

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

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## 1) VIRTUAL CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR – WEDNESDAY

Scan the QR code to register for the fair using your BSU Handshake account.

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

## Fall 2021 Virtual Career & Internship Fair

Wednesday  
**OCT. 27**  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

History & Government,  
English, Communication &  
Sport Management Majors



[bit.ly/BSUCareerFair21](https://bit.ly/BSUCareerFair21)

## 2) GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY MFA OPEN HOUSE – NOVEMBER 1

WATERSHED LIT CENTER FOR LITERARY ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLISHING PRACTICE

FALL BOOK DAILY POETRY DIARY STILL PRES NORTHWESTERN WRITING PROJECT

CHEUSE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL WRITERS

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MFA FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANTSHIPS WITH WATERSHED LIT & TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS IN THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

DEEPEN YOUR MFA EXPERIENCE

ONLINE OPEN HOUSE: NOV 1 @ 7PM ET  
EMAIL FOR INFO: MASONCW@GMU.EDU

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MASON CREATIVE WRITING  
ACCLAIMED FACULTY  
WELCOMING COMMUNITY  
ACCOMPLISHED ALUMNI



TOP (L-R): Helon Habila (fiction), Sally Keith (poetry), Tania James (fiction), Alexa Arthurs (fiction), Vives Narayanan (poetry)  
BOTTOM (L-R): Eric Pankey (poetry), Courtney Brink (fiction), Kyoko Mori (nonfiction), Peter Breuckels (poetry), Tim Denewé (nonfiction)

- New Faculty Members
- New Watershed Lit Center
- Two Grad Literary Journals
- Dynamic Visiting Writers
- VA's #1 Public Research Univ.
- Vibrant Cultural Scene Around Fairfax and in DC
- Alumni are published authors and successful teachers
- Recent grads have landed jobs at American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science
- Split This Rock and Creative Artists Agency

Teaching and Professional Assistants receive full tuition waiver, annual stipend, and optional health care.

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Last year, GMU launched Watershed Lit: Center for Literary Engagement and Publishing Practice, which brings under one umbrella a premiere literary festival, an online poetry anthology, a teaching press where students are the publishers, a center for international writers that is also about to establish the region's first City of Asylum, and a chapter of the National Writing Program that teaches teachers best practices for the writing classroom. Students can receive funding through traditional Graduate Teaching Assistantships or new Graduate Professional Assistantships assigned to one or more of Watershed Lit's member entities. Recent MFA GPA graduates have landed jobs as associate editor at the American Association for the Advancement of Science in D.C. and copywriter for the Creative Artists Agency in L.A. An MFA coupled with

significant professional development can take writers in any number of career directions.

Next year, GMU will introduce a Certificate in Publishing Practice, so MFA students can leave Mason with a terminal fine arts degree and a professional credential. Email [masoncw@gmu.edu](mailto:masoncw@gmu.edu) to receive the Open House Zoom link.

### 3) HORROR SCREENPLAY READINGS – WEDNESDAY

**Trick or Treat**  
An Evening of Readings of Short Horror Screenplays

read by  
BSU Theatre

FREE!  
NO TICKETS!

Wednesday, October 27 @ 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
on the lawn in front of FPAC | bring a blanket, bring a fold up chair!  
wear a mask! come in costume!

written by  
Liara Allen  
Kami Ayodele  
Payton Dunbar  
Oluwande Floyd  
Marcus Henry  
Arnez Jaggins  
Michael Lopez  
Myles Moody  
Giovanni Ocasio  
MeiLan Proctor  
Chase Talianferro  
Lamont Tucker

Department of Fine and Performing Arts  
VCDM 370: Screenwriting  
Creating Narratives for Film & Video  
Instructor: Professor Bob Bartlett

### 4) WEST INDIAN LITERATURE CONFERENCE – FRIDAY

Faculty of Humanities and Education  
Department of Language, Linguistics and Literature

**39th West Indian Literature Conference - Virtual Event**  
October 28-30, 2021  
Contemporary Currents in Caribbean Literature

**Panel Discussion**

**Kamau Brathwaite: A Commemoration**  
Friday, October 29, 2021 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**Panelists:**

**Elaine Savory**  
Emerita Professor  
The New School Library  
Studies and Environmental  
Studies

**Kwame Dawes**  
Professor of English  
University of Nebraska

**Free Event**

Register at <https://bit.ly/wilckb>  
[www.cavehill.uwi.edu/fhe/III/wilc](http://www.cavehill.uwi.edu/fhe/III/wilc)

The West Indian Literature Conference hosted by the University of the West Indies is welcoming people to attend a panel on poet Kamau Brathwaite for free via Zoom (attendees must [register](#)).

## 5) CREATIVE WRITING OPPORTUNITY: *RIPPLE*



*Ripple*, an inclusive feminist print and online publication based out of the WGS and Creative Writing departments at the University of Maine at Farmington is seeking submissions related to feminism and social justice from undergraduate creatives. Intersectional works are both needed and encouraged. The publication accept visual art, poetry and prose. The deadline for the Fall 2021 issue is November 5. All submissions and questions should be sent to [ripplezine@gmail.com](mailto:ripplezine@gmail.com).

## 6) 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.

## 7) SIGMA TAU DELTA



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 \$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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