

English Department Newsletter

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The newsletter appears biweekly during the academic year, except when it doesn't. The next issue will appear 2 November 2016. Past newsletters are available on the [English Department website](#).

DEPARTMENT AND FACULTY NEWS

HEIDI DIETZ-FALETTI read a paper at Leiden University, The Netherlands, on June 10, 2016, for the conference "Haunted Europe: Continental Connections in English-Language Gothic Writing, Film and New Media." The paper is entitled "A Palimpsest of French Decadence and Symbolism in Wilde's *The Picture of Dorian Gray*."

Ravenna Press, which will publish **KIM CHINQUEE's** *Milk* in 2017, has also agreed to publish her collections *Formation* and *What to Do* in 2018.

"Leaf," a poem by **ED TAYLOR**, was nominated by [Mobius](#) for 2016 Pushcart and Best of the Net awards.

KAREN SANDS-O'CONNOR's children's diverse booklist for the *Times Educational Supplement* was such a success that she has been asked to expand it to be made into a poster for British schools and bookstores.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS

The Phi Beta Kappa Association of Western New York has awarded English Education major **SPENCER MILIOTTO** the Peter M. Vasilion Scholarship for 2016. The award is given to a college student from or attending school in Western New

CALL for READINGS

The English Department is accepting creative writing submissions to be presented at a special edition of the **Emmanuel Fried Drop Hammer Student Reading Series** focusing on the theme of *Taking Care*. All Buffalo State students, faculty and staff are eligible to submit work for consideration. Work should be related to the theme and take no longer than 15 minutes to read aloud. The Drop Hammer Reading event will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2-4 pm, in Bulger 2nd floor atrium. Email submissions to [Maureen Lougen](#).

York who exemplifies the Phi Beta Kappa motto that “the love of learning is the guide to life.”

Serving on the 2016-2017 English Department Student Advisory Council are **GARRETT BUSSHART, ROBIN BUTLER, LILLIAN INGLUT, STEVEN JURA, SPENCER MILIOTTO, CATHERINE MORSE, MEGHAN PROVENZANO, HANNAH SCHUL, IMANI SEYMOUR** and **NATHAN STOLTE**.

UPCOMING EVENTS


The 17th annual **Faculty and Staff Research and Creativity Fall Forum** will be held on Thursday, October 27, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm in the Houston Gym. The English Department is represented by **MAGGIE HERB**, who will give a poster presentation entitled “From a Room to a Writing Center: Buffalo State’s Writing Help Center, Reimagined.”

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

Presents a talk by
Kathy Doody
Assistant Professor, Exceptional Education

**“Coursework to Practice:
Au-some Experiences in
Community Based Learning”**

Friday, October 21, 2016
Ketchum Hall 320
3:00–4:30 p.m.



These talks are open to faculty, staff, and students.



Get to **MAGGIE’s** presentation early so you can then attend the latest presentation in the English Education Brown Bag lecture series, on Thursday, October 27 at 12:15 pm in Ketchum 313. **Poet and editor Mark Pawlak** will give a talk entitled: “If You Enjoy It, You Understand It: The Poetry Pleasure Principle.” Mark Pawlak is the author of nine poetry collections, most recently *Reconnais-*

sance: New and Selected Poems and Poetic Journals. He also edited *When We Were Countries*, fourth in a series anthologies of poetry and prose by high school-age writers. He is co-editor/publisher of the Brooklyn-based literary magazine and poetry press Hanging Loose, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

DEADLINES AND REMINDERS

Online registration for “**Jane Austen & the Arts**,” an interdisciplinary conference to held at SUNY Plattsburgh, March 23-25, 2017, is now open. Proposals for any aspect of Jane Austen’s engagement with the arts are invited; graduate students and advanced undergraduates

FALL FILM SERIES
Tuesday October 25, 2016 7:15pm
Ketchum Hall Room 111



Sigma Tau Delta (The English Honor Society) is pleased to announce the first film in its Fall Film Series. *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* will be screened on Tuesday October 25, 2016 at 7:15pm in Ketchum Hall 111. This 1956 science fiction classic will be presented by Dr. Timothy Bryant. There will be a question and answer segment after the film. There will also be information available on the college’s new Film Studies minor. The event is free and open to all Buffalo State students.

have until **November 1** to submit proposals. The conference features Peter Sabor as keynote speaker and an English Country Dance and pre-dance workshop. All sessions are plenary. For details, visit <https://janeaustenandthearts.com>.

RECOMMENDED READING

Faculty at Illinois State are charging that the administration is attending to reduce the numbers of courses with high failure rates by eliminating such classes or lowering standards. According to the [story in Tuesday's edition of *Inside Higher Ed*](#), Illinois State is dealing with concerns such as student preparedness and retention issues that Buffalo State also has been experiencing.

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