

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

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1) CAREER CONVERSATIONS SERIES - WEDNESDAY

Dr. Horacio Sierra’s ENGL 483: Senior Seminar is hosting a “Career Conversations” series wherein students meet with young professionals to discuss how they can use their college degree to launch a successful career. All BSU students are welcome to join the conversation. Come learn how these professionals used the skills they acquired in college to find meaning, purpose, and financial security at work and in their personal lives.

Recurring Zoom Link: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/4090540458>



February 17, 5:30

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2) EIGHTH ANNUAL READ-A-THON – FEBRUARY 24



Students, faculty, and staff are invited to read from a text of their choice for 10 minutes in back-to-back installments over the course of two hours. Texts can include anything, including novels, poems, short stories, treatises, plays, film scripts, song lyrics, the Bible, history books, self-penned works, etc. Participants are encouraged to read works from Black authors in celebration of Black History Month.

Participants will receive a gift card courtesy of the Department of History & Government.

Click here to sign-up to participate: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054fa9aa29aa8-8thannual>

Zoom link for the event: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/82512772699?pwd=TGIOTIB5Y0MyWWV1ZHkzN3FqZzh4UT09>

3) MARGARET CASE AWARDS



The Margaret Walker Center is pleased to announce a cash awards that will be presented to students for achievement in their participation at this year's virtual Creative Arts and Scholarly Engagement (CASE) Festival scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10, 2021: The \$500 John Jennings Arts Award.

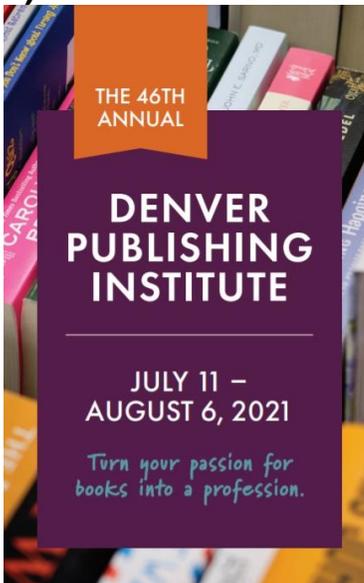
Taking a cue from Kiese Laymon, the theme for the 2021 CASE is “Bearing/Baring the Weight/Wait: The Struggle for Self-Actualization & Change in Mississippi.” However, the organizers welcome proposals from high school, undergraduate, and graduate students on *any topic*.

Proposal submissions should be 250-500 words with a title for the work and the institutional affiliation of the presenter, and proposals should fit in one of four categories:

1. **Poetry/Spoken Word** (10-15-minute presentations in original storytelling or poetry with brief comments)
2. **Visual Arts** (up to 3 pieces of artwork in any media with 10-minute presentations)
3. **Written** (10-page essays with 20-minute presentations)
4. **Performing Arts** (10-minute dance, musical, and theatrical presentations)

To submit a proposal, please send a document in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF to mwa@jsums.edu. Proposals must be submitted by Saturday, March 6.

4) DENVER PUBLISHING INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP



The Denver Publishing Institute is a four-week, full time, graduate level summer program dedicated to introducing students to the world of book publishing. While it is typically held at the University of Denver, last summer we held the program remotely due to the pandemic. We are unsure yet whether the program will be in-person or remote for 2021, but either way we are busy planning for a highly engaging program incorporating face-to-face interaction with top people in book publishing.

The DPI Community Scholarship Fund will offer six full tuition scholarships to BIPOC applicants to the Denver Publishing Institute. We would love to see some applicants from Bowie State University.

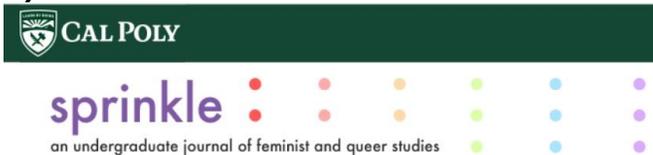
Additionally, Simon & Schuster has funded the Carolyn Kroll Reidy Memorial Scholarship in honor of the late Carolyn Reidy, former president and chief executive officer of Simon & Schuster. This full scholarship will cover the cost of one student to attend the 2021 Denver Publishing Institute including tuition, room and board. This opportunity is also available exclusively to BIPOC applicants.

These are competitive awards which will be granted upon the basis of financial need and academic merit.

Individuals who would like to learn more can register for a virtual information session on Friday, February 19, 2021. Margaret Shaheen, program coordinator, will discuss the program and will be joined by Bunmi Ishola, who can answer questions about her experience as a DPI student as well as her experiences in publishing since she graduated in 2018. She is now an editor at Penguin Random House. Please register here: https://udenver.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bLw43NUbSTilCb1IZJjf0Q

Applications will be due on February 26, 2021 for priority acceptance and March 26 for general admissions. For more information, visit the DPI website: www.du.edu/publishinginstitute.

5) CFP: CREATIVE WRITING JOURNAL, *SPRINKLE*

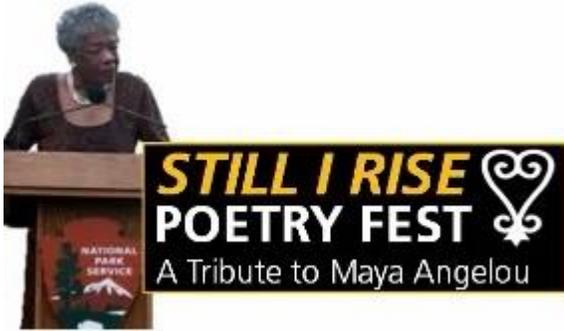


Sprinkle: An Undergraduate Journal of Feminist and Queer Studies is accepting submissions for its 2021 publication (Volume 14). This year's submission deadline is April 1, 2021.

Sprinkle is a student-run, peer-reviewed journal published at Cal Poly to showcase the diverse voices of emerging scholar-activists, authors, and artists in feminist and queer studies and related fields of inquiry. Click here to learn more and submit your work: <https://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/sprinkle/callforsubmissions.html>

Thank you in advance for sharing this announcement widely with your students and colleagues!

6) “STILL I RISE” POETRY FEST



In honor of poet, author, screenwriter, dancer, actress, and civil rights activist, Maya Angelou, the African Burial Ground National Monument will showcase virtual poetry performances using Facebook Premiere.

To submit your poetry and be featured on the African Burial Ground National Monument social media platforms, please email your video submissions and poem to: african_burial_ground@nps.gov

Requirements:

- Video must be MP4 format
- Recordings must be horizontal

- Quality must be HD 720p or Full HD 1080p
- Please refrain from using background music
- Content must be family friendly
- Must show clear view of face in video
- Video must not be longer than 5 minutes

Poetry submissions due Friday, February 19, 2021.

7) MARYLAND POETRY CONTEST



The Enoch Pratt Free Library and *Little Patuxent Review* are sponsoring a Poetry Contest open to any Maryland resident 18 years old and up. The winning poem will be published in *Little Patuxent Review* and celebrated at a public reading. The deadline to apply is March 1. Click here for more information and to apply: prattlibrary.org/poetry-contest.

8) SIGMA TAU DELTA



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INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

Sigma Tau Delta is always looking to welcome new members. Whether virtual or in person, this year's Induction Ceremony will be held in the Spring semester.

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.

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

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