This is the fifth newsletter of the academic year. Our last issue of the fall term will be published during CEP week, on 10 Dec 2014

DEPARTMENT REMINDERS
Apologies: With the closing of campus last week, this newsletter was briefly delayed.

Winter Reminders: Old Man Winter has visited us with a bit of fury. Please be mindful that if you need to cancel classes, please let the office (Maureen, Marcia and Lorna) know. You should contact your students as soon as possible (ideally as soon as you know you will be cancelling class) over email or Blackboard or both and provide some kind of alternate instruction (an assignment in Blackboard, for example, a short essay, etc.). Above all, please be safe. Also please remember, if you are on campus and need assistance like a jump for a dead battery, you can call the campus MAP service (Motorist Assistance Program) at x6333, and they will come and help you for free.

Registration Reminders: We are winding up registration for the Spring and J-Term. Thank you for all of your work in extending your office hours for advisement. As reminders, Overrides are at the discretion of the faculty member. Please be mindful, however, of enforcing pre-requisites. If you are giving an override, please use specific overrides and not “instructor permission”.

Book Orders: You should have submitted your spring book orders by now. You can do this online using the Faculty Enlight system on the bookstore’s website.

Holiday Party: Lisa Berglund, who must clearly miss us, has graciously offered to host the holiday party again. You’ll receive an official invitation soon, but save the date for the evening of Friday, December 5th. As in years past, it will be potluck style, and we will have a sign up sheet in the office so we can arrange what folks are bringing.

Graduation Awards: Though it seems too soon, it is time to nominate students for graduation awards. The Faculty Student Committee will be sending out information on awards shortly.
FACULTY NEWS

DR. LISA BERGLUND has been commissioned to write a bibliographical essay on current studies of Hester Lynch Piozzi for a research guide on Romantic Era Women Writers to be published by Ashgate.

PROF. KIM CHINQUEE’S flash fiction, "Supper," and Process Statement in response to James Gouldthorpe’s art, "The Great American Novel," are published in the current issue of PROMPT PRESS: http://promptpress.com/contributors/james-gouldthorpe/kim-chinquée-supper/. Her flash fictions, "Rip Tide" and "Eat the Plate" have been accepted for publication in the next issue of CREAM CITY REVIEW. http://www.creamcityreview.org/. Her flash fiction, "Things Unused" has been accepted for publication in the upcoming issue of NIGHT TRAIN: http://www.nighttrainmagazine.com She has been selected to be a contributing editor for the upcoming anthology NEW AMERICAN FLASH FICTION.

AIMEE LEVESQUE’S play The Process was reviewed in Buffalo Rising. You can find the review here: http://buffalorising.com/2014/11/the-process/.

In addition to the Buffalo Rising Review, the Buffalo News’s Matthew Chandler says of the The Process: “Brilliantly assembled by a quintet of talented writers, “The Process” is loaded with laugh-out-loud funny moments and lines seemingly written for the very actors that are delivering them. The writing is so strong, the dialogue so brilliant, that it is easy to forget these are actors who have memorized a script. At points, it seems as though these are just people having their daily conversations- conversations we have been allowed to spy on. But "The Process" is so much more than the written words, sets, costumes and props that bring it all together. It is a play about breaking down boundaries, stepping outside of our com fort zones, and tearing down the walls of ignorance, fear and misconceptions that all too often drive the way we think of people with disabilities in our society.” Cheers, Aimee, on your wonderful work!

DR. LORNA PEREZ’S paper "Thirsting for Utopia: Migration, Identity, and Voice in Jimmy Santiago Baca’s A Glass of Water “ has been accepted for the 2nd Biennial Latina/o Literary Theory and Criticism Conference. The theme of the conference is Latina/o Utopias: Futures, Forms and the Will of Literature, scheduled for April 23-25, 2015 at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City.

DR. PETER RAMOS was the subject of an item in The Public, Buffalo’s new alt-weekly paper (http://www.dailypublic.com/events/11142014/peter-ramos-noah-falck). If you want a hard copy of the paper, you can pick up your very own copy in the student union. New editions come out on Wednesdays, so if you want a copy of last week’s paper, run down to the union and get it soon!
UPCOMING EVENTS

With the dramatic Snoverstorm and the campus closing, we will have to reschedule some events. We missed our “CONVERSATIONS IN AND OUT OF THE DISCIPLINES” talk last Friday by Professor M. Scott Goodman of the Chemistry Department. His intriguingly entitled talk “Two-Step Spin Crossover Behavior in the Iron(II) Complex of Tris(3-methylpyrazolyl)methane. What Could this Title Possibly Mean?” will be rescheduled (so we can finally find out what the title means!) during the Spring Semester.

The Conversation Series will continue after Thanksgiving, with our last talk of the term, on December 5. Dr. Jennifer Hunt of the Psychology Department will speak on “Princesses, (Super)power, and Patriarchy: How ‘Princess Culture’ Influences Gender Ideologies, Relationship Beliefs, and Career Choices.” All talks will be held on Fridays at 3:00 pm in Ketchum Hall 320. A short, informal wine-and-cheese reception is held after each talk, and everyone is welcome to attend.

ELJ

The Harvest Edition of ELJ is about to launch. Stay tuned for details! Students interested in working on the next issue (theme to be announced soon!) can do so by enrolling in ENG 357: Literary Publishing. The course is open to all SUNY-Buffalo State students.

CENTERS, PROGRAMS, AND PUBLICATIONS

ELJ BOOK HARVESTS have been held all semester in order to support the publication of ELJ. The Record did an article on Book Harvests. You can find the article here: http://buffstaterecord.com/4390/news/elmwood-leaves-journal-holds-book-drive-on-campus/
USEFUL REMINDERS AND THE PROFESSION

If you are off to the annual MLA Convention this January in Vancouver, MLA has just sent out a top ten list of things to do while at the convention:

10. The Sky Train and ferries
9. Local picks for hidden gems
8. MLA Annual Convention cultural excursions
7. Restaurants and venues offering discounts to MLA registrants, courtesy of Tourism Vancouver
6. Chocolate and coffee!
5. A walking tour of Vancouver
4. Aboriginal arts and culture, including the Musqueam Cultural Centre
3. Okanagan wine
2. Galleries and museums
1. A quick tour of Vancouver on the Hop-On, Hop-Off bus

In a similar vein, if you are heading to Toronto this spring for the NeMLA Conference, remember that the registration deadline is approaching December 5th! Also, NeMLA has sent out a local events survey that you should have gotten in your email if you are a NeMLA member.

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.

Isabel Ortiz-Garrett (BA, 12) works as en ESL Para-professional in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her job is to work with non-English speaking children and their parents to ensure that they are receiving a comprehensive and equal education despite their limited proficiency in the English language. Before taking her position in New Orleans, Isabel interned at the Organization of American States in Trinidad and Tobago where she worked analyzing and recording political events in Trinidad and Tobago and the impact of those events locally, and globally.

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”.

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