

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

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1) HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH WINNERS



Melisa Pena and Zenobia Fenrick

Congratulations to this year's Hispanic Heritage Month contest winners! **Melisa Pena** won the Knowledge Contest, **Zenobia Fenrick** won the Academic Essay Contest, and **Jalyn Ferguson** won the Creative Writing Contest. ¡Felicidades!

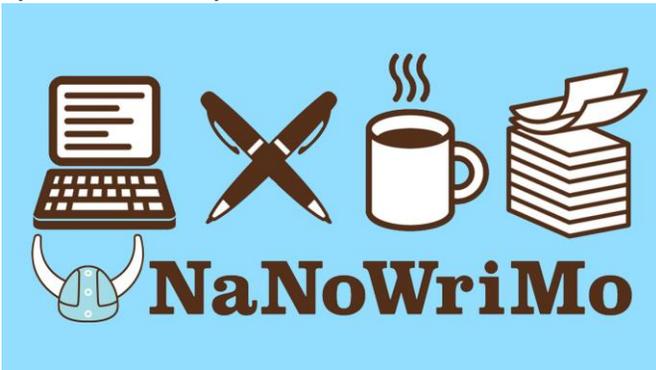
2) DELEGATE MARY WASHINGTON GUEST LECTURE



Delegate Washington is surrounded by the ENGL 254 class.

Delegate Mary Washington, who represents District 43 (Baltimore) in the State Assembly, gave a guest lecture in **Dr. Horacio Sierra's ENGL 254: Queer Cultural Studies** class last Thursday, October 18. Dr. Washington is one of six openly gay black women in state legislatures across the country. Next year she will represent District 43 in the State Senate.

3) NaNoWriMo (NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH) – OCTOBER 26 MEETING



National Novel Writing Month is fast approaching! If you are a creative writer, or would like to be one, please join us as we spend the month of November writing. We'll kick off with an informational meeting in the Writing Center (MLK 204) at 4:30 on Oct. 26. Then throughout the month of November, we will hold weekly write-ins on Fridays from 3-5 in the Library Conference Room. Also, throughout the month, check in at the Writing Center to report on your progress, and we'll cheer you on! Both faculty and students are welcome to participate. Please spread the word. If you have any questions, please see **Monica Boothe** or **Shelagh Johnson**.

Weekly Write-In Schedule:

Fridays 3-5pm in the Library Conference Room: November 2, 9, 16, 30

4) NEW PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: RISE

Project RISE



Bowie State University and the University of Maryland, College Park's Research Institute for Scholars in Education (RISE) program provides under represented or disadvantaged undergraduates with one year of paid research and career development training in language or literacy.

To be eligible for this program, you must be an undergraduate at the University of Maryland College Park, or Bowie State University. The overall aim is to increase diversity in the pool of individuals who pursue doctoral studies in fields such as Education, Cognitive Psychology, Educational Psychology, Human Development, Speech Language Pathology, Special Education, Linguistics, or Audiology to broaden the focus of existing research related to language and literacy.

The elements of the yearlong fellowship experience include: (1) paid full-time, 8-week summer research seminar at UMCP; (2) paid full-time, 2 week winter seminar at BSU; (3) immersion in high-quality quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods language or literacy research conducted by Education and Hearing and Speech faculty at UMCP; (4) Sustained academic and career development support by Education and Counseling faculty at BSU (5) assistance in applying for graduate programs; and, (6) Peer mentoring from graduate students at both campuses.

For information and to apply go

here: <https://education.umd.edu/academics/departments/chse/research/project-rise#rise-application-resources->

5) NORTON WRITING PRIZE



Apply here: <http://books.wwnorton.com/books/norton-writers-prize/?mid=145>

6) INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: MARYLAND DEMOCRATIC PARTY



You can earn credit for your internship through our ENGL 383 class.

The Maryland Democratic Party Internship Program provides undergraduate and graduate students, as well as recent graduates, a unique opportunity to gain hands on experience in Maryland's political process. The internship will begin on a rolling basis and conclude after the November 6th General Election.

General intern duties and responsibilities include:

- Assist in drafting Party communications
- Assist in the management and growth of Party data lists
- Gain experience utilizing campaign and voter databases
- Assist in Party event planning
- Communicate with Democratic Party officials, offices and staff
- Build relationships with Democratic affiliated organizations

Conduct issue, candidate, and event research
General office support and organization

Requirements:

A passion for politics, especially Maryland politics
Excellent written and oral communication skills
Strong attention to detail and accuracy
Demonstrated ability to work independently and in a team environment
A good sense of humor and a commitment to democratic values
Ability to commute to our office in Annapolis
Interns should be prepared to use their own laptop computers
Interns may be asked to attend events in Annapolis and around the state of Maryland

Schedule: 12 hours per week during normal business hours. Schedules will be set with your direct MDP supervisor

This is an unpaid, volunteer internship position.

Apply: Interested candidates are encouraged to submit their application via this form. Candidates who do not have a Google account should submit their resume and cover letter to info@mddems.org with the subject line "Fall 2018 Internship."

7) CEAMAG CONFERENCE CFP



Bowie State University will host the 61st Annual College English Association-Middle Atlantic Group Conference on March 9, 2019.

"The Post-Disciplinary Academy" is the theme for 2019's CEA-MAG Conference. This year's theme is prompted by an increasingly urgent need to consider the traditional canon of disciplines in the academy in ways that question, problematize, radicalize, negotiate, or otherwise investigate the nature of disciplinarity, and post-, cross-, trans-, multi-, inter- and intradisciplinarity in English, Modern Languages, the Humanities and STEM subjects, the Social Sciences, and beyond. We therefore invite papers, panels, and one-minute "flash presentations" from academics in higher education, AP instructors, and graduate students on any topic which is likely to be of interest to this organization. Although proposals may broadly interpret the conference theme along the following subtopics indicated below, we will also, in keeping with the theme of the conference, gladly consider any proposal on any topic whatsoever related to literary and cultural studies.

Flash Presentations: We will also have for the first time a session devoted to one-minute "flash presentations" in which you may share teaching tools and experiences, pedagogies, books and materials, and other informational items of interest to conference participants. Flash presenters are welcome to use PowerPoints and a strict one-minute limit will be observed. You do not have to present a regular paper to be a flash presenter.

Students are encouraged to submit proposals for short creative works to be read or performed at a closing reception at the end of the conference.

Please email your paper abstracts (of 500 words or fewer) or panel proposals by 6 January 2019 to LaTanya Rogers, Program Committee Chair, at ceamagconference@gmail.com. One-minute flash presenters should send their proposals to Horacio Sierra at hsierra@bowiestate.edu. Please include "CEA-MAG" in the subject line of all submissions. Acceptance letters will be sent out in late January.

Paper abstracts, panel proposals, and flash presentation proposals should include the following information: Name; institutional affiliation (if applicable); mailing address (including zip code); phone number and email address; title for the proposed presentation; abstract of no more than 500 words for a regular paper or panel and 100 words for a "flash presentation" (papers at the conference will be limited to 15 minutes; flash presentations will be limited to one minute); A-V needs, if any; special needs, if any. Graduate students should identify themselves to be eligible to compete for the \$100 Christopher Bell prize for best grad student paper, and should be prepared to submit a full copy of the accepted conference paper by Feb. 24. Adjunct instructors are eligible to compete for a travel grant by submitting a full copy of the accepted paper to be presented at the conference by Feb. 24 to the Program Committee Chair; two such grants in the amount of \$100 each will be awarded. For both grad student and adjunct prizes, please submit only the conference-length papers.

8) SIGMA TAU DELTA



Sigma Tau Delta is always looking to welcome 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 \$45 goes to Sigma Tau Delta's national office, which will supply you with your Sigma Tau Delta society pin and certificate. The fee must be paid in cash.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please e-mail hsierra@bowiestate.edu

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