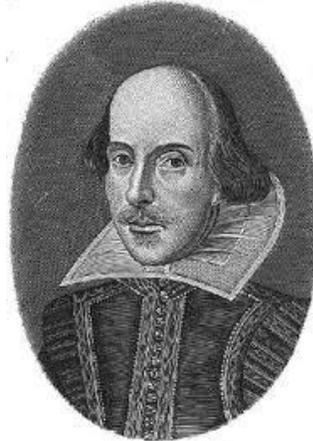
The Buffalo office of **U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand** is looking for interns for the 2016 Summer and Fall Semesters. Typical intern duties include supporting staff with constituent outreach and advocacy events, participating in meetings with community leaders and organizations, monitoring daily regional 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 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 for more information.

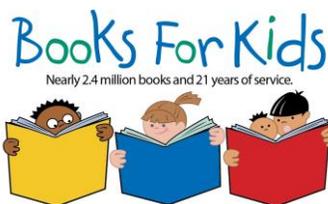
EVENTS AND REMINDERS

On Monday, March 28, Dr. Emma Smith, of Oxford University, author of *The Making of the First Folio* (Chicago, 2016), will speak on: **“From the Barbican to Buffalo: Why Shakespeare’s First Folio Matters.”**

The presentation will be given twice: from noon to 1:30 pm at the “Ring of Knowledge” at the downtown Buffalo and Erie County Public Library at 1 Lafayette Square, and from 3:30-5:00 pm in Capen Hall 107 at the UB North Campus. The second presentation will be followed by a reception at the Western New York Book Arts Center (WNYBAC) at 468 Washington Street in Buffalo, at which she will sign books and attendees will have the opportunity to handprint a letter-press poster with a line from Shakespeare’s *Sonnets*.



The Philosophy Department will host its 2016 James Grunebaum Lecture on April 4, at 4 pm in Butler 210. Dr. Erik Schmidt, associate professor of philosophy at Gonzaga University, will speak on **“Thinking through Shakespeare: Finding a Model for Philosophical Literary Criticism.”** His talk is part of the Buffalo State series of “Year of Shakespeare” activities.



Books for Kids, the community drive founded by **GERALDINE BARD** and **ELIZABETH CAPPELLA**, hopes to raise \$20,000 this year along with collecting physical books; donations go 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.

RECOMMENDED READING

According to a story on “the shrinking humanities major” reported by [Inside Higher Education](#), from 2012-2014 the number of bachelor's degrees awarded fell 8.7 percent.

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