

# English Department Newsletter



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This is the final newsletter of the academic year; the next issue will appear on 3 September 2014. Current and past newsletters are available on the [English Department website](#).

## MEETINGS and EVENTS

***A Close Read: Readings & Short Films in Tribute to Steve Street*** will be presented at Hallwalls **tomorrow, Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m.** This tribute to our late colleague will include readings from Steve's work by **Ed Taylor, Ralph Wahlstrom and Michele Ninacs**. For more information, visit <http://www.hallwalls.org/perflit/5496.html>.

Opera-Lytes presents the romantic musical comedy *She Loves Me* at Alleyway Theatre, May 15, 16, and 17 at 7:30 pm, and May 18 at 2:30 pm. **Lisa Berglund** sings with the ensemble, playing both an aggrieved society lady and a cross-dressing flâneur. For ticket information, visit [www.operalytes.com](http://www.operalytes.com).

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Geraldine Bard and Betty Cappella** are funding the **Bard Cappella Academic Award for Applied Literacy**. **Three awards, of \$350 each**, will be presented to students from the English, English Education, and Writing programs, respectively. The awards will recognize students who have completed or are currently engaged in a project designed to promote literacy in the community. Information on applying for the awards will be available at the beginning of the fall semester.

## FACULTY NEWS

**Kim Chinquee** is the subject of an [interview at NANO Fiction](#).

**Michele Ninacs** and English MA student **April O'Brien**, along with Janice Carello, John McKinnis, and Wendy Scott from the College Writing Program, presented at the CEA conference in Baltimore in March. Their presentation was entitled "One Small Step for Basic Communication; One Large Step for WAC: Adopting a Common Handbook in Order to Facilitate a Culture of Writing."



## STUDENT and ALUMNI NEWS



The English Education Students Association, led by **Chelsea Nabozny, Elise Losciavo and Alyssa Moretti**, organized a splendid inaugural English Education dinner and awards celebration at Pearl Street Brewery on the first of May. The keynote speaker was **Dennis Wojtaszczyk** (here he is speaking in front of a photograph from the beginning of his teaching career!).

Dennis also received a special recognition award from EESA and tributes from former students **Sarah-Jane Calvaneso** and **Joel Malley**; commenting that “Dennis’s classroom was not a place for tourists,” Joel thanked him for being a “moral pedagogical signpost.”

**Timea Kernacova** was profiled on the Buffalo State [website](#) this week; she won our award for excellence in English Education, and also the Chancellor’s and President’s Awards.



Congratulations to all winners of the English Department’s Awards for Excellence: **Rachael Saathoff** (Dean’s Award), **Laura Wood** (English), **Moira Madden** (Writing), **Sarah-Jane Calvaneso** (Post-Baccalaureate), **Emmanuel Abreu** (Master of Arts), **Sára Kovásci** (Master of Science) and **Felicia DiLibero** (Bradford Scholarship). And congratulations to those elected to the Sigma Tau Delta Honors Society: **Tamara Burros, Matthew Kyle Hubbard, Amy Maier, Jonathan Tyler Marchant, Paige E. Nicoloff, Rachael Saathoff, Collin Schreiner, Jessica R. Wilkins, and Laura Wood.**

**Sabrina Santos** (English major, Writing minor, WGS minor, and McNair scholar) will begin her Master's work in the department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University at Albany this fall.

**Kara Barrett MA**, has just been accepted into the Educational Administration Certificate program at UB.

**Stacy Creech** has been elected Secretary of the Graduate Student Association Executive Board and also will serve as one of the two graduate student representatives on the Buffalo State College Senate.

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