

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

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1) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Sheneese Thompson's article "The Proliferation of Yorùbá Religion in the Atlantic during the Nineteenth Century: The Portability of the Orisha" was published in *Yoruba Studies Review* (Volume 7, Issue2). You can access the article here: <https://journals.flvc.org/ysr/issue/view/6101>

Professor C. Jenise Williamson's short story "The Fiddler's Wife" will be published in the digital anthology *From the Attic*, Volume 3, 2023.

2) 10th ANNUAL READ-A-THON: FEBRUARY 21

Join us for the 10th Annual BSU Black History Month Read-A-Thon on February 21, 12:30-2:00 pm, in MLK 253 as we celebrate the power of language, public speaking, and oral storytelling. Sign up for a ten-minute slot wherein you can read from a literary work of your choice: a novel, a short story, a set of poems, song lyrics, a play, or your own creative work. In celebration of Black History Month, we strongly encourage that you read the work of a Black author from the US or abroad.

Please be prepared to read or speak for approximately ten minutes. Participants will receive BSU swag courtesy of the Department of History & Government.

Sign-up for a reading slot here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054fa9aa29aa8-10th#/>

3) *THE TORCH* INTEREST MEETING: FEBRUARY 22

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, February
22nd at 3 PM

Where:

MLK Building
Room 251



For questions contact Professor
Williamson 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 for more information.

4) OPEN MIC NIGHT: FEBRUARY 23

Spring Open Mic

Poetry Reading

Hosted by Xavier Boone

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BY LEON
AJAYI-PORTER**

Poems. Raps.
Fiction. Essays.

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**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 23RD,
2023
5 PM TO 6:30 PM
IN CSMN 1223**



5) OUTDOOR CLUB ROCK-CLIMBING EVENT: FEBRUARY 25



The newly created BSU Outdoor Club will be hosting a FREE indoor rock-climbing event next Saturday (25th) from 5:30-7:30 PM. A BSU van will depart from campus at 4:30 PM to take students to Columbia (30 mins away). After rock climbing, the club will provide free dinner before we head back to campus.


6) TEACH ENGLISH IN JAPAN PRESENTATION: FEBRUARY 28

**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)

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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>

7) PEACE CORPS INFO SESSION: MARCH 2



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

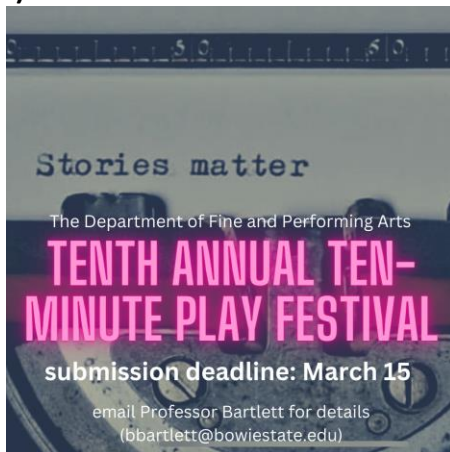


If you require reasonable accommodations when attending a Peace Corps event, please email [Nyassa Kollie at nkollie@peacecorps.gov](mailto:Nyassa.Kollie@peacecorps.gov) and provide details of the reasonable accommodation(s) you are requesting.

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.

8) SUBMIT YOUR WORK TO BSU'S TEN-MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL



Stories matter

The Department of Fine and Performing Arts

TENTH ANNUAL TEN-MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL

submission deadline: March 15

email Professor Bartlett for details
(bbartlett@bowiestate.edu)

Please submit an original ten-minute play that responds to the following:

- the play features characters who change/grow and realize a truth about themselves and/or the world
- the play explores a challenging idea
- the play explores the theatrical imagination
- the play has three or fewer characters
- the play happens in one location

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 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

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 or call 410-396-5484.

prattlibrary.org



10) PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: MPSSP

MARYLAND PUBLIC
SERVICE SCHOLARS

PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

MAY 30 - AUGUST 11, 2023

Governor's Summer Internship Program
Sondheim Nonprofit Leadership Program
MDOT Fellows Program

Open to rising college Juniors and Seniors
**and current graduate students for SNLP*
Must be attending a Maryland school
OR be a Maryland resident attending any school

gain experience • grow your network
meet other Maryland college students
leadership & professional development
opportunities

FELLOWS ARE PAID A \$3500 STIPEND

Apply by March 1!
(priority deadline February 1)
publicservicescholars.umbc.edu



The [Maryland Public Service Scholars Program](https://publicservicescholars.umbc.edu) has a **paid** summer 2023 Internship opportunity for your students! The MPSS program is administered through the Shriver Center at UMBC. Each summer a cohort of students are selected to participate in the MPSS program. These fellowships provide students the opportunity to develop their skills, network, serve in the public service realm, and become better future leaders in Maryland's public and social sectors.

Here is the link to **directly apply** on our website: <https://publicservicescholars.umbc.edu/apply-to-fellowships/>

Here is the link to find out **more information** about the 2023 MPSS program: <https://publicservicescholars.umbc.edu/>

If you have any questions, please email publicservicescholars@umbc.edu