

Greetings!

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1) SIGMA TAU DELTA INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS AND OFFICERS



The Nu Nu Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, inducted six new members last week: **Imani Alleyne, Angela James, Ruth Popoola, Morgan Powell, and Deja Butler**. The organization swore in four new officers: **President Imani Alleyne, Vice President Edwin Julien, Secretary Deja Butler, and Treasurer Morgan Powell**.

Congratulations!

2) SENIOR SYMPOSIUM: MAY 1, 2 & 3

Please come support students as they present their Senior Seminar papers during our annual Symposium. The presentations are open to the public and will take place in MLK 253.

Tuesday, May 1

3:00 pm **Iceiss Johnson**, Language & Literature Track
"Poe and Pretty Women: Studying the Correlation between Edgar Allan Poe's Relationships with Women and His Depictions of Women in His Works"

- 3:30 pm **Ravven Evans**, Creative Writing Track
“Madonna!: An Examination of *Like A Prayer* as a Post-Modern Masterpiece”
- 4:00 pm **Leanna Watts**, Creative Writing Track
“Mad Men Gone Wild: Psychological Issues in Edgar Allan Poe’s Short Stories”
- 4:30 pm **Rudolph “Rico” Saunders**, Language & Literature Track
“The Wild Fox of Zen: Practice vs. Pretense - A Look at the Merit (Or Lack Thereof) of the Departures from Traditional Buddhism”
- 5:30 pm **Rhonda Brown**, Secondary Education Track
“Homophobia in the Black Church as Revealed Through Langston Hughes’s ‘Blessed Assurance’”
- 6:00 pm **BreJanae Mattocks**, Language & Literature Track
“The Fight for Wakanda: Postcolonialism and Afrofuturism in Black Panther”

Wednesday, May 2

- 12:00 pm **Imani Alleyne**, Secondary Education Track
“‘Keep This on the Hush’: Banned Books and Society's Attempts to Restrict Knowledge”
- 12:30 pm **Nanel Denton**, Language & Literature Track
“*Death in Venice*: The Conversion of Beauty”
- 3:30 pm **Jessica McLain**, Secondary Education Track
“The Rose that Grew from the Misogynistic Disease: Rappers’ Delight in Tupac’s Works”

Thursday, May 3

- 4:30 pm **Funmi Adenugba**, Language & Literature Track
“*Hairspray*'s White Saviors: Up, Up and Straight into Systemic Racism”
- 5:00 pm **Lakiyah Johnson**, Language & Literature Track
“Hip-Hop: The Soundtrack of a Movement”
- 5:30 pm **Grant Collins**, Secondary Education Track
“Stars Wars Episode 8: Entwined in Post-Modernism”
- 6:00 pm **Morgan Powell**, Secondary Education Track
“‘Mischief Managed’: The Evolution of Harry Potter as the Archetypal Hero”

3) SWEDISH EMBASSY TWEET



Embassy of Sweden US @Swe... · 3h
Presenting Swedish music and #innovation @BowieState University today. Always fun to answer questions about Swedish companies, like #Spotify #HM, and hip-hop artists from such a curious student group. Thanks for having us!



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The Swedish Embassy Tweeted a photo of **Dr. Horacio Sierra's** ENGL 253: Studies in Popular Music class after its Head of Public Diplomacy, Monica Enqvist, gave a lecture about Swedish contributions to popular music and technology.

4) NEW RESEARCH ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITY



COLLEGE OF
EDUCATION
CENTER FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION AND INTERVENTION

Seneca Building
4716 Pontiac St.
College Park, MD 20740
(301) 405-5210

Undergraduate Research Assistant Position

The Prevention and Early Adversity Research Lab (PEARL) has positions available for undergraduate research assistants (RAs) (current undergraduate students), who are interested in studying young children for this summer. The RA position is related to an evaluation of the Baltimore Public Schools Pre-Kindergarten program. This project will require assessments and interviews in families' homes.

The RAs' major role will be to collect a variety of child and family data in families' homes, including developmental, language, and academic assessments, and parent-child interaction videotapes. Additional duties include entering, coding, managing, and analyzing data, writing sections of reports, reviewing relevant literature, and contributing to presentations and manuscripts, as well as other assigned tasks.

Experience working with children and families is preferred, but not essential. Excellent interpersonal, collaborative, and organizational skills are required. Comfort going into low-income, minority neighborhoods and families' homes is essential.

For best consideration, please send a resume, unofficial transcript, and summer schedule to Rebecca Watkins at rudofia@terpmail.umd.edu by **May 21st**. Please type in the Subject line, "Summer RA Position" when submitting materials.

5) DIVERSITY TIE-DYE EVENT – MAY 4

Raices, BSU's Hispanic student organization, is hosting a Diversity Tie-Day event.



6) JOB OPPORTUNITY: WRITING CENTER CONSULTANT



The Writing Center is looking for qualified candidates to become writing consultants in Fall 2018. Are you a strong reader and writer? Do you enjoy helping others? Can you express ideas clearly and confidently?

If you answered yes and are an undergraduate student who will have completed English 102 by Fall 2018, then the Writing Center may be looking for you. Email **Prof. Abdur-Rahman** at sabdurrahman@bowiestate.edu to request information about applying for a position. Please include your year, your major, and some detail about your interest in working at the Writing Center.

7) SCHOLARSHIP OPPORUNITY: USM WOMEN'S FORUM SCHOLARSHIPS



The Women's Forum recognizes and celebrates the achievements of students, faculty and staff from across the system through award and scholarship programs. All awards and scholarships are open to any person regardless of sex, race, color, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status or disability. The award is open to both men and women. Application materials must be received by June 30th for consideration.

The USM Women's Forum Student Scholarship (scholarships are \$500/student recipient) is open to all students attending a USM institution. In order to be eligible for the award, you must have earned a total of 48 undergraduate OR 9 graduate credits, have a minimum GPA of 3.0, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and have demonstrated financial need.

Apply here: <http://usmwf.usmd.edu/awards-and-scholarships.html>

8) FALL 2018 COURSES & REGISTRATION

Make an appointment to meet with your Academic Adviser ASAP so you can register for the Fall 2018 semester. The following is a list of some of next semester's ENGL courses.

ENGL 210: Intro to English Grammar T/R 12:30
ENGL 211: Literatures of the World T 4:55
ENGL 236: Intro to Literature T/R 12:30
ENGL 250: Intro to Film T/R 9:30
ENGL 254: Queer Cultural Studies T/R 11:00
ENGL 256: Intro to Creative Writin T/R 9:30
ENGL 301: British Lit I M 4:55
ENGL 316: American Lit I W 4:55
ENGL 324: African-American Lit I R 4:55
ENGL 345: Intro to Linguistics T/R 2:00
ENGL 357: Creative Writing III: Fiction MWF 10:00
ENGL 361: Tech & Report Writing Multiple Sections
ENGL 370: Caribbean Literature MWF 1:00
ENGL 439: Seminar in Cultural Studies MWF 11:00
ENGL 455: Advanced Creative Writing I T/R 2:00

9) GRADUATION CELEBRATION: MAY 11

Save the date for our annual Department of English & Modern Languages Graduation Celebration on May 11, 12:00, when we celebrate students graduating with their Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Lunch will be served.

Newsletters are archived on the following page for easy reference: <https://www.bowiestate.edu/academics-research/colleges/college-arts-sciences/departments/english-and-modern-languages/newsletter-2/>

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