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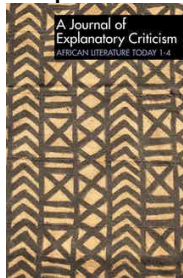
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1) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Dr. Monifa Love was a guest speaker for the Annapolis Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta book club on February 27; the subject was Nella Larsen’s 1929 novel *Passing* and the 2021 film adaptation of the novel by Rebecca Hall. **Dr. Monifa Love’s** poem "Abraham Lincoln Turns to Listen to the Ninth Ward" was accepted by the Academy of American Poets for its "Poem a Day" series. It will be published on poets.org later this year.



Dr. Patrick Thomas and **Dr. David Kaloustian** each had a book chapter accepted for a for a Festschrift in honor of the late Sierra Leonean scholar Eldred Durosimi Jones, founder of the journal *African Literature Today* and author of *Othello and His Countryman*. The title of Dr. Thomas’s book chapter is “Alternative Accounts of Creole Language Affinities”; it explores several explanations in creolistics or creology of the relationships among creole languages. The title of Dr. Kaloustian’s chapter is “Black Skins, White Masques: Demythologizing Colonialism in Shakespeare’s *The Tempest*” and is a response to, and extension of, Eldred Jones’s postcolonial reading of Shakespeare’s play.

Dr. Horacio Sierra was a grant reviewer for the National Endowment for the Art's (NEA) most recent round of funding wherein the NEA awarded more than \$33 million to arts organizations across the country. Dr. Sierra evaluated grants for the Theater and Musical Theater genres.



Dr. Kim Evelyn's article "Using Digital Tools and Collaborative Writing to Engage Students with Kamau Brathwaite's Poetry" was recently accepted to the *Journal of West Indian Literature* for a special issue on poet Kamau Brathwaite. Using the example of her ENGL 326: Literature of the Caribbean assignment by which our English majors and Dr. Evelyn were published in *The Caribbean Writer* in 2021, she makes the case that using digital texts and tools when teaching Brathwaite's work in a Caribbean literature survey course provides educators with opportunities to engage students as collaborative co-creators of new knowledge.



Professor Hoke Glover (Brother Yao) will be in conversation with Professor Rion Amilcar Scott, winner of The 2017 PEN/Bingham Prize for Debut Fiction and the 2017 Hillsdale Award from the Fellowship of Southern Writers, as part of BSU's and UMBC's The Antiracism: Communities + Collaborations series on March 14.



Professor Chris Murray recently co-hosted a live radio broadcast for WURD, Philadelphia's only Black talk radio station, at the 30th Annual African American Children's Festival at the Philadelphia. During the course of the broadcast, Murray interviewed seven African-American children's book authors on a variety of subjects that included the importance of having African-American children seeing themselves in books, the importance of reading and literacy in the African-American community, and the importance of Black authors coming together to share their experiences as writers of children's books.

2) JET PROGRAM INFO SESSION – THURSDAY, 3:30 PM

Zoom Link: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/89321658700>



Want to teach English in Japan?
Come learn about the JET Program.
March 10 - 3:30 pm - Zoom
<https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/89321658700>


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3) BSU WOMEN'S FORUM SEEKS POEMS – FRIDAY DEADLINE



TICKETS NOW ON SALE!


BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY
WOMEN'S FORUM

"The Transformation"
The Tools for Empowerment

**Join us for a
Day of Empowerment
and Professional
Development.**

Thursday, March 17th 2022
BSUWF Virtual Expo
10 a.m - 4 p.m. EST

Ticket Prices:

- ☘ BSU Faculty and Staff ... \$35.00
- ☘ General Admission \$45.00
- ☘ Student Admission \$15.00

Event includes:

- ☘ Poetry
- ☘ Panel Discussions
- ☘ Breakout Sessions
- ☘ Yoga and Meditation
- ☘ And More!

The BSU Women's Forum is looking for students to submit original pieces of poetry around the theme "The Transformation: the tools for Empowerment" for their Women's History Month celebration. Students may submit mp4 files to bsuwf@bowiestate.edu by Friday, March 11. Please contact Vonzella McQueen

vmcqueen@bowiestate.edu with any questions. (Event registration here: <http://community.bowiestate.edu/2022bsuwomensexpo>.)

4) INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY – WEDNESDAY DEADLINE



The Office of Congresswoman Madeleine Dean (D-PA-04) is seeking internship applicants in the D.C. office for the summer term. Summer internships are offered on a full-time and part-time basis from late-May to early-August. The internship will be based out of the Washington, D.C. office.

Eligible interns will be paid by the Office of Congresswoman Madeleine Dean unless receiving academic credit for the internship. Qualified applicants should possess strong verbal and written communication skills, be highly motivated, and have demonstrated interest in public service. Responsibilities include drafting memoranda, letter writing, constituent correspondence, legislative research, assisting staff with the mail program, supporting communications team with various projects as assigned, and more.

Application materials include a resume, cover letter, and three references (name, phone number, and email address). Our office is an equal opportunity employer, committed to developing an organization that reflects the diversity of our country. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, or disability. We encourage applications from historically underrepresented candidates, including people of color; LGBTQ+ individuals; low-income, first-generation, and non-traditional students; people with disabilities, and women.

To apply, please submit application materials to mdeanhiring@gmail.com. The deadline to apply is March 9, 2022, by midnight.

5) CAREER CONVERSATION WITH FORMER BSU ENGLISH MAJOR



Dr. Horacio Sierra's ENGL 438: Senior Seminar will host **Markus Howell** as a guest speaker next week as part of the department's Career Conversation Series. Mr. Howell is an English Teacher and Baseball Coach at Dr. Henry Wise Jr., High School in Prince George's County. After being a member of the U.S Marine Corps and working for the Naval Sea Systems Command, Markus enrolled at Bowie State University as an English major with a concentration in Secondary Education and Teaching. He finished his Bachelor's degree at Clemson University, where is he currently working on his Master of Science degree in Athletic Leadership.

6) SIMON & SCHUSTER BOOK PUBLISHING CAREER WORKSHOPS

Publishing Prologue
SIMON & SCHUSTER PUBLISHING
Turn Your Passion Into Your Career

A CAREER IN BOOK PUBLISHING
What does that mean? What are my options?
What can I do to get my foot in the door?

APPLY TODAY!
This week-long virtual program will be offered the week of June 6, 2022 and run over five days. Ten unique sessions will be offered, two each day (11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST and 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. EST).

To be considered for the program, please submit a resume along with a cover letter explaining why this program would be of interest to you. Submit your application through our Simon & Schuster career site at simonandschuster.com/careers.

Please note that this is an unpaid, virtual program. Participants will receive a meal allowance of \$25 per day. Applications should be submitted through our Simon & Schuster career site at careers@simonandschuster.com.

The world of book publishing is not as elusive as it may seem; though it is a small industry, it is one that's ever-changing and inclusive, looking to reach a vast audience with its diversity of storytelling. Book publishing is also not an industry that's widely spoken about when discussing career options while in school but it is, however, a wonderful, creative, and passion-fueled business that's eager to tell you all about it as much as you may be eager to learn.

Simon & Schuster will be offering a sneak peek behind the scenes this summer by offering a select group a chance to participate in a week-long virtual career in book publishing before we're FOR FREE. To be eligible for this program, you must be a recent college/university graduate from either an undergraduate or graduate program.

This program will offer a glimpse into every aspect of the business through the voices and stories of our own employees in a wide assortment of departments. What does it really mean to be an editor? How does a book get acquired? What's involved in creating a marketing plan? What goes on in subsidiary rights? What do the salespeople do? These are just some of the questions we'll answer as we take you virtually inside our building and the many departments that work on getting that next bestseller on the bookstore and into your hands.

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7) 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. BSU 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) or Dr. Basena (dbasena@bowiestate.edu) for an application form.

8) 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