

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

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## 1) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Dr. Sabah Uddin** has been awarded the UMBC Dresher Center Inclusion Imperative Visiting Faculty Fellowship for the Fall 2022 Semester. Her project "Exploring The Art of Digital Protest: The Unbecoming of British Muslims" was selected as "compelling for its effort to explore the ways in which British Muslims make use of digital media for an active process of both 'unmaking' and self-making."

The Antiracism: Communities + Collaborations series continued on March 14 with **Professor Hoke Glover (Brother Yao)** in conversation with Professor Rion Amilcar Scott, author of *The World Doesn't Require You*. Copies of Scott's book are available for free in Dr. Kaloustian's office. A recording of the event may be accessed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9Cc95Rf4b8>

**Dr. Monifa Love** interviewed Dr. Keith Clark about his recent book, *Navigating the Fiction of Ernest J. Gaines: A Roadmap for Readers*, on Thursday, April 7

## 2) FALL 2022 COURSES

Please email your advisor so you can register for your Fall 2022 courses.

ENGL 210: Intro to English Grammar - T/R 12:30, Dr. Basena  
ENGL 210: Intro to English Grammar - T/R 2:00, Dr. Basena  
ENGL 211: Literatures of the World - T/R 12:30, Dr. Bates \*Online\*  
ENGL 212: African American Literatry Imagination - MWF 3:00  
ENGL 213: Cinema of Africa & African Diaspora - T/R 12:30, Dr. Thompson  
ENGL 236: Intro to Literature - MWF 10:00, Dr. Evelyn

ENGL 239: Intro to Cultural Studies - MWF 2:00, Dr. Kaloustian  
 ENGL 250: Intro to Film - T/R 2:00, Dr. Kaloustian  
 ENGL 254: Queer Cultural Studies - T/R 11:00, Dr. Sierra \*Hybrid\*  
 ENGL 256: Intro to Creative Writing - T/R 9:30, Prof. Glover  
 ENGL 258: Creative Writing II: Poetry - T/R 11:00, Prof. Glover  
 ENGL 301: British Literature I - MTWR 12:30, Dr. Sierra \*1st 8 Weeks, Hybrid\*  
 ENGL 303: Special Topics in British Literature - MWF 12:00  
 ENGL 316: American Literature I - T/R 2:00, Dr. Bates \*Online\*  
 ENGL 324: African American Literature I - T/R 9:30, Dr. Thompson  
 ENGL 326: Caribbean Literature - MWF 11:00, Dr. Evelyn  
 ENGL 345: Intro to General Linguistics - T 5:00, Dr. Basena  
 ENGL 357: Creative Writing III: Fiction - T/R 12:30, Prof. Williamson  
 ENGL 360: Creative Writing: Non Fiction - T/R 2:00, Prof. Williamson  
 ENGL 361: Teach & Report Writing - Various Times and Professors  
 ENGL 380: Identity & Social Media - M 5:00  
 ENGL 417: Contemporary American Literature - TBA  
 ENGL 425: Seminar in African American Literature - T 5:00, Dr. Thompson  
 ENGL 455: Advanced Creative Writing - T 5:00, Dr. Love  
 ENGL 470: Methods of Teaching English - M 5:00

**ENGL 254: Queer Cultural Studies**  
**Fall 2022 - Tuesdays & Thursdays- 11:00-12:15 – Hybrid**  
**(GenEd Elective)**

		
<b>TV</b>	<b>Literature</b>	<b>Film</b>
<b>Activism</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>History</b>
		

If you need a permission code to take a class in our department, use this link to make your request: <https://bowiestate.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-arts-and-sciences/departments/language-literature-and-cultural-studies/permission-code-request.php>. If you need a permission code to take a course in another area, you must contact that specific department to request a code from them. Please do not email the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies directly to request a permission course; it will only slow down the process.

### 3) BSU JOB AND INTERNSHIP FAIRS



**Attention  
Freshman, Sophomores,  
Juniors, and  
Non-Graduating Seniors**



## **INTERNSHIP AND NETWORKING FAIR**

**Thursday April 14, 2022**

**1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Virtual - All Majors

*Register for Event  
Hosted on Zoom*



Scan to Register



- Network with Employers
- Learn about Summer and Fall Internships

The Career Development Center is hosting two virtual spring recruiting events. The time for the events will be from 1:00-4:00 p.m. the dates for the events will be as follows:

April 14, 2022, All Majors Internship Networking Fair targeted for freshman, sophomores, juniors, and non-graduating seniors.

Platform Zoom: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/81092532960>

April 21, 2022, All Majors Hiring Job Fair targeted for graduating seniors and graduate students.

Platform

Handshake: [https://bowiestate.joinhandshake.com/edu/career\\_fairs/31796](https://bowiestate.joinhandshake.com/edu/career_fairs/31796)

Students must register for the events on Handshake. If you have questions please contact Ms. Dorothy Wigglesworth at [dwigglesworth@bowiestate.edu](mailto:dwigglesworth@bowiestate.edu). or 301-860-3831.

#### 4) WRITING CENTER WORKSHOPS

Graduate Student

## WRITING STUDIO

Friday  
April 22nd | 6-8PM

Beacon Room CNSMN  
+ Zoom

Is it "go time" for your writing project? Let's take your next step—no matter what that might be.

After a quick talk, we'll set goals, & then get drafting, researching, brainstorming, editing, outlining, etc. - whatever you might need!



Meal provided by GSA!

Visit [www.bowiestate.edu](http://www.bowiestate.edu) to register for the event

You've likely noticed the semester's end is quickly approaching; we're guessing it's "go time" for your writing project. Together, let's take the next step for your project—no matter what that might be—on April 22, 2022, the BSU Graduate Resource Center and BSU Writing Center's final event. After a brief discussion about your writing challenges and how to overcome them, we'll set specific goals and spend the majority of our time working on our projects. Whether you might be doing research, writing an outline, drafting paragraphs, revising a draft, or doing your final edits, our writing studio workshop will help you move your writing project forward.

➔ BSU Mobile Writing Center ←

Wednesdays

April 6th - April 13th - April 20th - April 27th

**11:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Come by the BSU Student Center to meet our WC staff & consultants, get answers to your quick questions, register for an account, and/or book your next session for any writing project!

➔ Student Center Lobby ←

301-860-3720 - [WritingCenter@BowieState.edu](mailto:WritingCenter@BowieState.edu) - MLK 204

April 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th; 11am-2pm; Student Center Lobby

The BSU Writing Center has a table in the Student Center lobby where students can meet our staff and consultants, get answers to their quick questions, register for their WC account, and/or book sessions to work on any writing projects. WC brochures, bookmarks, and other materials will be distributed.

### **5) SIGMA TAU DELTA BOOK DONATION DRIVE**



Sigma Tau Delta is holding a book drive to donate used or new books to the Baltimore Little Free Library Program. Donation books can be found in either the Thurgood Marshall Library or the Martin Luther King Jr. Communication Arts Center building on campus. The books must be readable and in good condition.

### **6) MA PORTFOLIO DEFENSE**

All are invited to cheer on Joseph Sampugnaro as he defends his project “Capitalist Superstructures: Portrayals of Hegemonic Control and Manipulation in the Works of Julia Alvarez and William Burroughs” in preparation for earning his Master of Arts in English this semester.

April 13, 10:30 am: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/89257630473>

## 7) JAPANESE CULTURE APPRECIATION DAY – APRIL 26

Join BSU as it celebrates Japanese Culture with the support of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (JUSFC) and the Embassy of Japan.

Japanese Culture Appreciation Day  
April 26 - Beacon Room

9:45 Screening of Hayao Miyazaki's *My Neighbor Totoro*  
11:30 Embassy of Japan Presentation  
12:15 Japanese Lunch  
1:00 Origami for Beginners Workshop  
2:00 Japanese Manga and American Graphic Novels Exhibit  
2:30 Haiku Workshop  
3:30 Anime, Manga, Cosplay and Black Culture Panel



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9:45 Screening of Hayao Miyazaki's *My Neighbor Totoro* led by Professor Bartlett's "History of Animation" class

11:30 Embassy of Japan presentation featuring Japanese diplomat Taichi Kaneshrio

12:15 Japanese lunch

1:00 "Origami for Beginners" workshop led by Michiko Okuma and Naoko Kamioka

2:00 Viewing of library exhibit on graphic novels and Japanese culture curated Fusako Ito

2:30 Haiku Workshop led by Professor Hoke Glover

3:30 Panel on anime/manga/cosplay and Black culture featuring BlerDCon CEO George Hilton and cosplayers Afrocooapuffs, and Zen the Dweeb. Moderated by Dr. Sheneese Thompson.

## 8) TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY STEP PROGRAM



Have you ever considered a career in higher education? Would you like to earn a Master's Degree for free? Are you interested in teaching at a top-tier research university? Do you want to meet other students who want to learn how to:

- o Study language, its origins, its uses, its meanings,
- o Study literature, the history and theory behind it, and its rich connections to social justice, the environment, and science and technology,
- o Examine and compare the literary works of other cultures, and
- o Build web sites, learn to edit writing for style and understanding, and make things easier for people to use?

We are looking for students with a passion for literature, creative writing, technical communication, linguistics, and all things English. Join us and you can conduct research, teach, and engage in other scholarly activities to speak truth to power and shape our intellectual, political, and cultural landscapes.

Apply to STEP and compete for a chance to earn a free master's degree. Learn how to teach people to think and write and start your academic career taking classes with world class faculty, in state-of-the-art facilities, alongside an increasingly diverse group of fellow graduate students. Help us bring new ideas and perspectives to English. Real change has to be on purpose. The opportunity is there for the taking.

Those selected will take, for free, a graduate course taught by a TTU English professor in the late summer of 2022. For the onsite portion of the course, which focuses on teaching college English, they'll receive free room and board, in addition to paid transportation to and from the workshop. The class will be challenging, requiring them to prepare and present a lecture on writing to TTU composition students. They'll even respond to and evaluate student work.

Our hope, through this project, is to encourage talented underrepresented students to consider a career in higher education. In fact, as an incentive, those students admitted to STEP who successfully complete the course, then later their undergraduate degree, will be offered a free Master's Degree in English or Technical Communication at TTU. Further, they will also receive a two-year

graduate teaching assistantship which comes with a competitive stipend. All total, it is an academic award of more than \$80,000.

Click here for more information: <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/english/step/index.php>

## 9) 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](mailto:alane@bowiestate.edu)) or Dr. Basena ([dbasena@bowiestate.edu](mailto:dbasena@bowiestate.edu)) for an application form.

## 10) SIGMA TAU DELTA INDUCTION CEREMONY - MAY 3



**SIGMA TAU DELTA**  
INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

Sigma Tau Delta welcomes new members. This year's Induction Ceremony will be held May 3 at 6:00 pm in MLK 253. All are welcome to join!

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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