

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

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1) 8TH ANNUAL READ-A-THON (VIRTUAL) – 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 \$20 gift card courtesy of the Department of History & Government.

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

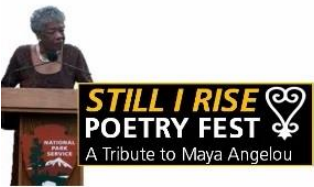
Zoom link for the event: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/82512772699?pwd=TGIOTIB5Y0MyWWV1ZHkzN3FqZzh4UT09>

2) ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Since graduating in 2019 from Bowie State University with an English degree in Creative Writing, Alvin Deskins has actively worked toward achieving his professional goals. Under the pen name A.E. Russell, his short story "Pepper" was published in the Propertius Press. The story focuses on police brutality and the bystander effect from the perspective of a child who can't communicate through speech. He has also established the groundwork for his production company, "Poetic Premiere." His goal is to create captivating stories through film and other visual mediums. Aside from his creative endeavors, Alvin is currently employed as an Editorial Assistant at the National Academies of Science. In this role, he oversees the review and editing process of scientific manuscripts for publication.

3) "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.

4) 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.



February 3, 5:00

Darren Brown is a Certified Project Management Professional with over 10 years of experience at firms such as IBM and Booz Allen Hamilton. He currently lives in Germany where he works as an Assistant VP in the CIO Division at Barclaycard. He majored in International Business and minored in Spanish and Chinese (Mandarin) at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He has a Master's degree in International Economics, Management, and Policy from Columbia University a Master's degree in Public Policy from the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin.

Zoom

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

5) 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.

6) NEW JOB OPPORTUNITY: BSU AMBASSADOR



Institutional Advancement
Remote Contact Center

WE'RE HIRING!

Become a BSU Student Ambassador!

Join a dynamic team and show off your Bulldog Pride!

Flexible work schedule!

If you enjoy meeting new people and sharing your Bulldog experience, this job is for you!

Limited spaces available- apply today!

POSITION OVERVIEW

Sharing your Bulldog Pride with the University's donors, alumni and friends while fundraising to support the education of your fellow students!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Meghan Fakeye, Administrative Assistant
mfakeye@bowiestate.edu

7) SCHOMBURG-MELLON HUMANITIES SUMMER INSTITUTE



The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation have created the Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute to encourage minority students and others with an interest in African-American, African and African Diasporan Studies to pursue PhDs in the humanities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's institute will be held entirely online.

The program, which is open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents, offers a six-week session for ten rising seniors (juniors in spring 2021, entering their senior year in fall 2021, graduating in 2022.) Males and students from HBCUs are encouraged to

apply. If there are any questions about the application or the program, please email brianjones@nypl.org.

Eligibility:

Students entering their senior year in fall 2021

U.S. citizens or permanent residents

3.0 GPA or higher

Demonstrated interest in Africa and the African Diaspora

If you do not meet ALL eligibility requirements your application will not be considered.

Program Details:

Daily sessions, from 10 AM to 4 PM (with breaks)

All sessions are mandatory

Morning seminars by distinguished scholars

Assigned readings

Research

\$3,800 stipend.

The program mixes seminars and research. It invites students to explore how the past is influencing the present and how the present can shape the future. Institute fellows will explore a variety of disciplines (including history, literature, arts, religion, and cultural studies) and historical periods. The Fellows will have an opportunity to examine, among others, questions about identity, culture, arts, gender, migrations, mental health, and criminal justice, and reflect on how they will affect the future.

Personal Project:

Drawing upon the Schomburg Center's extensive collections the students will prepare a research prospectus that could be the basis for their senior thesis or a major research paper. Projects that can make use of a particular collection at the Schomburg Center will be given greater consideration. The topic proposed in the application should be what the applicant will work on during the program.

Application Requirements:

Completed application form by Monday, March 15, 2021.

Official academic transcript to be mailed on March 15, 2021 at the latest to:

Schomburg-Mellon Institute, Schomburg Center, 515 Malcolm X Blvd., New York, NY 10037.

Two letters of recommendation from faculty

Research statement (450 words)

Personal statement explaining why you want to pursue graduate studies in the Humanities (450 words)

Resume

Click here for more information:<https://www.nypl.org/help/about-nypl/fellowships-institutes/schomburg-mellon-humanities-summer-institute>

8) JOB OPPORTUNITY: JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

The Johns Hopkins University seeks highly qualified candidates for a full-time, teaching track faculty position in The Professional Communication Program (PCP) within The Center for Leadership Education (CLE). This position offers a renewable, fully-benefitted, one-year contract that becomes eligible for promotion and a longer term of contract after a probationary period. Salary is very competitive and commensurate with experience.

Candidates will teach three courses each semester (fall and spring) with small enrollments caps. While the candidate's teaching load will be focused on the undergraduate curriculum, there are opportunities to teach at the graduate level. Funding for professional development is available.

The PCP seeks candidates who are comfortable working in an interdisciplinary environment but who are primarily qualified in writing and communication. All candidates must be student-centered teachers with a strong record of success in the classroom. Successful candidates will have expertise and be able to teach in **two or more** of the following areas:

- professional writing and communication
- scientific/technical/medical communication
- ESL/ELL
- public speaking and oral communication
- writing center administration
- storytelling with data
- data/information visualization

Candidates with an MFA or MA will be considered if they also bring substantial professional experience. Johns Hopkins is committed to building a diverse educational environment; women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Johns Hopkins is an EEO/AA employer.

For full consideration, applicants should submit the following documents **no later than** February 12, 2020 to Interfolio: <http://apply.interfolio.com/82489>

9) PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Digital Engagement and Exhibit Design Intern (HBCUI Program, Summer)

Help the National Park Service Chesapeake Bay Office and its partners connect the story of African-descended people back to the Chesapeake Bay watershed and promote environmental stewardship within these communities. Apply here: <https://bit.ly/34WcMrP>

Youth Development Coordinator (SIP Program, Yearlong)

NPS Chesapeake and Chesapeake Bay Program seek greater input and inclusion of diverse communities in the decisions we make to impact the health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Help us foster relationships and make formal agreements with Minority Serving Institutions in our region in order to build a pipeline of talent well-prepared to be the next generation of environmental stewards.

Apply here: <https://rock.geosociety.org/eo/viewJob.asp?jobID=3007>

Park Communications and Community Outreach Intern (Latino Heritage Program, Summer)

NPS Chesapeake seeks a DHA Resource Assistant to better engage Hispanic and Latino audiences as potential park stewards. Spanish speakers encouraged to apply. Apply here: <https://latinoheritageintern.org/job/communications-and-outreach-assistant/>

10) 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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