

English Department Newsletter

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This is the final newsletter of the academic year. The newsletter will be on hiatus over the summer months, and will return in the fall.

DEPARTMENT REMINDERS AND NEWS

Please mark your calendars for the **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT AWARDS CEREMONY**, scheduled **May 15th at 4:00** in the Student Union Assembly Hall.

The **ENGLISH EDUCATION SPRING BANQUET** will be held on **Thursday May 14th** at 6:30 pm at the Pearl Street Grill. This event is apparently the hottest ticket in town (it is sold out!)

COMMITTEE BALLOTS for 2015-2016 have gone out. Please vote and return your ballot to Maureen no later than this Friday the 15th.

BY-LAWS: Please remember to vote for the by-law revision for the recruitment committee, these are due on the 20th.

SCHEDULING: The scheduling committee will be meeting this week to tackle our Spring 16 schedule. Keep an eye on your email for your teaching assignment, and please keep in mind the departmental discussion we had last week as it pertains to the schedule.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to **Susan Blake**, who is our inaugural Shine Fellow! She will engage in a year-long research project with Laurence, which she will present publicly next spring.

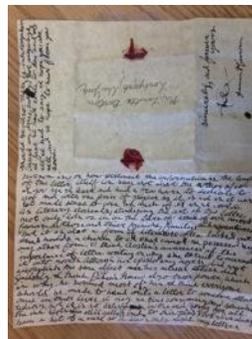
CHAIR'S NOTE

As this is the final newsletter that I will be compiling, I wanted to take a moment to thank the English Department for their patience and kindness during this year. My position as Interim Chair of the Department has been a phenomenal learning opportunity and I am humbled and grateful that you trusted me in this position for this last academic year. I continue to be amazed by the dedication and tirelessness of this faculty, and it has been a great privilege to represent and serve you. I am more thankful to you than I can express.

SPRING GRADING: A reminder from the Daily Bulletin: “**Spring 2015 Faculty Grading: Remember to Proof Your Grade Rosters** Faculty members, after you have completed (submitted/saved) your spring 2015 grades, please go back in to your roster and double-check that all grades are there as you intended. If you have any questions about grading, please call the Computing Help Desk at 878-4357 or the Registrar's Office at 878-4811. **The spring 2015 faculty grading window opens Monday, May 11, at 9:00 a.m. and closes Wednesday, May 20, at 9:00 p.m.**”

FACULTY NEWS

DR. ANN COLLEY took the students in her graduate British Literature course, which focused on correspondence, over to Western New York Book Arts to make paper. We will have pictures up on the website soon, but in the meantime, here are a few:

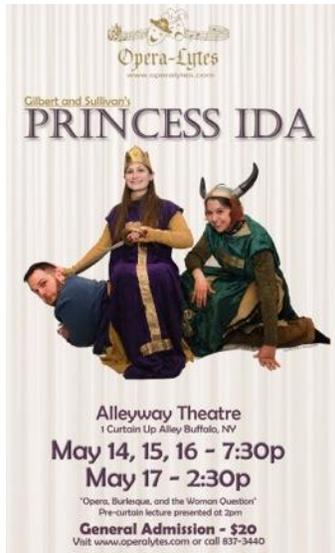


DR. MARK FULK has started a blog! The blog, called The Contemplative Reader, combines Mark's interests in religion/spirituality (especially Anglican), reading, and the process of writing as a kind of spiritual practice. Check it out at <http://contemplativereader.blogspot.com/> and let him know what you think.

DR. LORNA PEREZ presented a paper entitled “Between Suffering and Imagination: Reading Gulfs and Gaps in Cristina Garcia's *Dreaming in Cuban*” at the 2015 NeMLA Convention in Toronto on Friday, May 1.

DR. KAREN SANDS O-CONNOR has been offered a contract for her book, *Children's Publishing and Diversity: Black British and British Caribbean Publishing 1965-2015* from Palgrave Macmillan.

PROF. RALPH WAHLSTROM'S short story "Fishing" has been selected for the Fresher Writing 2015 Anthology published by Bournemouth University in the United Kingdom. The story is also a finalist for the Fresher Writing Prize. The winner will be announced on May 21 in Bournemouth.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Gilbert and Sullivan's *Princess Ida* will be given four performances by Opera-Lytes at Alleyway Theatre, May 14-17. The production is directed by **DR. LISA BERGLUND** and features **MS. SÁRA KOVÁCSI** in the principal role of Melissa. This witty satire of gender stereotypes is performed with a chamber orchestra. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.operalytes.com.

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.