

Hello/Hola/Salut from the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies!

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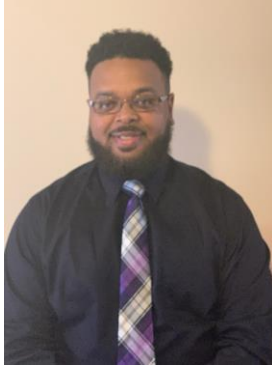
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### 1) STUDENTS MEET MEMOIRIST MARISA RAMEL



On Friday, February 11, English majors **Chisom Okeahilamagbara**, **Breanna Thomas**, **Jacqueline Hammett**, and other students in **Dr. Kim Evelyn's ENGL 266: Writing About Disability and Health** course welcomed guest speaker Marisa Bardach Ramel, memoirist and author of *The Goodbye Diaries*, to speak about her work and memoir writing. Using alternating chapters between Ramel and her mother, Sally, Ramel's memoir tells the story of their struggle with Sally's stage 4 pancreatic cancer and their process of saying goodbye. Ramel answered questions on her work and shared her advice for memoir writing, including a reminder that the best thing a writer can do is to be a reader.

### 2) CAREER CONVERSATIONS SERIES - TUESDAY



As part of the ENGL 438: Senior Seminar “Career Conversations” series, **Jeremy Lambert**, who graduated with a BA in English from BSU in 2016, will speak with students about his career as a Support Services Specialist at the Federal Maritime Commission. He previously worked for USDA APHIS as a Support Services Technician. All LLCS majors are welcome to join the conversation this Tuesday, February 15, at 5:00 pm: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/4090540458>

### 3) DENVER PUBLISHING INSTITUTE



Denver  
**Publishing Institute**

Do you want to launch a career in book publishing? Then consider participating in the Denver Publishing Institute, to be held July 10 – August 5, 2022 at the University of Denver.

The Denver Publishing Institute is a four-week, full time, graduate level summer program dedicated to introducing students to the world of book publishing. We are currently planning for a bimodal program in 2022 and will accept students who attend either in-person or virtually. Regardless of how students attend, they will experience a highly engaging program incorporating face-to-face interaction with top people in book publishing.

Last year we launched the DPI Community Scholarship Fund supported by friends and alumni of the Denver Publishing Institute. Thanks to their generosity, we offered numerous full tuition scholarships to BIPOC applicants to the Denver Publishing Institute.

Additionally, Simon & Schuster has funded the Carolyn Kroll Reidy Memorial Scholarship in honor of the late Carolyn Reidy, former president and chief executive officer of Simon & Schuster. This full scholarship will cover the cost of one student to attend the 2022 Denver Publishing Institute including tuition, room and board. This opportunity is also available exclusively to BIPOC applicants.

These are competitive awards that will be granted upon the basis of financial need and academic merit.

We are holding regular informational webinars and will post the dates of upcoming sessions on our website: <https://liberalarts.du.edu/publishing>.

Applications will be due on February 24 for early acceptance and March 24 for general admissions. To be considered for a scholarship, we strongly suggest that students apply for the early deadline.

#### **4) BLACK HEALTH AND WELLNESS SEMINAR – FEBRUARY 18**



In honor of this year's Black History Month at BSU theme, "Black Health and Wellness," the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies in partnership with Black Mental Health Alliance will host an online event on how educators can help support students' mental wellness as they pursue academic excellence in a time of uncertainty and grief.

The event, "It's Cocoon Time with Dr. Bruce Purnell: Educators Supporting HBCU Students' Mental Wellness," is sponsored by the Department of History and Government takes place on Friday, February 18, 2022 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm on Zoom

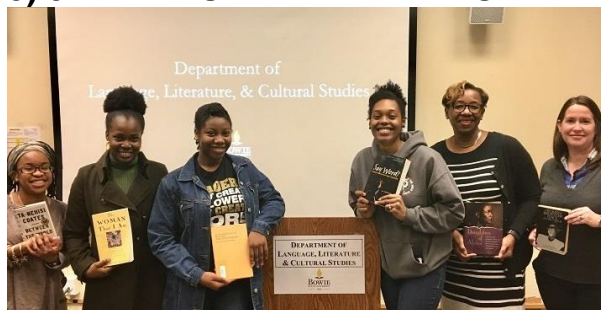
(<https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/84141083040?pwd=bDRTYnRFaUF5SXMzMzRKVDd6d05lZz09>; Passcode: 035015).



Dr. Purnell will address how faculty can help students navigate the new social world of the COVID-19 pandemic and the important role of HBCUs as transformative cocoons during the pandemic.

Dr. Purnell (BSU '94) is a psychologist, author, artist, speaker, and activist; the founder and executive director of the community-based non-profit organization The Love More Movement; and the creator of the Healing Stations and the Transformative Life Coaches & Healing Leaders (TLCHL) training and credential. For more information, please use the QR code below or contact Dr. Kim Evelyn at kevelyn@bowiestate.edu.

### 5) 9TH ANNUAL READ-A-THON – FEBRUARY 24



Join us for the 9th Annual BSU Black History Month Read-A-Thon on February 24, 12:30-2:30 pm, as we celebrate the power of language, public speaking, and oral storytelling. Sign up for a ten-minute slot wherein you can read from a literary work of your choice: a novel, a short story, a set of poems, song lyrics, a play, or your own creative work. In celebration of Black History Month, we strongly encourage that you read the work of a Black author from the US or abroad. Please be prepared to read or speak for approximately ten minutes. Participants will receive BSU swag courtesy of the Department of History & Government.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054fa9aa29aa8-9thannual>  
Zoom Room Link: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/82188472949>

### 6) CIAA INTERNSHIP & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**CIAA**  
**CAREER EXPO**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**  
VIRTUAL  
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**  
BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Meet 20+ diverse groups of recruiters to learn about internships,  
full-time employment, and post-graduate opportunities!  
**Register Today Using Your University Email!**



in person



virtual

**Get Prepped with Resume Tips & Advice to Navigate Expo...**



zoom meeting

**THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
WALK - INS  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 16TH / 1 PM - 3 PM  
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17TH / 12 PM - 2 PM  
STUDENT CENTER, SUITE 3007  
CAREERDEVELOPMENT@BOWIESTATE.EDU  
  
ZOOM WITH GRADUATE STUDENT  
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18TH / 10 AM - 2 PM  
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19TH / 10 AM - 2 PM  
REGISTER FOR ZOOM EVENT USING QR CODES

**7) CREATIVE WRITING CFP: *APPLAUSE***



*Applause* publishes poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, visual art, and photography that exhibits practiced craft and polished style. We are interested in authentic and personal work that displays an understanding of craft and creativity. We want work that honors tradition and respects risks. *Applause* is a full-online journal with a strong web platform allowing us to offer an immersive reading experience as we showcase in each issue the writing that moves us most during our reading period.

Each annual issue is a (loosely) themed issue. Our current call for submissions is as follows:

Here at Applause, we don't believe that 2020 was a "dumpster fire" or that 2021 has been a soul sucking black hole. We do believe, however, that while the world has kept spinning, it has offered us all and/or our characters at least one occasion to cry those "happy tears," the ones we can't quite explain, but know them when we feel them. During our 2021-2022 reading cycle, we want to feel your happy tears that help us cry our own. We're looking for poems, stories, essays, and artwork that get us giggling, get us laughing until we cry, that make us want to say to someone, "Hey, I know you need some good, check this out."

"Happy tears" can come from anywhere on life's pendulum and we want to see the gamut of what can constitute happy tears as a theme for our 32nd issue. We're looking for life's nuanced moments crafted in ways that make us shake our heads or wish the story were nonfiction if it is fiction, the kind of nonfiction story so funny and weird that it can't be made up, the kind of poems that are both, and pieces of art and photography that make our bodies smile.

Please contact Dr. Christian Anton Gerard at [Christian.Gerard@uafs.edu](mailto:Christian.Gerard@uafs.edu) if you have any questions about our magazine. This Submittable link will take your students to *Applause's* guidelines and submissions page where your students can submit their work for consideration: <https://applause.submittable.com/submit>

## **8) DRIFTERS EMERGENCY STUDENT GRANT**

The Drifters Emergency Student Grant is a \$10,000 grant awarded annually to degree-conferring institutions whose student enrollment is primarily comprised of students from underrepresented backgrounds. These grants have been given to numerous colleges and universities to help students to continue their studies. Bowie State University was awarded the grant at The National Drifters, Inc. 63rd national Convention in August 2019. As a result, Juniors/Seniors in the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies experiencing an emergency need for tuition assistance, housing assistance, course materials, meal planning or transportation assistance are eligible to apply. Please Contact Professor Lane ([alane@bowiestate.edu](mailto:alane@bowiestate.edu)) or Dr. Basena ([dbasena@bowiestate.edu](mailto:dbasena@bowiestate.edu)) for an application form.

## **9) SIGMA TAU DELTA**



Sigma Tau Delta welcomes new members. This year's Induction Ceremony will be held the first week of May.

#### Membership Requirements:

- Candidates for undergraduate membership must have completed a minimum of two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English. The candidate must have a minimum of a B or equivalent average in English and in general scholarship and must have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college course work. Candidates for undergraduate membership need not be majoring or minoring in the discipline of English.
- Candidates for graduate membership who did not hold undergraduate membership must be enrolled in a graduate program in English or one of its specializations, have completed six semester hours of graduate work or the equivalent, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.
- Lifetime Membership Fee: \$80. \$40 goes to the Nu Nu chapter, which will bestow you with Honor Cords and a Medallion at your Induction Ceremony that you can wear during graduation. The other \$40 goes to Sigma Tau Delta's national office, which will supply you with your Sigma Tau Delta society pin and certificate.

To learn more about Membership Benefits, please click here: <http://english.org/members/benefits.shtml>

If you are interested in becoming a member, please e-mail [hsierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu)

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