

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

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1) ALUMNI UPDATE



Katier Morgan, who graduated in 2020 with her BA in English, is working as a Marketing Consultant in Washington, D.C. for Quadrangle, a commercial real estate firm that manages residential properties. Her duties include responding to leads, following up with prospects, calling surrounding rental properties to conduct market analyses, and finalizing rental contracts. Katier now has her eyes set on registering for an accelerated Registered Nurse program in Howard County.

2) ENGL 401 LIBRARY EXHIBIT



As a closing project for ENGL 401 History of the English Novel (Fall 2021) with **Dr. Kim Evelyn**, English majors **Kayla Allen**, **Kenneth Cherry**, **Chisom**

Okeahilamagbara, and **Breanna Thomas** created a display on the history of the novel in English for the BSU Thurgood Marshall Library. The display tells the story of the evolution of the novel from the 17th century to the 21st and highlights novels that are considered emblematic of their periods by literary historians and theorists. The exhibit will remain on display for the first several weeks of the Spring 2022 semester.

3) BLACK HEALTH AND WELLNESS SEMINAR – FEBRUARY 18

In honor of this year's Black History Month at BSU theme, "Black Health and Wellness," the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies in partnership with Black Mental Health Alliance will host an online event on how educators can help support students' mental wellness as they pursue academic excellence in a time of uncertainty and grief.

The event, "It's Cocoon Time with Dr. Bruce Purnell: Educators Supporting HBCU Students' Mental Wellness," is sponsored by the Department of History and Government takes place on Friday, February 18, 2022 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm on Zoom

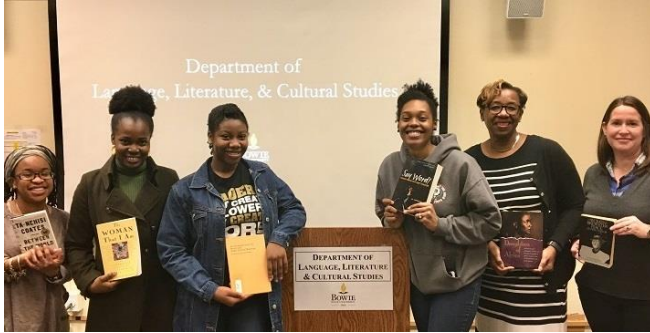
(<https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/84141083040?pwd=bDRTYnRFaUF5SXMzMzRKVDd6d05lZz09; Passcode: 035015>). Dr. Purnell will address how faculty can help students navigate the new social world of the COVID-19 pandemic and the important role of HBCUs as transformative cocoons during the pandemic.



Dr. Purnell (BSU '94) is a psychologist, author, artist, speaker, and activist; the founder and executive director of the community-based non-profit organization The Love More Movement; and the creator of the Healing Stations and the Transformative Life Coaches & Healing Leaders (TLCHL) training and credential. For more information, please use the QR code below or contact Dr. Kim Evelyn at kevelyn@bowiestate.edu.



4) 9th ANNUAL READ-A-THON – FEBRUARY 24 (VIRTUAL)

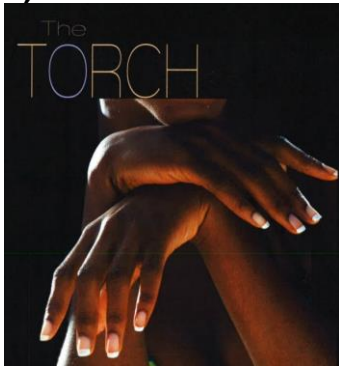


Join us for the 9th Annual BSU Black History Month Read-A-Thon on February 24, 12:30-2:30 pm, as we celebrate the power of language, public speaking, and oral storytelling. Sign up for a ten-minute slot wherein you can read from a literary work of your choice: a novel, a short story, a set of poems, 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 here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054fa9aa29aa8-9thannual>
Zoom Room

Link: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/82188472949?pwd=Q1lQVU8yNTRoZ2FMNE5hYVdzb1BlZz09>

5) **THE TORCH PUBLICATION**



The Torch, BSU's creative writing journal, just published its most recent issue. You can access it here: <https://bowiestate.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-arts-and-sciences/departments/language-literature-and-cultural-studies/the-torch.php>

The Torch is the official literary magazine of the University. Published by the Creative Writing Program in the Department of Language, Literature & Cultural Studies, *The Torch* is designed to encourage creative expression and scholarly articles by students, staff, and faculty.

Current students and alumni are encouraged to submit literary and scholarly works as well as artwork. Submissions may be in languages other than English. The journal is edited by students with the guidance of a faculty advisor. Faculty and staff may also submit to the journal.

6) ARENA STAGE FELLOWSHIP



The goal of Arena Stage's fellowship program is to cultivate the next generation of BIPOC theater professionals by providing the highest standard of training through immersion in the art and business of producing theater. Successful candidates are highly motivated individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in the arts.

The program offers personalized training and in-depth, hands-on experience with top-tier professionals in artistic and technical production, arts administration, arts education and community outreach. Additionally, all fellows receive: Personalized training and in-depth, hands-on experience with top-tier professionals in artistic and technical production, arts administration, arts education, and community outreach

Fellowship dates: September 6, 2022, to May 2023

- \$600 weekly stipend
- Comprehensive mentorship and career readiness opportunities
- Eligible for 10 paid holidays and 2 weeks paid leave
- Average 40-hour work week, with comp time for additional hours

Click here to learn more and to apply by February

11: <https://www.arenastage.org/fellowship>

7) DRIFTERS EMERGENCY STUDENT GRANT

The Drifters Emergency Student Grant is a \$10,000 grant awarded annually to degree-conferring institutions whose student enrollment is primarily comprised of students from underrepresented backgrounds. These grants have been given to numerous colleges and universities to help students to continue their studies. Bowie State University was awarded the grant at The National Drifters, Inc. 63rd

national Convention in August 2019. As a result, Juniors/Seniors in the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies experiencing an emergency need for tuition assistance, housing assistance, course materials, meal planning or transportation assistance are eligible to apply. Please Contact Professor Lane (alane@bowiestate.edu) or Dr. Basena (dbasena@bowiestate.edu) for an application form.

8) 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.

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
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