

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

Table of Contents:

- 1) Faculty Accomplishments
- 2) *The Torch's* Call for Submissions
- 3) JAPN 101: Learn Japanese in the Fall
- 4) Career Fair: Wednesday
- 5) Graduation Celebration: May 17
- 6) Job Opportunities
- 7) Paid Internship Opportunity: Library of Congress
- 8) Sigma Tau Delta
- 9) Drifters Emergency Student Grant

1) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Professor Hoke “Bro. Yao” Glover and Dr. Monifa Love took Creative Writing students to the Montpelier Mansion in Laurel, Maryland to participate in the Fighting Destiny Tour. The students learned about the plantation’s history and the lives of the enslaved people who lived there. The students are writing poetry about their visit and will return to the grounds to participate in a poetry reading.



Celebrated poet Sami Miranda guest lectured in **Professor Hoke “Bro. Yao” Glover’s** Creative Writing and Composition classes last month. Miranda read poems from his latest book, *Protection from Erasure*, and engaged students in a creative writing activity.

Dr. Sheneese Thompson presented her paper “All that you touch you change. All that you change changes you”: Octavia Butler’s *Earthseed* and Lessons for Our Times” at the College English Association’s conference in San Antonio, Texas over the weekend. She also presented on a panel entitled “Reflexive Practice for the Personal and Professional Self in Higher Education” along with **Dr. Monifa Love** and Dr. Marja Humphrey (Department of Counseling) at the conference.

Dr. David Kaloustian attended the College English Association Mid-Atlantic Group’s (CEAMAG) virtual conference over the weekend. **Dr. Horacio Sierra**, Editor of CEAMAG’s scholarly journal *The Mid-Atlantic Review*, invites faculty and students to submit their work for publication consideration. You can learn more about CEAMAG and its journal

here: <https://bowiestate.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-arts-and-sciences/departments/language-literature-and-cultural-studies/ceamag/ceamag-journal.php>

2) THE TORCH’S: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Bowie State University, Department of Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies Call for Entries The Torch, BSU's Literary Magazine

Rising Above the Ban

Tell us about a time when you or a character had to overcome a ban or restriction. Subtopics can include:

Censorship	Taboo Behavior/Speech	Banned Books
Cyberbullying/Cancel Culture	Res-Life Limitations	Religious/Travel Restrictions

Submission Guidelines:



Previous Torch Issues



The Torch, BSU's literary magazine, is calling for submissions in poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, short plays/screen scripts and videos for its next issue. The deadline is April 21, 2023. For more information, scan the QR codes. Contact persons: Prof. Williamson at cwilliamson@bowiestate.edu or Prof. Johnson at sbjohnson@bowiestate.edu.

3) LEARN JAPANESE IN THE FALL

JAPN 101:
Japanese Language & Culture I
Fall 2023 - MW 11:00am -12:15 pm



We are excited to offer Japanese language classes for the first time this coming Fall semester. JAPN 101: Japanese Language & Culture I will be offered Mondays and Wednesdays 11:00-12:15 in person. This course fulfills the Modern Language requirement for English majors along with Spanish and French classes.

4) CAREER FAIR: WEDNESDAY



Wednesday, April 5, 2023

1:00–4:00 p.m.

Leonidas S. James Physical Education Complex

All majors and degree programs are welcome!

FREE REGISTRATION AT EVENT

Business attire is required.



5) GRADUATE CELEBRATION: MAY 17

We will hold our Graduate Celebration on Wednesday, May 17, 12:00-2:00 pm in MLK 253.

6) JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Whether you are a recent graduate or still have two years left to graduate, take a moment to review these job opportunities. These employers are specifically looking for English majors with writing skills. Brush up your resume and cover letter with Ms. Rosetta Price in BSU's Career Resource Center. Likewise, get involved in clubs, organizations, and internships that will allow your resume to stand out when you apply for jobs.

https://careers.leidos.com/jobs/12364282-proposal-editor?tm_job=R-00107602-OTHLOC-PL-2D0565&tm_event=view&tm_company=2502&bid=56

https://baltimorecity.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/External/job/City-Hall/Communication-Specialist---Contract-Services-Specialist-II_R0001501

https://mantech.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/External/job/USA-MD-Fort-Meade/Technical-Writer_R31967-1

7) PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Applications are now being accepted for our [Archives, History and Heritage Advanced](#) (AHHA) Internship program. This paid, part-time, fall internship provides an invaluable opportunity for the *next generation of diverse knowledge workers* to analyze, preserve and bring to light collections that represent the rich cultural and creative heritage of the U.S. We invite undergraduate juniors – graduate students and recent graduates from a variety of academic interests to apply for remote or onsite AHHA internships. Internship details, 2023 project descriptions, and FAQs are [available online](#).

We have an AHHA information sessions available in the coming weeks (registration below).

[Register for a Live Session](#)

Friday, April 14, 2023: 12:00 pm- 12:45 pm

https://loc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_XP85PdisSQ6hUqDUlk4Jgg

Please help us spread the word to Bowie State University students and colleagues. We also are including a [1-minute video](#) of what past interns say about AHHA.

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. **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

9) 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. BSU 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.

Newsletters are archived

here: <https://bowiestate.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-arts-and-sciences/departments/language-literature-and-cultural-studies/newsletter.php>

Peace,

Horacio Sierra, PhD

[Department Chair](#) - Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies
Bowie State University - Maryland's First HBCU