

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

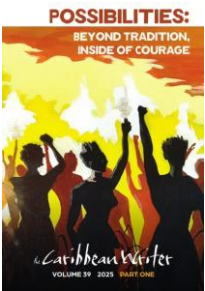
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1) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



A vending machine that sells books, affectionately referred to as LitBox, was recently unveiled in Washington, D.C.'s Western Market. The vending machine features books by **Professor Shelagh Johnson** as well as books by former **BSU Professor Rion Scott**. You can learn more about the vending machine by [clicking here](#). *Unleash Lit* has published **Professor Shelagh Johnson's** latest short story, "And Yet. You can read it by [clicking here](#).



Two of **Dr. Horacio Sierra's** poems appear in the latest issue of [*The Caribbean Writer*](#) (Volume 31): his original poem "Dago" and his English-language translation of José Martí's "Dos patrias" – "Two Homelands."

2) JAPN STUDENTS CELEBRATE *TSUKIMI* (月見)



Students in **Professor Mina Seat's** JAPN courses celebrated *tsukimi* (a September viewing of the full-moon) by making their own dango (団子) - traditional Japanese dumplings made from glutinous rice flour, served on a skewer and often glazed with a sweet and savory sauce. Students also sang a moon viewing song called “Usagi (Rabbits)” You can learn more about Japan’s moon viewing traditions here: [The History of Tsukimi: Japan's Timeless Tradition of Moon Viewing](#)

3) FIGURES OF SPEECH RE-LAUNCHED



Figures of Speech, a student-run organization housed in the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies dedicated to bringing awareness to the Humanities, has been re-launched this year. Speak with English Majors **Mikala Barber** and **Kevin Lopez Cruz** for more information. You can follow them on Instagram by [clicking here](#).

4) MEET MARYLAND ASSEMBLY DELEGATES: OCTOBER 19



YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF MARYLAND

HISPANIC

HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Join the YDM Caucus of Color, PGCYD, & the Bowie State Hispanic Student Association as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER!



Special Guest: Del. Joseline Peña-Melnyk | Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

OCTOBER 19, 3-5 PM

FREE TO ALL!

Bowie State University, Student Center, Wiseman Ballroom

YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF MARYLAND

As President of the Hispanic Student Association, English major **Kevin Lopez Cruz** has put together a meet-and-greet with Hispanic State Delegates from the Maryland General Assembly. The event, taking place **Sunday, October 19th from 3-5 PM**, will include a keynote, food, time to meet Delegates in a more personal space, and opportunities to network with other aspiring leaders. All majors are welcome! You can [click here](#) for more information.

5) JET USA INFORMATION SESSION: OCTOBER 20



Live, Work and Discover in Japan!

ABOUT JET PROGRAM

The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program offers young professionals the opportunity to work in Japan as Assistant Language Teachers (ALTs) or Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs).

Since 1987, more than 80,000 JET Program participants from 62 countries have lived and worked in cities, towns, and villages throughout Japan. Join JET and become part of this exclusive network of like-minded international enthusiasts.

To learn more, come and speak to a JET Program representative at our virtual information session. We will also be joined by two alumni speakers: an employee of the State Department and an officer of the JET Alumni Association DC Chapter.

JET INFORMATION SESSION

For Multiple Universities and General Public

DATE: Monday, October 20, 2025

TIME: 7:30pm–8:30pm

LOCATION: Virtual (Zoom)

REGISTRATION:

Please pre-register [HERE!](#)



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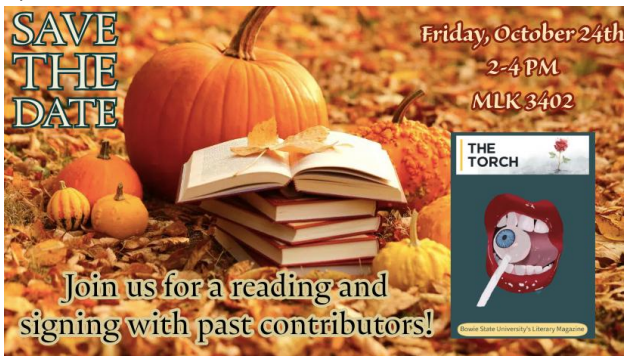
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You can pre-register for the JET USA Information Session by using their Google Form (<https://forms.gle/6b4UD5sP6pvYF2hz8>) or by scanning the QR code on the flyer.

6) THE TORCH FALL EVENT: OCTOBER 24



The Torch, BSU's literary magazine, invites you to its Fall Event on October 24. The event will feature readings from authors who were published in last year's issue and information about how you can contribute your work to next year's issue.

7) WASHINGTON WRITERS' PAID FELLOWSHIP



WWPH PAID FELLOWSHIPS

- ✓ 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.
- Intern with the longest, continuously operating cooperative nonprofit literary small press in the United States.
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OPEN NOVEMBER 1- NOVEMBER 30 FOR APPLICATIONS.

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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>