

Hello/Hola/Salut/こんにちは from the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies!

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1) STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



In July 2025, English major **Kevin Lopez-Cruz** was appointed to serve as the Co-Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion on the University System of Maryland Student Council (USMSC). Established in 1988, the USMSC represents over 170,000 students across the University System of Maryland's 12 institutions and 3 regional higher education centers. The USMSC advises the Chancellor, Board of Regents, and state officials on critical student policies. Kevin aims to amplify diverse student voices through initiatives like the revamping of listening tours at Maryland's more remote public institutions. Students can learn more about the USMSC at usmd.edu/about_usm/.

2) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Professor Shelagh Johnson's *A History of Existing Life* was published by Broken Tribe Press on August 14th, 2025, and this debut collection is an exploration of the messy intricacies of human existence. The stories range from quiet glimpses into the complexity and tumult of family dynamics, to unsettling reminders about the shameful underbelly of America's history, to magical musings on love, art, and personal identity.

Backwater Books in Ellicott City, Maryland, will host Professor Johnson's book launch on September 19 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

3) OSCAR- AND TONY-AWARD WINNING GUEST SPEAKER BRUCE COHEN: SEPTEMBER 15

Bruce Cohen – Film, TV, & Theater Producer
Oscar-Award Winner (2000, *American Beauty*)
Tony-Award Winner (2021, *The Inheritance*)



September 15
12:00-1:00 on Zoom



Scan QR Code to join the Q&A




Moderated by Dr. Horacio Sierra
Sponsored by the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies

Join students in **Dr. Horacio Sierra's** ENGL 250: Introduction to Film class as they have a conversation with Bruce Cohen, a film, TV, and theater producer who won an Oscar Award for Best Picture (*American Beauty*, 2000) and a Tony Award for Best Play (*The Inheritance*, 2021) on Monday, September 15, 12:00-1:00 on Zoom.

Bruce will discuss what being a producer entails with a special focus on films such as *American Beauty*, *Rustin*, *Milk*, and *Silver Linings Playbook*. Bruce has also worked on films such as *The Color Purple*, *Hook*, *Arachnophobia*, *The Flintstones*, *To Wong Foo*, and *Big Fish*. Sponsored by the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies.

Zoom Link: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/99105260711>


4) NEW PLAY BY PROFESSOR BARTLETT



The Historic Chapel at Congressional Cemetery
September 18 - October 12, 2023
also, E 19 101
Washington, DC 20003

a new adaptation of *Frankenstein*
directed by Alex Levy

Mary Shelley's Monsters
a play by Bob Bartlett



TICKET SALES OPEN!!

Professor Bob Bartlett's new site-specific play, *Mary Shelley's Monsters*, will be performed September 18-October 12 at the Historic Chapel at Congressional Cemetery in Washington, DC.

5) HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CONTEST

13th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month



Knowledge Contest



1. Spanish was the first European language to be spoken in what is now the U.S.

In which US state was it first spoken in 1513?

2. 12% of Maryland's population is Latino/Hispanic.

Which country's immigrants have contributed the largest share of this population?

3. Armando Pérez and Benito Ocasio are international music superstars.

By what stage names are they better known?

4. People from Brazil and Portugal are not Hispanic.

What adjective is used to describe people from Portugal and its former colonies?

5. La mujer más seguida en Instagram tiene 417 millones de seguidores.

¿Qué joven latina ostenta este récord?



Submit answers to hsierra@bowiestate.edu by October 15.

1st Place: \$75 worth of BSU Swag

2nd Place: \$50 worth of BSU Swag



Queen of Spain

U.S. Senator

Entertainer

Author

NBA Player

Letizia Ortiz

Ruben Gallego

Amara La Negra

Siliva Moreno-Garcia

Jaime Jaquez

Sponsored by the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies
and the Office of Multicultural Programs and Services

[Click here for more information on the Hispanic Heritage Month Contest.](#)

6) HBCU ROADSHOW AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY: OCTOBER 15



The poster is for the HBCU Roadshow at Howard University. It features the Constellation and INROADS logos at the top. A circular photo shows a group of professionals. The main title 'HBCU ROADSHOW' is in large blue and orange letters. Below it, a yellow banner says 'Learn how INROADS and Constellation are working together to provide students with the opportunity to get a paid internship in the energy industry!'. Another yellow banner says 'Giveaways! Food! Free Professional Headshots!'. The 'EVENT DETAILS' section lists the date as October 15, 2025, from 3PM-7PM, at the Armour J. Blackburn University Center. It includes a QR code and a 'REGISTER NOW' button. A timeline of events is listed on the right: 3:00PM (Executives from INROADS and Constellation), 3:15 PM (Inclusion & Belonging Panel Q&A), 4:10 PM (Constellation Intern Panel), and 5:00 PM (Food, Freebies & Networking Opportunities!). A callout bubble says 'Drop in at our sessions! We will be doing interviews throughout the event!'.

Constellation.

INROADS.

HBCU ROADSHOW

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EVENT DETAILS

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
1867

IN PERSON EVENT
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS!

October 15, 2025 | 3PM-7PM

Armour J. Blackburn University Center

Business Casual Attire

REGISTER NOW OR 

3:00PM
Executives from INROADS and Constellation will share career lessons and advice to help you stand out in today's competitive job market.

3:15 PM
Inclusion & Belonging Panel Q&A:
Why Constellation & INROADS—and how to get involved.

4:10 PM
Constellation Intern Panel:
Hear directly from current interns about their experiences, lessons learned, and career journeys.

5:00 PM
Food, Freebies & Networking Opportunities!

About Constellation: Constellation is the nation's largest producer of reliable, clean, carbon-free energy and a leading supplier of energy products and services.

About INROADS: A non-profit organization that creates pathways to careers for talented high school and college students across the country.

7) CREATIVE WRITING OPPORTUNITY: MADISON JOURNAL OF LITERARY CRITICISM



A Call for Submissions to the *Madison Journal of Literary Criticism* for the Fall 2025 Endurance Edition

Categories: We welcome submissions that mix mediums and hope to display work that inspires us, not work that conforms to specific constraints. Please submit your work to the category you feel is most suitable.

Poetry: free verse, rhyming, etc. (up to 3 works)

Fiction: flash fiction, fictionalized accounts, short stories, etc. (under 10 pages)

Nonfiction: creative nonfiction, journalism, interviews, personal essays, reviews, listicles, etc. (under 10 pages)

Academic: class papers, reports, traditional literary criticism, analytical essays, rhetorical arguments, etc. (under 15 pages)

Click her to learn more about the journal and submit your work by October 6: <https://mjlc.squarespace.com/>

8) 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: kevelyn@bowiestate.edu

To learn more about Membership Benefits, please click here: <http://english.org/members/benefits.shtml>