

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

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1) STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



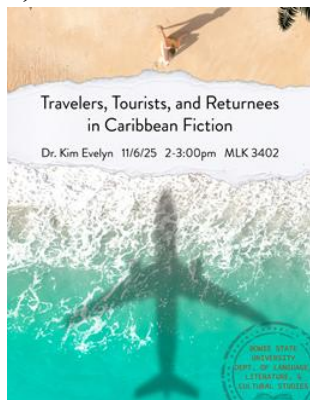
Three English Majors presented their research at the 97th Annual South Atlantic Modern Language Association conference in Atlanta, Georgia last week. Under the mentorship of **Dr. Horacio Sierra**, the students presented the following papers:

Mikala Barber - “‘A New Approach to the Heart of His Faith’: Christianity in *The Lord of the Rings*”

Kevin Lopez Cruz - “Absurdity and Faith: A Comparative Analysis of Camus’s and Kierkegaard’s Existential Ethics in the Pursuit of Meaning”

Sean Henderson - “‘Who Are You?’ and Why it Matters: A Post-Colonial & Oriental Analysis of David Lean’s 1962 Film *Lawrence of Arabia*”

2) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



On November 6, **Dr. Kim Evelyn** gave a presentation to the BSU community on the research she engaged in during her 2024-25 sabbatical. Entitled “Travelers, Tourists, and Returnees in Caribbean Fiction,” her work was funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

3) SPRING 2026 COURSES

Contact your Academic Advisor ASAP so you can register for your Spring courses.

ENGL 210: Intro to English Grammar	T/R 11:00	Dr. Basena
ENGL 210: Intro to English Grammar	T/R 12:30	Dr. Basena
ENGL 256: Intro to Creative Writing	MWF 10:00	Prof. Glover
ENGL 302: British Lit II	MWF 11:00	Dr. Kaloustian
ENGL 317: American Lit II	T/R 9:30	Prof. Johnson
ENGL 325: African-American Lit II	T/R 11:00	Dr. Walker
ENGL 357: Creative Writing III: Fiction	MWF 12:00	Prof. Johnson
ENGL 380: Identity & Social Media	MWF 2:00	Dr. Uddin *Hybrid*
ENGL 408: Shakespeare & Film	MWF 10:00	Dr. Kaloustian
ENGL 437: Literary Criticism & Theory	MWF 12:00	Dr. Evelyn *Hybrid*
ENGL 438: Senior Seminar	MWF 1:00	Dr. Evelyn *2nd Seven Weeks, Hybrid*

As always, we will also offer a variety of SPAN, FREN, and JAPN courses in the Spring.

4) **THE TORCH FALL CELEBRATION**



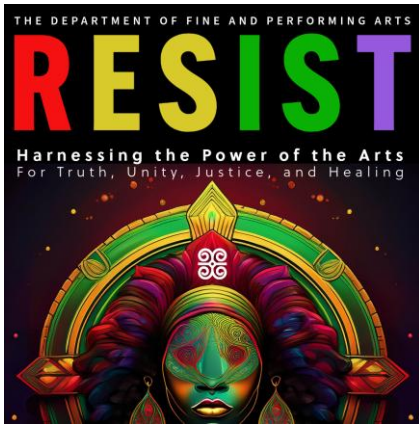
BSU's literary magazine, *The Torch*, hosted a Fall celebration on October 24. It featured readings from current students and alums, and the contributors signed copies of the magazine for audience members.

5) **CREATIVE WRITING OPPORTUNITY: *THE HUDSON REVIEW***

The Hudson Review is hosting a Short Fiction Contest through November 30. Details/guidelines are as follows:

1. First Prize: \$1,000 + publication. Second and Third Prizes: \$500 + publication.
2. **There is no submission fee**
3. Open to writers never before published in *The Hudson Review*.
4. 10,000 word limit.
5. No simultaneous submissions or previously published work (if a story has appeared in any form, including online—in a blog, social media posts, etc.—we consider it to be previously published work).
6. We welcome both US and international submissions.
7. Writers can submit online at hudsonreview.com/submissions or by mail (enclose SASE) to 33 W. 67th St., NY, NY 10023.
8. Online submissions close 11:59 p.m. EST on November 30; mailed submissions must be postmarked by November 30.
9. Links to stories by previous winners can be found [here](#).

6) BSU ART EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITY: RESIST



The Department of Fine & Performing Arts invite entries for their upcoming student gallery exhibition, “Resist.”

“Resist” is a multifaceted exhibition and series of events that harnesses the transformative power of the arts to confront injustice, promote healing, and inspire community-driven change. This initiative amplifies voices from historically marginalized communities and reclaims space for bold expression and critical dialogue. Rooted in the themes of truth, unity, justice, and healing, RESIST calls on artists, performers, and creatives to respond to current societal challenges. Through exhibitions, performances, media, and collaborative engagement, Bowie State University’s Department of Fine and Performing Arts invites students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community partners to submit original works that explore pressing issues and themes such as:

- * Racial equity and civil rights
- * LGBTQ+ advocacy and inclusion
- * Disability rights and accessibility
- * Climate justice and sustainability
- * Educational access and equity
- * Rollbacks of DEI initiatives
- * Victims of injustice, violence, oppression, and pathways to healing
- * Imagined strategies for resisting oppression
- * Visions of compassion, humanity, and community solidarity

The deadline to submit is December 15. Click here for more information: <https://shorturl.at/RXt9p>

7) ALPHA CHI HONOR SOCIETY: NOVEMBER 21

The Maryland Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society at Bowie State University will hold its annual new members induction ceremony on Friday, November 21 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Beacon Room (room 1230) of the Center for Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Nursing. The theme for this year's ceremony is "Sowing the Seeds of Scholarship: Celebrating Academic Excellence and Growth," which aligns with America's Education Week (Nov. 17-21). The guest speaker for the ceremony is Prof. Shelagh Johnson, lecturer in the Department of Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies.

Contact Professor Angela Burrus for more information on how to become a member of Alpha Chi.

8) WASHINGTON WRITERS' PAID FELLOWSHIP



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- ✓ 12-week program. Virtual. Availability for local events in DC, Maryland and/or Virginia, a plus
- ✓ 4 positions open in 2026 for undergraduate or graduate students
- ✓ Work on editorial, marketing, public relations, and social media promotion directly with co-presidents/editors Caroline Bock and Jona Colson.

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9) 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: <https://english.org/join-us/membership-benefits/>