

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

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### 1) DR. SHENESEE THOMPSON JOINS LLCS FACULTY



Dr. Sheneese Thompson was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Through her participation in the Philadelphia Freedom Schools program, she was introduced to Africana Studies and decided to pursue the critical study of the African Diaspora's cultural and intellectual contributions. She earned a B.A in Afro-American Studies from Howard University, her M.A. in African American Studies from Boston University, and Ph.D. in African American and African Studies from The Ohio State University. Her research areas of interest include Black Popular Culture, Comparative Diaspora Studies, and Afro-Atlantic Religion, most notably Lucumí's cultural impact in the United States.

### 2) POETRY SLAM: SEPTEMBER 26

A poster for a Poetry Slam event. The title "POETRY SLAM" is at the top in large, bold letters, with "POETRY" in white and "SLAM" in red. To the right is a vintage-style microphone. Below the title, it says "Sept 26th, 5pm-7pm Beacon Room". Underneath, it says "CALLING ALL POETS! Sign up to perform at the Wellness Center's 30 Day Challenge 'A BETTER U' Poetry Slam". A small photo of Krystal Rose is shown next to the text "hosted by Krystal Rose @iamkrystalrose". At the bottom left, it says "POETRY ONLY" and "To sign up as a performer please stop by the Wellness Center email to hwwc@bowiestate.edu, or Scan QR Code for sign-up form Deadline for sign-up: Sept 22nd." At the bottom right is a QR code with the text "SCAN ME" below it. At the very bottom left is a small logo and the text "for more info contact hwwc@bowiestate.edu".

### 3) HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: KNOWLEDGE CONTEST

#### 7th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month



#### Knowledge Quiz



1. The term "Hispanic" stems from the Latin word for which region of the Ancient Roman Empire?
2. Singer Camila Cabello's (#1s "Havana" and "Señorita") has parents from which two countries?
3. Pupusas (thick flatbreads made of cornmeal and stuffed with cheese, beans, or chicharrón) originated among the Pipil tribes of which country?
4. The Underground Railroad first ran South to which Spanish colony that created America's first city of free blacks?
5. ¿Qué autor colombiano ganó el Premio Nobel de Literatura por obras como *100 años de soledad*?



Singer Camila Cabello



MLB Player Manny Machado

Submit answers at [www.bowiestate.edu/hispanicmonthquiz](http://www.bowiestate.edu/hispanicmonthquiz) by October 15.

- 1st Place: \$50 gift card for the BSU Bookstore.
- 2nd Place: \$25 gift card for the BSU Bookstore.

Answers can be submitted here: [www.bowiestate.edu/hispanicmonthquiz](http://www.bowiestate.edu/hispanicmonthquiz)

### 4) HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: WRITING CONTESTS



**Academic:** Write an academic essay that focuses on themes or issues related to Hispanic culture. Essays can be expository, argumentative, and/or research-oriented. Essays can come from any discipline (History, Literature, Psychology, Natural Sciences, Public Health, Business, Fine Arts, etc.). Entries in English and Español are welcome.

- First Place: \$50 BSU Bookstore gift card
- Second Place: \$25 BSU Bookstore gift card

**Creative:** Write a poem, short story, script, graphic novel, or creative non-fiction piece that features themes, issues, or characters related to Hispanic culture. Entries in English and Español are welcome.

- First Place: \$50 BSU Bookstore gift card
- Second Place: \$25 BSU Bookstore gift card

Email entries to Dr. Horacio Sierra at [hosierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hosierra@bowiestate.edu) by October 15.



### 5) PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: MARYLAND LEGISLATURE

#### LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIPS

Each year during the session of the Maryland General Assembly, approximately one hundred students are given the opportunity to serve as legislative interns. Upon acceptance into the program, students interview for placement with legislators, committees, or caucuses of the Maryland General Assembly (MGA).

- Tracking bills
- Working on mailings
- Responding to constituents' inquiries and handling problems
- Writing newsletters

#### ELIGIBILITY

Students presently enrolled in a public or independent college or university are eligible to apply. Students must be at least 18 years of age, have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade-point average, and show proof of competency in college composition. A student with a lower GPA may participate in the program if recommended by the sponsoring professor and accepted by the MGA Coordinator. Many of the interns are political science majors; however, students working for degrees in other areas, who are interested in learning firsthand about the process of state government, are encouraged to apply.

Academic credits must be granted to the interns by their colleges and universities. Additional academic work may be required by the sponsoring professors.

#### STIPENDS

A stipend is awarded each intern to help defray the costs of participating in the program. The total session stipend varies, depending on the number of days per week the intern works in Annapolis. To be eligible for the program, a student must be able to work a minimum of two full days each week of session.

- \$850 per session = 2 days (15-18 hrs) per week
- \$1,250 per session = 3 days (19-26 hrs) per week
- \$1,650 per session = 4 days (27-31 hrs) per week
- \$2,000 per session = 5 days (32-40 hrs) per week

#### SESSION

The General Assembly meets annually for a period of 90 calendar days, beginning the second Wednesday in January and continuing through early April. During the initial months, the busiest days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, with few or no committee hearings scheduled for Mondays or Fridays. Most legislators would like their interns to work the three days from Tuesday through Thursday or full-time. However, realizing the demands of college scheduling, the General Assembly accepts students who are able to work only two days per week.

Since the legislature does not take any holidays during its 90-day session, interns are required to commit themselves to a weekly work schedule and to take no holidays or spring break.

#### Legislative Intern Program for College Students



#### HOW TO APPLY

Contact your college or university intern coordinator, career counselor, or department dean for an application. All placements are made during the fall semester, and applications should be received by the MGA Intern Office by October 31. If you do not know the contact person for your college/university, please call:

Carol Pelli  
Intern Coordinator  
Phone: 410-946-5124  
Washington, DC Area: 301-970-5124  
Toll Free: 800-492-7122 Ext. 5124  
Email: [studentprograms@mlis.state.md.us](mailto:studentprograms@mlis.state.md.us)

Maryland General Assembly  
Department of Legislative Services  
90 State Circle, Room 311  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991



#### WORK ASSIGNMENTS

The type of work assigned the interns is mainly legislative, although some duties are clerical in nature. Legislative responsibilities may include:

- Research
- Writing correspondence
- Preparing, recording, and reporting testimony
- Contacting witnesses
- Attending committee hearings

## 6) PAID FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY: DEPARTMENT OF STATE



Frasure-Kruzel-Drew Memorial Fellowship  
at the  
**U.S. Department of State**



Want to pursue a career in **national security, foreign affairs, or humanitarian assistance**? Apply for the Frasure-Kruzel-Drew Memorial Fellowship to help manage Conventional Weapons Destruction programs in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. College seniors, graduate students, and recent grads are eligible.



During this two-year paid fellowship, you will oversee conventional munitions threat reduction and humanitarian demining projects while collaborating with foreign governments, NGOs, international organizations, and other U.S. government agencies. Previous fellows have gone on to successful careers with the U.S. Department of State, UN, NGOs, and private sector.

The FKD Fellowship is administered by James Madison University's Center for International Stabilization and Recovery.

Apply by **November 7, 2019** at <https://www.jmu.edu/cisr/other/fellowship.html>

The two-year, paid Frasure-Kruzel-Drew Memorial Fellowship is available to seniors, graduate students, and recent graduates (within one year of graduation) from any four-year, accredited college or university in the United States. Fellows (from any major) will oversee conventional munitions threat reduction and humanitarian demining projects at the DOS in Washington, D.C. while collaborating with foreign governments, NGOs, international organizations, and other U.S. government agencies. Previous fellows have gone on to successful careers with the U.S. Department of State, UN, NGOs, and private sector. International travel to visit U.S.-funded development programs is likely. Click here to learn more about the fellowship:

<http://www.jmu.edu/cisr/other/fellowship.shtml>. For questions or additional information, please email [cisr@jmu.edu](mailto:cisr@jmu.edu) or call 540-568-2718.

The application deadline is November 7 by 5pm, with the fellowship term set to begin July 2020.

## 7) SIGMA TAU DELTA



**SIGMA TAU DELTA**  
INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

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. \$35 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 email [hsierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu)