

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

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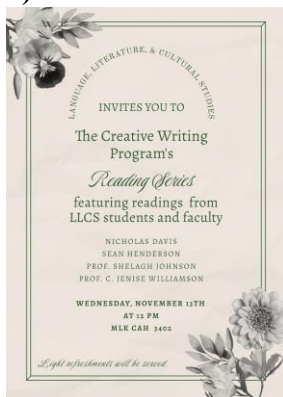
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1) ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS



DaShae Willis, who earned her BA in English from BSU in 2018, earned a Master's in Education Policy and Leadership from American University in 2023 and currently serves as the Program Associate for the Office of the Ombudsman for Public Education, housed within the D.C. State Board of Education. In this role, DaShae monitors and analyzes legislative developments, oversees case tracking, manages community engagement, and coordinates outreach efforts to strengthen communication between families and schools. Driven by a commitment to equity and access, DaShae leverages expertise in education policy to advocate for impactful change in the D.C. education system.

2) CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM READING SERIES EVENT



3) ALPHA CHI HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Annual Induction Ceremony of the Maryland Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Chi Honor Society will be held on December 4 at 2:00 pm in the Beacon Room (CNSMN 1230). The ceremony's theme is "Celebrating Service, Empowering the Future." If you are interested in becoming a member, contact Professor Angela Burrus at aburrus@bowiestate.edu

4) SPRING 2025 COURSES

Meet with your Academic Advisor ASAP so you can register for your Spring 2025 courses.

ENGL 210: Intro to English Grammar - T/R 11:00 - Dr. Basena
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ENGL 211: Literatures of the World - Online Asynchronous - 2nd Seven Weeks - Dr. Sierra
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ENGL 212: African American Literary Imagination - T/R 11:00 - Dr. Love
ENGL 256: Intro to Creative Writing - T/R 11:00 - Prof. Williamson
ENGL 261: Gender, Culture, & Identity - T/R 11:00 Hybrid - Dr. Uddin
ENGL 302: British Literature II - MWF 11:00 - Dr. Kaloustian
ENGL 317: American Literature II - T/R 3:30 - Prof. Johnson
ENGL 325: African American Literature II - T/R 9:30 - Dr. Love
ENGL 333: Graphic Novels - MWF 10:00 - Hybrid 1st Seven Weeks - Dr. Sierra
ENGL 337: Literature for Adolescents - W 5:30 - Dr. Gross
ENGL 357: Creative Writing III: Fiction - T/R 2:00 - Prof. Williamson
ENGL 358: Creative Writing III: Poetry - MWF 11:00
ENGL 380: Identity & Social Media - MWF 12:00 - Dr. Uddin
ENGL 408: Shakespeare & Film - MW 12:00 Hybrid - Dr. Sierra
ENGL 437: History of Literary Criticism and Theory - M 5:30 - Dr. Kaloustian
ENGL 438: Seminar for Majors and Minors - T/R 2:00 - Dr. Kaloustian
ENGL 445: Advanced Grammar - T 5:30 - Dr. Basena
ENGL 455: Advanced Creative Writing I - T 5:30 - Dr. Love
JAPN 101: Intro to Japanese Language & Culture I – MWF 12:00 – Prof. Seat
JAPN102: Intro to Japanese Language & Culture II – MWF 1:00 – Prof. Seat

5) FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS



Applications are **now being accepted** for the Library of Congress [2025 Junior Fellows Program](#) (JFP). This **paid, full-time summer internship** enables the next generation of *diverse cultural institution professionals* to experience and interpret the collections, events, and services of the world's largest library. We invite undergraduate and graduate students as well as recent graduates from **a variety of majors** to apply for **remote or onsite** JFP internships. The deadline to apply is November 18th.

Topics for this year's projects touch on history, journalism, music, maps, AI, and literature, as well as dive into a range of collection items from the Cold War era, rare Chinese books, cartographic items, Black press publications, Universal Music collections, and SO MUCH MORE!

We have **two virtual information sessions** available in the coming weeks during which attendees can learn about JFP Internship details and get tips on applying. [Registration is required](#) and the links to each session are below. 2025 project descriptions and FAQs are available [online](#). **Please help us spread the word to students and colleagues.** We would be excited to have applicants from your university well-represented.

Register for a Live Information Session:

[Thursday, November 14, 2024: 6:00 pm \(ET\)](#)

6) FUTURE OF BLACK DIGITAL HUMANITIES CONFERENCE



The Black Literature Network is excited to announce the [Futures of Black Digital Humanities Conference](#) happening on November 18-19, 2024, at the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC.

[The Black Literature Network](#) is a digital platform that uses data-driven methods to enhance public access to Black literary scholarship, offering resources like data visualizations and scholarly tools focused on African American literature.

The Black Literature Network also features a [Novel Recommender Resource](#), using a dataset of over 1,200 novels by Black writers. It helps users discover novels based on detailed metadata like themes, genres, geographic settings, and reading levels, offering an accessible way to explore a diverse range of Black literary works.

The Futures of Black Digital Humanities Conference is a two-day event celebrating the launch of the Mellon-funded Black Literature Network and features a range of keynote speakers, presentations, and panel discussions exploring the intersection of Black literary studies and digital tools. Sponsored in part by the Robert F. Smith Center for the Digitization and Curation of African American History, the conference will highlight the future possibilities of Black Digital Humanities.

We encourage professors to share this opportunity with their students, as it offers an excellent chance to deepen their understanding of Black Digital Humanities. Consider offering extra credit for attendance to further engage them in this enriching experience.

7) CREATIVE WRITING OPPORTUNITY: *THE TORCH*

The Torch is BSU's official creative writing journal, *The Torch*, welcome submissions for its Fall 2024 issue.

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.**

Email Dr. Kim Evelyn for more information: kevelyn@bowiestate.edu

To learn more about Membership Benefits, please click here:

<http://english.org/members/benefits.shtml>