

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

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1) GRADUATION CELEBRATION AND SIGMA TAU DELTA CEREMONY – TOMORROW

The Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies will hold its Graduation Celebration tomorrow, December 10, in MLK 253 from 12:00-1:30. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome.

Please join us as we celebrate the following students who will graduate this month:

Deja Butler – BA, Creative Writing
Krystal Daniel – BA, Creative Writing
Monique Johnson – MA, English

We will also honor the following students who earned a spot on the Spring 2019 Dean's List:

Haley White
Rosa Suarez
Romelo Palmer
Mahuwena Goito
Keva Colbert
Michaela Taylor
Connell Reese
Krystal Daniel
Yusuff Yusuff
Zenobia Fenrick
Deja Butler
Grant Collins

We will also induct the following students into the Nu Nu Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta:

Rhonda Brown
Keva Colbert
Grant Collins
Kassiah Drummond
Mahuwena Goito
Connell Reese
Yusuff Yusuff

2) FILMMAKER R. CADELL COOK VISITS ENGL 102 STUDENTS



Prof. Jenise Williamson hosted filmmaker R. Cadell Cook in her ENGL 102 classes on Tuesday, December 3. Cook screened his award-winning film *Four Points*, a speculative drama depicting the struggle we face when our views about societal issues differ from those held by others. The theme followed the students' work on the Problem/Solution essay assignment

3) LIBRARY EXHIBIT ON QUEER FIGURES IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY



Taylor King and **Christian Robinson**, students in **Dr. Horacio Sierra's** ENGL 254: Queer Cultural Studies class, curated an exhibit on queer figures and themes in Greek Mythology. The exhibit will be on display at the Thurgood Marshall Library through January. Librarian Roy Joynes helped Taylor and Christian organize their exhibit.



4) DR. HORACIO SIERRA GIVES INVITED LECTURE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



Columbia University invited **Dr. Horacio Sierra** to give a guest lecture at their School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) last week. The talk, “The Cuban-American Sound Machine: Nostalgia and Identity in the Music of Celia Cruz, Gloria Estefan, and Pitbull,” coincided with SIPA’s celebration of the Cuba Program’s ten-year anniversary.

5) JOB OPPORTUNITY: BSU WRITING CENTER

We're Hiring!

The BSU Writing Center
Smith Vidal Literacy and Language Center

If interested in becoming a writing consultant, apply by sending us a **cover letter**, **resume**, **previously written essay** (4-6 pages for undergraduates, 8-20 pages for graduates), and name and contact information for **at least one reference** (preferably a BSU professor but a current/former employer is also acceptable). Undergraduate applicants should have completed ENGL 102 (or be currently enrolled in the class).

Resumes and/or cover letters should indicate your **major(s)/minor(s)**, **expected graduation date**, **telephone number**, **desired number of hours per week** (max is 20 hours per week), and familiarity with **diverse cultures and/or languages** (if applicable).

When possible we hope to hire new consultants with diverse:

- majors and minors (we're not just English students)
- cultural and linguistic knowledge and experiences (e.g. multilingual and ELL students)

Applications should be emailed to:
WritingCenter@BowlingState.edu

With the email subject line:
"LASTNAME: Application for WC Consultant: Spring 2020"

Closing date:
Monday (11) on Friday, Nov. 22nd

Qualified candidates
will be contacted to
schedule face-to-face
interviews.

6) PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS



The Library of Congress Junior Fellows Summer Intern Program enables undergraduate and graduate students to experience the integrated analog and digital collections and services of the world's largest, all-inclusive library. Working under the direction of library curators and specialists in various divisions, Junior Fellows explore digital initiatives and increase access to the institution’s unparalleled collections and resources.

This summer internship runs from May 26, 2020 to July 31, 2020 and pays up to \$4,500. Applications are due December 20, 2019

Visit the following website for more information: <https://www.loc.gov/item/internships/junior-fellows-program/>

7) CEAMAG CONFERENCE CFP



The 62nd Annual College English Association-Middle Atlantic Group (CEAMAG) Conference will be held March 7, 2020, at Prince George's Community College. "Tides and Surges" is the theme for 2020's CEA-MAG Conference. This year's theme is a prompt for papers and panels investigating the scholarly and pedagogical ebb and flow in English, Modern Languages, Cultural Studies, the Humanities and STEM subjects, the Social Sciences, and interdisciplinary subjects. We therefore invite papers and panels from academics in higher education, AP instructors, and graduate students on any topic which is likely to be of interest to this organization. Although proposals may broadly interpret the conference theme along the following subtopics indicated below, we will also gladly review for possible inclusion thematically divergent proposals.

Students: Students are encouraged to submit proposals for short creative works to be read or performed at a closing reception at the end of the conference. Graduate students should identify themselves to be eligible to compete for the \$100 Christopher Bell prize for best grad student paper and should be prepared to submit a full copy of the accepted conference paper by Feb. 24 to the Program Committee Chair.

Submissions: Please email your paper abstracts (of 500 words or fewer) or panel proposals by 6 January 2020 to La Tanya Rogers, Program Committee Chair, at ceamagconference@gmail.com or Lrogers@fisk.edu. Please include "CEA-MAG" in the subject line of all submissions. Acceptance letters will be sent out in late January.

Paper abstracts and panel proposals should include the following information: Name; institutional affiliation (if applicable); mailing address (including zip code); phone number and email address; title for the proposed presentation; abstract of no more than 500 words (papers at the conference will be limited to 15 minutes); A-V needs, if any; special needs, if any.

Registration: A conference registration/CEA-MAG membership fee of \$50 (\$35 for adjunct instructors and \$25 for graduate students) will be required when you submit your online registration for the conference (includes lunch and subscription to the CEAMAG Journal). Registration fees after the deadline will be adjusted to \$55/\$40/\$25 and onsite day-of registration will be available. The link to the online registration page is on the webpage for the CEA-MAG: <https://www.umes.edu/ceamag/>.

Travel Grants: Adjunct instructors are eligible to compete for a travel grant by submitting a full copy of the accepted paper to be presented at the conference by Feb. 24 to the Program Committee Chair; two such grants in the amount of \$100 each will be awarded. For both grad student and adjunct prizes, please submit only the conference-length papers.

8) SIGMA TAU DELTA



SIGMA TAU DELTA
INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

Sigma Tau Delta is always looking to welcome new members.

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 \$45 goes to Sigma Tau Delta's national office, which will supply you with your Sigma Tau Delta society pin and certificate. The fee must be paid in cash.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please e-mail hsierra@bowiestate.edu

Newsletters are archived on the following page for easy reference:

<https://bowiestate.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-arts-and-sciences/departments/language-literature-and-cultural-studies/newsletter.php>

Peace,
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