

English Department Newsletter

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

In January, **ADRIENNE COSTELLO** will begin a term as Interim Department chair, replacing **LISA BERGLUND**, who will be on sabbatical. Also on sabbatical this spring is **MICHELE NINACS**; **MAGGIE HERB** will be serving as Interim Writing Program director.

The English Department has completed a Self-Study covering the years 2008-2016. Copies of the study will be distributed to faculty next week. A strategic plan has been drafted and will be discussed and implemented in the spring semester.

FACULTY NEWS

MARK FULK was interviewed by Luke Moretti for a new permanent segment on Religion that they are placing on the website at WIVB.com. **MARK** discussed the nature and cultural representations of the Antichrist.

ANN COLLEY and **AIMABLE TWAGILIMANA** are featured in Buffalo State College's latest publicity push, "Study with a Faculty Fulbright Scholar"! **ANN** was awarded Fulbright Scholarships for study in Poland (1995-1996) and Ukraine (1999-2000), and **AIMABLE** for study in Rwanda (2015-2016) and Senegal (2008-2009). **ASHLEY WESELAK MA '16** also is Fulbright recipient; she is presently in Rwanda.



ED TAYLOR'S flash fiction "Grace" appeared in the Winter 2017 (December) issue of [The Moth](#), and his poems "Road Trip," "Cruel Month," and "Still Life with Rink" will appear in the January 2017 issue of [Ghost City](#). He was a featured reader at [Slipstream](#) magazine's 36th anniversary reading in Niagara Falls November 12, and his review of the debut novel *Night of the Animals* by Bill Broun appeared in the November 13 [Buffalo News](#).

On Saturday December 3 at the WNE D Studios, ANN COLLEY gave the introductory talk on the times and life of Queen Victoria before the premier showing of a new PBS series, *Victoria*.

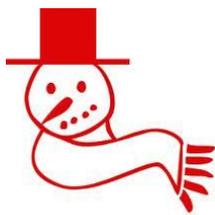
LISA BERGLUND is directing the Opera-Lytes production of Gilbert and Sullivan's rollicking *Pirates of Penzance*, which will be presented at The Riviera Theatre in North Tonawanda, January 20-22. KAREN SANDS-O'CONNOR's daughter GWEN O'CONNOR is a member of the ensemble. This show is perfect family entertainment and will be sure to get you in the mood for the spring semester! Tickets are available at <http://www.rivieratheatre.org/>.



STUDENT & ALUMNI NEWS

Thanks to the generosity of emeritus faculty HEIDI DIETZ-FALETTI, DAVID LAMPE, SUSAN LEIST and JOAN ROBERTS, \$360 scholarships have been awarded to English Department students NATHANAEL STOLTE, MICHAEL RICKARD, LILLIAN INGLUT and SHERWIN WILLIAMS.

"A Beggar's Prayer" by NATHANAEL STOLTE BS '17 was published in the *Buffalo News* on November 27 in the Poem of the Week column; you can read it [here](#).



Here's to a Rejuvenating Winter Break!

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