

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

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### 1) STUDENTS AND FACULTY PARTICIPATE IN 7th ANNUAL READ-A-THON



The Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies held its 7th Annual Read-A-Thon on February 28 to close out Black History Month with the help of the Department of History & Government.

The photo features the following readers: **Maya Hudson, Alexandra Omogbadegun, Caitland Okorafor, Marchelle Huggins, Velma Latson, and Kim Evelyn.** Other readers included **Mahuwena Goito, Monica Booth, Beatrice Epwene, and Chamiah Brown.**

### 2) ENGL 333: GRAPHIC NOVELS STUDENTS ATTEND FUN HOME PERFORMANCE



The students in **Dr. Horacio Sierra's ENGL 333: Graphic Novels** course attended a performance of the Tony Award-winning musical *Fun Home*, which is based on Alison Bechdel's 2006 graphic novel *Fun Home*, at Baltimore Center Stage last week.

### **3) ENGL 102 STUDENTS HONOR CARTER WOODSON**



The students in **Dr. Monifa Love's ENGL 102** class visited Carter G. Woodson Park in the District of Columbia where a ceremony honoring Woodson was taking place on the last day of Black History Month. Students were participating in a call-and response performance piece for Woodson. The piece used American Sign Language as well as spoken words.

### **4) CANDIDATES FOR NEW PROFESSOR POSITIONS TO VISIT CAMPUS**



The Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies is in the process of hiring two tenure-track Assistant Professors. One position is for Women's Studies and the other is for Technical/Professional Writing. Between March 4 and March 15, several candidates will visit the campus to meet with faculty, students, and staff.

Please take the time to sit-in on the candidates' teaching demonstrations and research talks. The search committee welcomes and encourages your feedback on the candidates.

Monday, March 4

RJ Lambert

11:00-11:45 Teaching Demo – MLK 215

2:15-2:45 Research Talk – MLK 253 (or MLK 207)

Tuesday, March 5

Vida Owusu-Boaten

12:30-1:15 Teaching Demo –JEP 122

3:15-3:45 Research Talk – MLK 253 (or MLK 207)

Wednesday, March 6

Temptaous McKoy

1:00-1:45 Teaching Demo – Professor Johnson's ENGL 102 class, MLK 206

3:15-3:45 Research Talk – MLK 253 (or MLK 207)

Thursday, March 7

Zelda Lockhart

12:30-1:15 Teaching Demo – MLK 213

3:00-3:30 Research Talk – MLK 253 (or MLK 207)

##### **5) UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE WRITING CENTER TO VISIT BSU**

On Tuesday, March 5, the Writing Center is hosting a professional development workshop and mixer with some of the staff from the University of Baltimore Writing Center. If you see some new faces roaming the halls of the LL&CS Department, please give our guests a hearty smile and warm welcome.

##### **6) CAMPUS JOB OPPORTUNITY: NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION LEADER**



Bowie State University's New Student Orientation Program provides a campus leadership opportunity for BSU students. Although NSO Leaders (NSOLs) work primarily during the summer, their presence is recognized on campus year-round by the students, faculty, and staff they influence and interact with. NSOLs are undergraduate students who are service-minded campus leaders and vital to the success of our program! NSOLs receive a stipend plus free summer housing in the Christa McAuliffe Residential Community.

The online application is now available and is due Friday, March 8, 2019. Please read the instructions and requirements carefully. To learn more about the benefits and hear from returning NSOLs, come to one of our interest meetings. Attendance at one meeting is a requirement for applying:

- Monday, March 4, 2019, 5-6 p.m.

MLK 217

- Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 5-6 p.m.

MLK 217

- Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 5-6 p.m.

MLK 217

- Thursday, March 7, 2019, 5-6 p.m.

MLK 217

For any questions, please contact the NSO Coordinator, Denise Gonzalez, at [atdgonzalez@bowiestate.edu](mailto:atdgonzalez@bowiestate.edu).

Please click here for more information: <https://www.bowiestate.edu/admissions-financial-aid/new-student-orientation/become-a-new-student-orientati/>

## **7) PRATT POETRY CONTEST**



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# Poetry Contest

Maryland poets, this FREE contest is for YOU!

#### CONTEST RULES

- Entrants must be Maryland residents, 18 or older.
- Paid or volunteer staff of the Enoch Pratt Free Library and *Little Patuxent Review* and their immediate families are not eligible, nor are previous Pratt Library Poetry Contest first-place winners.
- Please send only one original poem, on any theme and in any form, for consideration.
- Your entry must be unpublished, either in print or on the Web, including personal blogs, Facebook, or Twitter. It cannot be currently under review for possible publication.
- Your entry must not exceed 100 lines.
- Submit your typed entry as a Microsoft Word attachment by e-mail to [contest@prattlibrary.org](mailto:contest@prattlibrary.org) or by mail to:

Poetry Contest, Fiction Department  
Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral St.  
Baltimore, MD 21201-4484.


- Entries received after March 1, 2019, will be disqualified.
- Name, address, phone number, and the submitted poem's title must accompany the entry on a separate page. Please do not put your name, address, and phone number on the entry itself.
- Confirmation of receipt and comments on your entry will not be provided, nor will your entry be returned to you.

These rules are also available on the contest page where an announcement of the winner will be posted in mid-April:

[www.prattlibrary.org/poetrycontest](http://www.prattlibrary.org/poetrycontest)

The winning poem will be published in *Little Patuxent Review*, honored at a public reading at the Library, and celebrated at Baltimore's CityLit Festival.

## 8) CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR DR. RICHARD STERLING: MARCH 23




*In Loving Memory*

A Celebration of the Life of  
Richard Sterling

Host:  
Janice Sterling and Rachel Hartig (202) 829-1954

Washington Ethical Society  
7750 16th Street Northwest Washington, DC 20012

Saturday, March 23 at 2:00 PM



**Professor Dr. Richard Sterling**, who taught French at Bowie State University for more the last quarter century, died in December. A celebration of his life will be held at the Washington Ethical Society located at 7750 16th Street Northwest Washington, DC, on March 23 at 2:00 pm.

You can RSVP for the service or leave a message for his family here:

[https://www.evite.com/event/00947PDGY7VWXQNICEPJFZT2MLIV4Y/activity?gid=00894VRARXOEGUPFMEPJF6S6THPLQ4&utm\\_campaign=view\\_invitation\\_bt&utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=GUEST\\_UPDATE\\_EVENT](https://www.evite.com/event/00947PDGY7VWXQNICEPJFZT2MLIV4Y/activity?gid=00894VRARXOEGUPFMEPJF6S6THPLQ4&utm_campaign=view_invitation_bt&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=GUEST_UPDATE_EVENT)

## 9) WRITING CENTER SERVICES AND HOURS

Bowie State's Writing Center provides a safe space where students can grow as writers. Our student tutors are willing and able to help at any stage of the writing process. Here at the Writing Center, we value collaborative learning and will offer a sounding board for writers to bounce their ideas off of. Along with one-on-one sessions, we conduct workshops where writers can sharpen their craft in

particular areas of writing! We are located in MLK 204, and we're open Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm and Friday 8:30 am -3:30 pm. We hope to see you soon!

## 10) SIGMA TAU DELTA



Sigma Tau Delta is always looking to welcome new members. The annual Induction Ceremony will be held either April 4 or 11 at 5:30 pm.

### 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](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu)

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