

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

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### **1) ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS**


One of the Writing Center's former tutors, **Christine Ramroop**, was quoted extensively in this nationally syndicated article from the Associated Press about the importance of HBCUs in strengthening the pipeline of Black K-12 teachers: <https://apnews.com/article/hbcu-training-black-teachers-2372cb4f8186dbf05b57e30bf1567e80>

### **2) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**


**Professor C. Jenise Williamson's** short story "First Light" is forthcoming in *Gargoyle Online*, Vol. 5, May 2023.

### **3) TEACH ENGLISH IN JAPAN INFO SESSION: TUESDAY**

Want to teach English in Japan?  
Come learn about the JET Program.  
February 28 - 11:00 am-12:00 pm - Zoom  
<https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/99105260711>






**Lauren Mosely**  
JET Alumna (Hyōgo Prefecture)



**Rosie Brown**  
JET Alumna (Ishikawa Prefecture)

**Sponsors:**



Come learn about the JET Program, which provides recent graduates with a paid opportunity to teach English in Japan. We will speak with a representative from the Embassy of Japan and two alumni of the JET Program. Zoom link: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/99105260711>

#### **4) THE TORCH INTEREST MEETING: WEDNESDAY**

Love literature and art?  
Interested in working for the  
school magazine?

## **The Torch Literary Magazine Interest Meeting**

Come learn more about  
our team and help publish  
the next issue of The Torch



**When:**

Wednesday, March  
1st at 3 PM

**Where:**

MLK Building  
Room 253A



For questions contact Professor  
Williamson [cwilliamson@bowiestate.edu](mailto:cwilliamson@bowiestate.edu)

*The Torch* is BSU's literary magazine, and its next issue will be published by October 2023. Come to The Torch interest meeting February 22 at 3 p.m. MLK 251 to help bring it all together. Contact Professor Williamson [cwilliamson@bowiestate.edu](mailto:cwilliamson@bowiestate.edu) for more information.

### **5) PEACE CORPS INFO SESSION: THURSDAY**



**INFORMATION SESSION**

**Make the Most of Your World.**

Serving in the Peace Corps is a great way to immerse yourself in a new culture, learn a new language, and have the experience of a lifetime.

Join us at this information session to:

- Learn about Volunteer experiences
- Ask questions about service
- Gain tips to guide you through the application process

Thursday, March 2nd, 2023  
11:00- 11:30 a.m.

JEP 110  
Bowie State University  
Bowie, MD 20715



For more information, contact Nyassa Kollie at [nkollie@peacecorps.gov](mailto:nkollie@peacecorps.gov)

If you require reasonable accommodations when attending a Peace Corps event, please email Nyassa Kollie at [nkollie@peacecorps.gov](mailto:nkollie@peacecorps.gov) and provide details of the reasonable accommodation(s) you are requesting.

The U.S. Peace Corps sends hundreds of volunteers around the world each year to promote peace and democratic values. Founded by an Executive Order issued by President Kennedy, Peace Corps has made the world a better place through the work of hundreds of thousands of volunteers over the years. Volunteers are provided with a stipend and assigned a project to work on in their community after extensive training. Peace Corps Volunteers receive preferential treatment when applying for federal jobs.

## 6) ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK



7) 10th ANNUAL READ-A-THON



**Dr. Horacio Sierra** hosted the 10th Annual Read-A-Thon last week. We thank all those who participated as well as the Department of History & Government and their Black History Month sponsorship. Featured in photo (L to R): **Roy Jones, Lanai Lewis, Dr. Velma Latson, and Joseph Vivens.**

## **8) HOWARD UNIVERSITY PRE-PHD PROGRAM**



# PRE-PHD SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

OPEN TO RISING SENIORS &  
2023 GRADUATES IN:

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, ENGLISH, HISTORY, POLITICAL  
SCIENCE, PHILOSOPHY, ECONOMICS, & SOCIOLOGY

This FREE program covers the cost of instruction, Kaplan GRE Prep, housing, transportation, and food. Students may receive a stipend upon successful completion of the program.

EMAIL [PPSEP@HOWARD.EDU](mailto:PPSEP@HOWARD.EDU) OR  
[CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION LINK](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE  
FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023



Howard University's Pre-PhD Summer Enrichment Program (PPSEP) is designed to stimulate interest among African American and minority undergraduate students, in careers available to PhD holders in the humanities and social sciences. Through substantive course work, experiential learning activities, and professional development trainings, we develop and enhance the academic and professional skills necessary for success in graduate study of the humanities or social sciences. This year, we will host up to 16 talented students from HBCUs across the nation on the main campus of Howard University from Friday, May 19, 2023 through Saturday, June 17, 2023. By the end of the four-week intensive program, PPSEP participants will produce the components of a competitive application to graduate school.

Although our target audiences are 2023 graduates and rising seniors, we will also entertain applications from exceptional rising juniors. Students must have interest in the

following fields of study: English, History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology. Students must be available to live on the campus of Howard University for the entire duration of the program. Howard University will cover costs of students' coursework, housing, transportation in Washington, D.C., and food. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from Washington, DC. However, limited funds may be available to assist students with extenuating circumstances. Upon successful completion of PPSEP, each student may receive a stipend of up to \$2,400.

We will admit students on a rolling basis until the cohort is filled, but we will start reviewing applications on Friday, March 10, 2023, here: <https://forms.gle/2EwgHp69H1EZFHL59>. For more detailed information, please see the attached call for undergraduate students, flyer, and tri-fold. For further questions, you may also email me—Dr. Keneshia Grant, the program director—at [Keneshia.Grant@Howard.edu](mailto:Keneshia.Grant@Howard.edu) or program staff at [PPSEP@Howard.edu](mailto:PPSEP@Howard.edu).

## 9) PRATT LIBRARY POETRY CONTEST



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your journey starts here

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# Poetry Contest

Maryland poets, this FREE contest is for YOU!

### CONTEST RULES

- Entrants must be Maryland residents, 18 or older.
- Paid or volunteer staff of the Enoch Pratt Free Library and *Little Patuxent Review* and their immediate families are not eligible, nor are previous Pratt Library Poetry Contest first-place winners.
- Please send only one original poem, on any theme and in any form, for consideration.
- Your entry must be unpublished, either in print or online, including personal blogs, Facebook, or Twitter. It cannot be currently under review for possible publication.
- Your entry must not exceed 100 lines.
- Submit your typed entry as a Microsoft Word attachment by email to [contest@prattlibrary.org](mailto:contest@prattlibrary.org) or by mail to:  
Poetry Contest, Fiction & Humanities Dept.  
Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral St.  
Baltimore, MD 21201-4484.
- All entries must be received by **Wednesday, March 1, 2023.**

The free educational and cultural programs at Pratt libraries are made possible by the generous support of donors to the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

- Please submit your name, address, phone number, and a brief biography on a separate page. Please do not put your name, address, phone number, or biography on the entry itself. Our judges will see only the poem.
- Confirmation of receipt and comments on your entry will not be provided, nor will your entry be returned to you.

These rules are also available on the contest page, where an announcement of the winner will be posted in mid-April:

[prattlibrary.org/poetry-contest](http://prattlibrary.org/poetry-contest)

The **winning poem** will be published in *Little Patuxent Review* and celebrated at a public reading hosted by the Pratt Library and *Little Patuxent Review*. It may also be displayed at the Central Library or turned into a collectible broadside.

**Questions? Email [contest@prattlibrary.org](mailto:contest@prattlibrary.org) or call 410-396-5484.**

[prattlibrary.org](http://prattlibrary.org)



## 10) 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.

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

If you are interested in becoming a member, please e-mail [hsierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu)