This is the second newsletter of the academic year. Our next issue will be published on 22 October 2014.

DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

Advisement is nearly upon us! Please remember that all of your advisees are now mandated to come see you before they can register. You will find your advisees’ PINS in Banner, under the Spring 2015 advisee listing. Please start scheduling your senior advisees as soon as possible.

Course Advertisement: As in recent semesters past, we will advertise our courses in a booklet and on our bulletin board. Please send along the thematic description of your course (and an image if possible) to Maureen, no later than Oct 21st.

Map-Works: Please check your emails for instructions on setting up your Map-works accounts. This can be a particularly useful tool in advising and mentoring your freshmen students. All English faculty who are advising should have access to this feature. Please email Lorna Perez (perezll@buffalostate.edu) if you are having trouble with this.

FACULTY NEWS

DR. BARISH ALI has been elected as faculty advisor to the United Student Government’s (USG) Judicial Council. English Education Major and USG Chief Justice Sheree Grant nominated him to the position.

In her role as society president, DR. LISA BERGLUND presided over the Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies meeting at Syracuse University, 25-27 September. She has also been invited to contribute an article on teaching Jane Austen to a proposed collection to be published by Cambridge UP.

PROF. KIM CHINQUEE’S flash fictions "She Could Be Anybody," "Wet," "Pots," and "The Dress Over Me" were accepted for publication in the January 2015 issue of Clackamas Literary Review. Her review of Kelly Cherry’s book A KIND OF DREAM is forthcoming in the October 2015 issue of BLUE FIVE NOTEBOOK, and she will be

Over the summer, DR. MARK FULK reviewed Ann Gommersall’s novel *The Citizen* (1790) for the fall issue of Eighteenth-Century Studies. The novel is one of three that the author wrote concerning the controversies around the French Revolution set in the domestic sphere of a home in England. The novel is part of the Chawton Library series of reprints, and Dr. Fulk finds it compelling particularly in its understanding of the psychology of grief.

DR. PETER RAMOS will be reading at the Burchfield-Penney Poetry Series, Friday, October 10th, between 5:30 and 7 PM upstairs in the reception area. Peter will be reading from his new book, now available from Back Pages Books, *Television Snow* (http://www.backpagesbooks.com/television-snow). He’ll be reading for 20 minutes, between musical sets; there will be a jazz band and cash bar. He’ll also have limited copies of his book for sale. *We hope to see you there!*

DR. JENNIFER RYAN’S Kickstarter campaign to fund Austin Straus’s travel to MLA for her panel "Remembering--and Not Forgetting--Wanda Coleman," was successful and has been fully funded. Congratulations, Jennifer!

PROF. ED TAYLOR and PROF. DENNIS WOJTASZCZYK are receiving the inaugural Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching on Thursday, October 16 at the Faculty and Staff Honors Convocation held in Rockwell Hall at 12:15. Reception follows afterwards in foyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMON READING: NANCY SOMMERS
All Buffalo State students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend a presentation by Nancy Sommers, author of the 2014 common reading, “I Stand Here Writing,” at 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 10, at the Performing Arts Center at Rockwell Hall. Tickets are free and available from the College Writing Program. Please call ext. 5451 to reserve a ticket for this event. A public reception for the author in the Rockwell Hall foyer will immediately follow the presentation.
THE DROP HAMMER STUDENT READINGS for this semester will be held on: Oct 23, Nov 6 and 18 from 12:30-1:30 at the Campus Bookstore. Free coffee/refreshments and snacks will be provided. Students wishing to read from their works of nonfiction, fiction and poetry may contact Professor Chinquee at chinquk@buffalostate.edu.

ELJ'S BOOK HARVEST is coming up next on Oct 16th during Bengal Pause on the 3rd floor hallway of Ketchum. Books and copies of ELJ will be available for sale, as well as snacks and refreshments. We are accepting donations for our upcoming issue, The Harvest Issue, and all proceeds will help in the publishing of that issue. Books are being accepted for donation.

The next Creative Writing Club meetings will be held on October 15 at 1 pm, and October 17 at 1 pm, in the English Department Student Lounge. All Buffalo State students are invited to attend.

Julie and David Gorlewski, English department alumni, coeditors of English Journal and Assistant Professors in Secondary Education and Education Administration at SUNY New Paltz will present at Buffalo State on October 15 and 16. On October 15 Julie and David will speak at 4:30 in Ketchum 111. Their talk is sponsored by the Western New York Network of English Teachers, a teacher-driven professional social network for English Language Arts teachers in the Buffalo-Niagara region. Julie and David will discuss theoretical perspectives on current educational reforms and discuss how we can reposition teaching as an intensely human, social and political act. They will explore how changes in language, society, and youth culture can help us reimagine classrooms that focus on human development, relationships, and social justice. A reception will follow.

Additionally, Julie will deliver a talk the following day, Thursday October 16 from 12:15-1:35 in Ketchum 313. This event is also open to all members of the SUNY Buffalo State community and is sponsored by the English Education
Student Association. Julie’s talk draws from three research projects she has engaged in and will examine how neoliberal education reforms are impacting the daily lives of teachers and students.

Limited seating is available for both events. Those interested in attending should RSVP by October 1st to reserve a seat by sending an email to - wnynet@gmail.com.

The 2014–2015 “CONVERSATIONS IN AND OUT OF THE DISCIPLINES” will begin on Friday, October 24, when Carlos Jones will present a talk titled “White Washed: The Unconcerned Erosion of the African Moving Body.”

CENTERS, PROGRAMS, AND PUBLICATIONS

ELJ Submissions
ELJ, Elm Leaves Journal, is accepting submissions of fiction, nonfiction and poetry for our 2014 Harvest issue. So far, the issue includes work by Trevor Dodge, Kathy Fish, Lydia Copeland, Gail Seigel, and others. Please send work in an email to eljbuffalo@gmail.com. Thank you.

MA Program News
The English MA Program will be hosting two upcoming workshops: All About the Comprehensive Exam, on Tuesday, October 14, 6:45 p.m., in Ketchum 318 and Applying to Ph.D. Programs, on Monday, November 10, 6:45 p.m., in Ketchum 318

We are also interested in starting a works-in-progress series in which grad students meet once or twice a semester to discuss their ongoing research on course essays, theses, conference papers, or articles. Please contact Dr. Ryan (ryanjd@buffalostate.edu) if you are interested in participating.

FUNDING: Please remind your graduate students who may be travelling for conferences that they should be applying to the GSA for funding. The department
has very limited funds to support graduate student travel, but the GSA has many more resources at their disposal.

**Ketchum Hall Writing Center**
The Ketchum Hall Center is up and running with normal business hours: Mon –Thur 10-4:30 and Fri 10-3. As midterm is upon us, please encourage your students to use the center, as they can help address every aspect of the writing process with your students (and will provide documentation that your student has visited). Students can set up an appointment, or they can be served on a walk-in basis (if there is availability)

**USEFUL REMINDERS AND THE PROFESSION**

**SEFA:** This year’s SEFA campaign is upon us. Please fill out the forms left in your mailboxes. You can access a paperless copy of the participating charities by visiting [www.buffalostate.edu/sefa](http://www.buffalostate.edu/sefa). As a reminder, folks who donate will be given raffle tickets to win a number of prizes including your very own parking space! Please return your SEFA forms to Lorna Perez's faculty mailbox (in the faculty lounge) and she will give you tickets accordingly. If you do not wish to donate, please let me know as well. Please turn in these forms by Oct 31.

**MINORS FAIR** is tomorrow, 9 October, from 11-2 in the Student Union Social Hall. Please encourage your students particularly those in your 100 and 200 level courses to attend. Thank you to Tim Bryant, Mark Hammer, and Ralph Wahlstrom for representing the department and our minors!

**REMINDER:** Please remember to calendar your events and meetings in the department calendar. Also, please remember to brag about your accomplishments in the Daily Bulletin. You can find a link to submit an item here: [http://wwwd.buffalostate.edu/dailybulletin/](http://wwwd.buffalostate.edu/dailybulletin/)

**REMINDER:** If you have links to your scholarship or books, please send them to us so we can put them up on the Department Facebook Page. “Wait”, you exclaim, “we have a department Facebook Page?” Yep. We do. You can find us under **SUNY Buffalo State English Department**. If you are inclined, feel free to like us. We already like you.
CONFERENCE TRAVEL: If you are applying for funding for conference travel, please remember to fill out a “planned Faculty Absence/Course Coverage form and attach it to your travel request.

This article http://chronicle.com/article/Why-Academics-Writing-Stinks/148989/ in the Chronicle of Higher Education, claims academic writing is lousy. Thoughts?

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.

Kristen (Semrau) Nablo is a 2002 graduate of Buffalo State College with a B.A. in English and Post-Baccalaureate Teaching Certification in Secondary English Education. Her degree track and educational background laid a foundation for unexpected opportunity and immediately following graduation, Kristen launched her professional career as a Legislative Assistant for the New York State Assembly. She has since held positions as an Executive Assistant, an Immigration Law Paralegal, a Commercial Leasing Paralegal, and has been working since 2010 as a Licensing & Compliance Specialist for one of the top Mortgage Banking companies in WNY.

Kristen attributes much of her success not only to her unique work experiences, but also to the skills and growth acquired during her time at Buffalo State College. She spends much of her personal time promoting conservation education initiatives with her family, writing lesson plans for classroom conservation outreach, and acts as webmaster for www.MariahSavesGorillas.com

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”.