

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

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1) BANNED BOOKS WEEK



Dr. Kim Evelyn thanks all who participated by contributing to the display and speaking with students about Banned Books Week, the freedom to read, or intellectual freedom. She especially enjoyed discussing examples of banned books with her students and shared these interesting Banned Books Week facts:

- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou has spent over a decade on the American Library Association's lists of top ten challenged/banned books

- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll was banned in China for depicting talking animals

-During the Cold War, *Nineteen Eighty-Four* by George Orwell was banned in Russia for being anti-communist and challenged in Florida for being pro-communist

2) DEPARTMENT REPRESENTED AT MAJORS FAIR



Bowie State University hosted its annual Exploring Majors Fair for Freshmen last Wednesday, September 26, in the Student Center. English Majors **Mahuwena Goito** and **Dashae Willis** helped represent our department along with **Dr. Shakil Rabbi**, **Dr. Kim Evelyn**, **Dr. David Kaloustian**, and **Dr. Horacio Sierra**.

3) 6th ANNUAL TEN-MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL INTEREST MEETING - WEDNESDAY



An interest meeting will be held this Wednesday, October 3, at 4:00 pm in the lobby outside the Black Box Theater in the Fine and Performing Arts Center. The plays in this festival are written, directed, and produced by BSU student. Interested writers and directors should attend this meeting.

4) UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA GRADUATE PROGRAM



The University of South Dakota offers MA and PhD degrees with specializations in Creative Writing and Literature. In the increasingly competitive academic job market, the PhD in Creative Writing is becoming more valuable, and we are excited to be able to offer this degree to a small group of students that has become more talented and more diverse each year.

The USD English Department is committed to providing its graduate students with generous support in the form of teaching assistantships, travel funds, and opportunities for research grants. Our PhD students are guaranteed four years of support as teaching assistants, while teaching assistantships are available on a competitive basis to our MA students. All teaching assistantships provide a substantial stipend and a reduction in tuition to one-third of the in-state graduate tuition rate. Currently, MA teaching assistants receive an annual stipend of \$12,000, while PhD teaching assistants receive \$14,500. Most MA teaching assistants teach two sections of Introductory Composition each semester, although many of our TAs will have the opportunity to

teach an Introduction to Literature course. Our PhD students have even more chances to expand their classroom repertoire by teaching courses in advanced composition, creative writing, and even the University's Honors Program. The Department is dedicated to providing graduate students with the professional mentoring needed for success in academia and elsewhere.

Further details about USD's program in English, as well as links to complete application materials, are available online at www.usd.edu/arts-and-sciences/english/graduate.

Fall 2019 Application Deadlines: PhD: January 15, 2019. MA: February 1, 2019.

5) UTOPIA FILM FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 12-15



The 14th Annual Utopia Film Festival will be held in Greenbelt, Maryland, October 12-15, 2018. **Professor Jenise Williamson** is the publicity coordinator for the film festival. More information can be found here: <https://www.utopiafilmfestival.org/>

6) GUEST LECTURE: MARY WASHINGTON, MARYLAND DELEGATE – OCTOBER 18

The poster features a portrait of Mary Washington on the left. To the right of the portrait, the text reads: "Guest Lecture: Mary Washington, Maryland Delegate, October 18, 2018, 11:00-12:15 - JEP 110". Below this is the Bowie State University logo. A paragraph of text follows: "Mary Washington has represented Baltimore (District 43) in the Maryland House of Delegates since 2011 and will begin representing the area in the Maryland State Senate next year. Washington is one of only six openly gay black women in the entire country to have been elected to serve in a state legislature. Seeing herself as a politician that focuses on intersectional identities, she will discuss how LGBT issues play a role in her work as a legislator and in her recent primary win." At the bottom, it says "Sponsored by the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies".

7) 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:

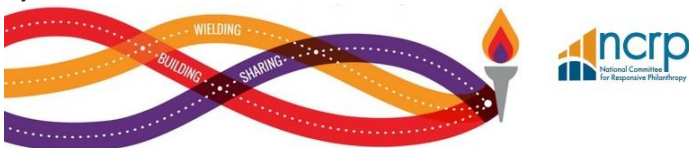
A passion for politics, especially Maryland politics
Excellent written and oral communication skills
Strong attention to detail and accuracy
Demonstrated ability to work independently and in a team environment
A good sense of humor and a commitment to democratic values
Ability to commute to our office 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."

8) PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: NCRP



The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP) in Washington, D.C., is looking for an events intern who can help the organization's small but high-performing team. This internship is a wonderful opportunity for hands-on experience in event planning for a national nonprofit. You'll practice building targeted outreach and recruiting strategies for important events, creating high-quality materials, and managing short-term projects. You'll be able to participate on multiple project teams and learn how to navigate. You'll also get a chance to learn more about and interact with progressive nonprofits and foundations across the country that are engaged in the daily fight for a more equitable society. If you're interested in learning more about this sector and building transferable skills for future work at a nonprofit or philanthropic institution, please read more below.

Length of internship: Fall 2018 to September 30, 2019

Hours: 25-hour per week internship

Pay: \$15 an hour

Requirements: Recent college graduate or graduate student

Responsibilities:

Conference, Presentation and Travel Support

- Assist with registering senior staff for events and making travel arrangements.
- Research prioritized conferences and presentation opportunities for NCRP across a variety of projects
- Write web descriptions for NCRP events
- Coordinate planning calls for NCRP webinars
- Coordinate lists for side-meetings for NCRP staff at conferences and in-person meetings
- Input contacts from sign-in sheets and business cards into NCRP's database
- Support evaluation of presentations and relationship records across a variety of projects
- Create and update PowerPoint templates and presentations for NCRP presentations
- Organize and catalogue presentation templates in our filing system

Core Competencies

- Understands and has passion for advancing social and economic justice
- Microsoft Office proficient, especially Word and PowerPoint
- Working knowledge of database records, especially Salesforce and Excel
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Familiarity with booking air, train and ground transportation
- Ability to compile and ship handouts and materials for events
- Ability to quickly research and synthesize findings clearly and concisely
- Must be detail oriented, personable, and possess excellent follow up skills
- Ability to troubleshoot and solve problems with customer service skills
- Excellent organization and time-management skills
- Creative, quick thinker
- Must be organized and comfortable with priority changes

Deadline: September 30, 2018

Apply Here: <https://ncrp.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=31>

9) ENTERTAINMENT CAREER FORUM – OCTOBER 4

For more information go here: <http://www.eicop.org/wordpress/hbcu-in-la-internship-program/>

10) HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH KNOWLEDGE CONTEST - \$50 PRIZE

Submit Answers Here: <https://www.bowiestate.edu/academics-research/colleges/college-arts-sciences/departments/language-literature-cultural-s/hispanic-heritage-month/>

Peace,
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