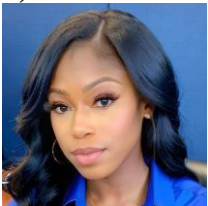


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1) ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Katier Morgan, an English BA graduate from 2021, is now working as an IT Project Manager for Alltech International, Inc. – a Virginia-based company that completes IT projects for the federal government.

2) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Dr. Sheneese Thompson and **Dr. David Kaloustian** accompanied students on a Study Abroad trip to London over Spring Break with **Dean Acquah** and **Dr. Melchishua**. Part of the trip included an Adobe Creative Workshop collaboration between BSU students and students from England's Bath Spa University.

Dr. Kim Evelyn was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support her research on a book with the working title *Travelers in Caribbean Texts: 1950s-2020s*. She will research how Caribbean writers interrogate and respond to tropes of a romanticized Caribbean ready to serve the global north by exploring literary representations travel and travelers, specifically in three categories: visitors, returning migrants, and inter- and intra-island travelers.

Dr. Kim Evelyn's nonfiction essay, "Conchology," was published in *The Caribbean Writer*, Vol. 37 (2023), in December.



Dr. Horacio Sierra, who was appointed by President Biden to the President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities (PCAH), attended a meeting at the White House hosted by First Lady Dr. Jill Biden where he and his fellow committee members were sworn in by Vice President Kamala Harris. The PCAH evaluated programs they will collaborate on with the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences.

Dr. Horacio Sierra was invited to provide a Keynote Address at the COLEGAS Conference in Los Angeles, California in November. His address was entitled “Latino Privilege: Reclamando our American Identity for Student Success.”

Professor Hoke Glover presented on Afaa Michael Weaver’s poetry at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs conference in February, particularly Weaver’s connections between Chinese and African American cultures.

Professor Shelley Johnson attended the Association of Writers and Writing Programs conference in February, where she read her work “Let’s Let Go.” The story will be published in the forthcoming issue of *Ghost Parachute*.

Professor Nicole Wilson presented on generative AI and the digital mindset at the January 2024 BSU Faculty Institute.

Dr. Temptaous Mckoy participated in the MLA-CCCC Joint Taskforce on Writing and AI.

Professor Christopher Murray’s book, *First Draft: A Collection of Stories Chronicling Race, Sports and Social Justice in the 21st Century*, will be featured in the National Association of Journalists’ Author Showcase in August 2024 at the organization’s convention in Chicago and will include an interview with him.

3) JAPANESE CLASS EVENTS



Students in Professor Mina Seat's JAPN 101 and JAPN 102 classes recently participated in a Japanese calligraphy workshop. JAPN 101 and JAPN 102 will be offered in the Fall semester. There are plans to offer JAPN 201 next Spring semester as well.

4) CREATIVE WRITING OPPORTUNITY: *THE TORCH*



5) BSU CAMPING OPPORTUNITY



6) JOB OPPORTUNITY: FUND FOR PUBLIC INTEREST

The Fund for the Public Interest, a national non-profit organization that runs campaigns with some of the nation's most prominent grassroots organizations, such as Environment America and PIRG (the Public Interest Research Group), is looking for summer campaign staff:

We are currently hiring students to join our summer campaign staff in selected cities across the country. All while being paid as members of our staff, students will gain first-hand experience in grassroots organizing, learn valuable communication skills and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of campaign actions including running media events, coalition building, canvassing and writing editorials.

Click here for more information: <https://summerjobsthatmatter.org/>

7) JOB OPPORTUNITY: INSTITUTE OF READING DEVELOPMENT



The Institute of Reading Development is now hiring summer teachers for our reading programs for students of all ages.

Our mission is to inspire a lifelong love of reading. In these programs we combine skills instruction with the experience of reading and discussing really good books. We help our students develop strong fluency and comprehension skills.

This is a great opportunity to do challenging and meaningful work in a supportive environment. Teaching experience is valuable but not necessary, and we do not require teaching certification. We welcome your application, whether you are an upcoming or recent college grad, a graduate student, a current teacher, or looking to make a career switch into education.

Our Teachers:

- Work with students in both online and in-person classrooms.
- Earn between \$600-\$700 per week.
- Receive comprehensive paid training and ongoing support.
- Gain over 200 hours of experience teaching their own classes to students from 4-year-olds to adults.

Teaching Schedule Details and Commitment:

- 10 weeks of teaching.
- 37-40 hours per week.
- Schedules consist of five days of teaching per week, including both weekend days.
- Entry-level position, with opportunities for continued employment with the Institute after the summer.

Training:

- We have two training programs:
- A 3 week full-time program, Monday-Friday in the weeks immediately preceding teaching.
- A part-time independent study program designed for professional teachers or other qualified applicants with training schedule conflicts.

Successful Institute Teachers:

- Have strong reading skills and read fiction for pleasure.
- Are responsible and hard-working, with strong communication and organizational skills.
- Are comfortable and confident with technology.
- Have a bachelor's degree or higher.
- Are active, patient, and supportive with students and parents.

Click here for more information: <https://readingprograms.org/>

8) PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION



From August 19-22, 2024, Democrats from all over the country will gather together in the City of Chicago to participate in the Democratic National Convention, where we will nominate President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris for re-election. The Democratic National Convention

Committee (DNCC) is assembling a diverse team with skills in community engagement, event logistics, finance, operations, IT, and more.

The DNCC team will oversee and deliver on all aspects of the planning and execution of this Convention, from housing the delegates to convening Platform Committee meetings to producing the Convention's live programming, which will be seen by hundreds of millions of people around the world.

The Democratic National Convention Committee is seeking summer interns to support the planning and execution of the 2024 Democratic National Convention.

Interning with the 2024 DNCC is a unique opportunity for passionate and hardworking future leaders to gain real life hands-on experience in Democratic politics, strengthening their understanding of the political process and preparing them for political opportunities.

The Summer Internship Program will begin June 10th, 2024 and end August 31st, 2024. A commitment of at least 20 hours per week is required for this program.

Summer interns will be paid a monthly stipend of \$1,380.

Click here for more information: https://www.demconvention.com/jobs?gh_jid=4289600007

9) DENVER PUBLISHING INSTITUTE



The Denver Publishing Institute is currently accepting applications for the 2024 Denver Publishing Institute, which is a four-week, full time, graduate level summer program dedicated to introducing students to the world of book publishing. This summer's program will run from July 14 – August 9, 2024 and students can choose to attend either in-person or virtually.

We are currently accepting applications for the following scholarships to attend our program:
DPI Community Scholarship (\$2500 and \$5000 scholarships)
DPI departmental scholarships (amount varies, but average \$1000 each)

We are honored to receive major funding from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for our Community Scholarship Fund, which gives preference to applicants from minoritized communities. The scholarships are competitive awards which will be granted upon the basis of financial need and academic merit. Applications for financial support should apply by the March 25.

Program applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with a final deadline of May 5. For more information and to apply, visit the DPI website. You will also find on our website a list of upcoming virtual information sessions on March 13 and 19. If you or your students have any questions, please feel free to contact me at jill.smith@du.edu.

10) MA PROGRAMS AT CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

The Department of English at Carnegie Mellon University offers four Master's programs:

- M.A. Global Communication & Applied Translation (GCAT): a three-semester program in which students learn the principles and practices of professional translation, localization, and global communication.
- M.A. Literary & Cultural Studies (LCS): a two-semester program for students interested in performance studies, the history of books and reading, Shakespeare and early modern media, contemporary literature, digital humanities, modern media studies, black studies, or gender studies.
- M.A. Professional Writing (MAPW): a three-semester program that prepares students to work as communication specialists in government, business, and industry. The program requires a professional internship.
- M.A. Rhetoric: a two-semester intensive program in rhetoric, writing, and communication that prepares students for a variety of opportunities, including a PhD in rhetoric; other graduate programs (e.g. law school, policy work, work in nonprofits); and work as an editor or writing tutor in a college, school, company, or freelance setting.

Additional Information + Resources:

- Please visit our YouTube page to learn more about our courses from the faculty who teach them.
- Review the application requirements. - accepting applications for Fall 2024
- View the Graduate Funding & Finance Overview. - All admitted M.A. students receive a departmental scholarship which is applied directly to tuition costs
- Read the most recent Alumni Newsletter (Fall 2023).
- Learn more about the cost of living in Pittsburgh.

11) SIGMA TAU DELTA



Sigma Tau Delta welcomes 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. LLCS can help pay for your membership fees.

Email Dr. Kim Evelyn for more information at kevelyn@bowiestate.edu.

To learn more about Membership Benefits, please click here:

<http://english.org/members/benefits.shtml>