

English Department Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The **Film and Lecture Series** continues with “The Cabinet of Doctor Caligari” on Thursday, 15 November (**TODAY**), while **BSC Cinephiles** present *His Girl Friday* on Thursday, 29 November. Both screenings will take place in Upton Hall 230 at 6:30 pm.

ENTROPY: THE POETEXPO will take place this Saturday, November 17, 2018, 1–6 pm at the Burchfield Penney Art Center. Browse books from regional presses, make your own Pamphlet Stitch Journal with the Western New York Books Arts Center, and hear the work of local poets including English Department major **JULIO MONTALVO VALENTIN**. This event is free with gallery admission.

As part of the 2018–2019 **Conversations in and out of the Disciplines** series Bhakti Sharma, associate professor of art and design, will present “Honey, I Shrank the Retail” on Friday, November 30; and Melanie Perreault, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will present “Servants, Slaves, and Unruly Mistresses:

Interpersonal Violence in the Early Chesapeake” on Friday, December 7. Each talk will begin at 3:00 pm in Ketchum Hall 320. A Q&A and brief wine-and-cheese reception will follow. Everyone is welcome.

Speakers in the spring semester will be Heather Maldonado, assistant provost for academic success; Andrea Guiati, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Modern and Classical Languages; Patrick McGovern, associate professor of political science; and **MACY TODD**, assistant professor of English.

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Special Guests

Munirah Ali

Oli Wiggins

THE DROP HAMMER STUDENT READING SERIES

December 6th
Ilene R. Fleischmann
Writing and Publication Suite
Ketchum 302
12:15-1:30pm

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Free and Open to the Public

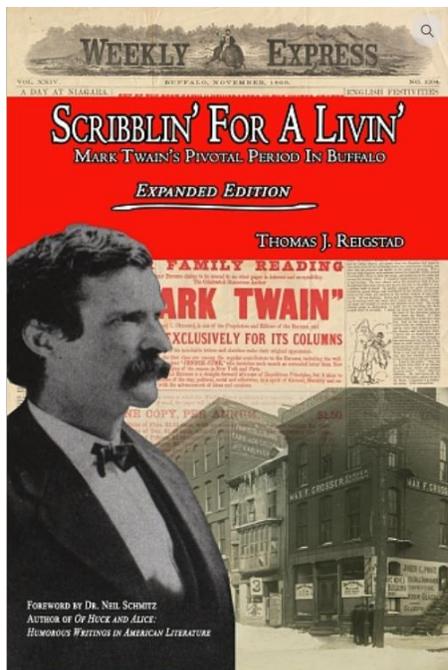
ANN COLLEY will be reading from her memoir *The Odyssey and Dr. Novak* on Thursday, December 13 at 6:30pm at the Burchfield Penney Art Center.

DEPARTMENT & FACULTY NEWS

ED TAYLOR will be the guest on the WBNY radio show "Flash Fiction" on Monday, November 19, 10-11 pm, reading and discussing his prose and poetry.

The [Pushcart Prize 2019](#), which includes **KIM CHINQUEE'S** piece "I Figure," has been released.

As previously reported, **KIM CHINQUEE**, **AIMEE LEVESQUE**, and **TOM REIGSTAD** participated in The Great American Read, which aired on PBS in late spring through early fall. The eight-part series explores and celebrates the power of reading, told through the prism of America's 100 best-loved novels (as chosen in a national survey). **AIMEE** conducted a two-person panel interview that included live callers, and participated in the final discussion when the winning book was announced. **KIM** and **TOM** were interviewed by Buffalo and Erie County Public Library director Mary Jean Jakubowski about what makes a great novel.



Videographer Kevin Heffernan of Rise Collaborative sent **TOM REIGSTAD** his finished package of films about Mark Twain, meant to accompany the release of the new, expanded edition of **TOM's** *Scribblin' for a Livin'*—*Mark Twain's Pivotal Period in Buffalo*. The first video is a 10-minute documentary, the first extended one addressing Twain's time in Buffalo. The other two clips are "bonus commentaries."

JOEY NICOLETTI has new poems forthcoming in *Ovunque Siamo*, *Pirene's Fountain*, and *Paterson Literary Review*. He will read at Daemen College as part of their Readings at the RIC Series on November 28. Also, his latest poetry chapbook, *Capicola Slang*, is forthcoming from NightBallet Press in 2019.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI NEWS

MICHAEL RICKARD'S first novel, *Flunky: Pawns and Kings* will debut on Amazon.com on November 25, 2018. Say hello to the bad guys—well, at least to the people who work for the underworld's costumed villains: the anonymous thugs whose only role is acting as cannon fodder against the world's mightiest heroes. However, things are about to change...

You can purchase *Flunky* through Kindle or order a paperback. There is a [promotion](#) on Goodreads that starts on November 19 where people can enter to win one of 100 digital copies.

INFORMATION FOR FACULTY

Please send updates for the English Department website to **LORNA PEREZ** as she is working to keep the website current and add new content (check out the new material on student groups, for example). Also, if you send her a list of professional associations that you belong to, boards you sit on (editorial or otherwise) and awards you have won, that information would be most welcome.

If you have students who might be good Peer Tutor candidates, please advise them to speak to **MAGGIE HERB** about taking English 307W in the spring.



The English Department Holiday Party will be held on Monday, 3 December starting at 4 pm at College House. Don't forget to RSVP to Maureen. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

SUNY College of Brockport will hold its Fifth SEGUE Symposium for Graduate Students on Saturday, 23 February 2019. Proposals are invited for individual research presentations (15-20 minutes) or complete panels or roundtables (75 minutes) with a focus on literary criticism, history or theory; cultural, visual or material culture studies; or other interdisciplinary study. The conference theme is "Communities," but papers not on the conference theme are also invited. The deadline for proposals is **17 November**; for more information, visit <https://brockportsegue.wordpress.com/>.

RECOMMENDED READING



From a different discipline, but worth a look: the [College Art Association's guidelines](#) regarding the elimination or merger of humanities departments.

Apropos of which, here is our library (thanks to ANN COLLEY for the photo):

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