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

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1) STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



We offer a hearty congratulations to the following English Majors for earning a spot on the Fall 2022 Dean's List Career. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, a student's GPA must be 3.5 or higher for the semester.

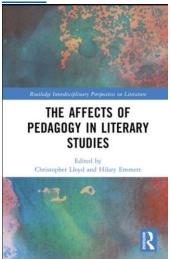
Xavier Ashton-Adderley
Misa Gould-Mooring
Danaja Lee
Racquel Lee
Jonathan Lopez
Jordan Marr
Shaniya Mason
Jessica Myles
Erin Pearson
Alisdair Wooddell
Bryanna Hurst
Mahogany Johnson
Emmanuel Omole

2) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The University System of Maryland's Board of Regents has selected Dr. Monifa Love as a recipient of the 2023 USM Regents Faculty Award for Excellence in Creative Activity. This award is the highest honor that the Board bestows to recognize exemplary faculty achievement. Competing among the

University System of Maryland's 12 universities and tens of thousands of faculty members, Dr. Love is only the fifth BSU professor to win a USM BOR award since 2009.

Dr. Kim Evelyn's chapter "'I'm so happy right now!': Inviting Joy and Excitement into the Literature and Cultural Studies Classroom," in <u>The Affects of Pedagogy in Literary Studies</u> was officially published by Routledge as of March 7 and a virtual book launch with flash talks by the chapter authors will be held on Zoom at noon on March 24. Members of the department are invited to join and may <u>register</u> online.



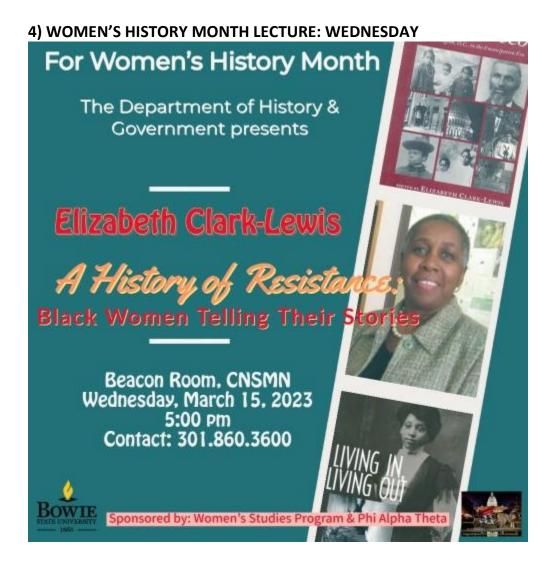
On March 8, **Dr. Kim Evelyn** participated in an International Women's Day forum hosted by Dr. Keadrick Peters, Coordinator of BSU's Office of Multicultural Programs and Services, and moderated by Dr. Howard University Social Justice Fellow Dr. Anjerrika Bean. Panelists discussed global women's rights issues, women's diverse experiences, and the future of gender equity.



3) PEACE CORPS VISIT



Students in **Dr. Horacio Sierra's** ENGL 333: Graphic Novels class spoke with two Peace Corps alumni, Nyassa Kollie and Nicole Bannister, to discuss opportunities available to them with Peace Corps after graduation.



5) CREATIVE WRITING OPPORTUNITY: CONCEPT MOON



We plan to release two themed creative issues a year. Our submission periods are March 15th to May 15th and August 15th to October 15th. Our first issue will be unthemed so that we can see what kind of projects you're working on. Issues will be released on June 15th and November 15th. Submissions for our online editorial blog are accepted year round.

After reviewing our guidelines, submit your work by emailing editorials@conceptmoon.com. All submissions will be reviewed and writers/artists will be notified about their submission prior to the release of the next themed issue.

Not only are we looking for pieces that seek to say something profound, we believe in genre bending work, writing that makes us question our existence and, of course, the fantastical, magical, speculative, strange and surreal. We believe in writing that is beautiful just for the sake of being beautiful, but we also love narrative and character driven writing. We aren't big fans of pieces that focus on suffering, though we do like pieces that discuss the intricacies of hardship and the aftermath of suffering. More than anything, we like good stuff. Got something good? Submit it.

Please send one creative submission for each themed issue. In terms of writing submissions, you may send 3 to 5 poems, a piece of fiction, or a piece of non-fiction prose up to 7500 words. We also accept submissions including, but not limited to the following categories: Artwork, Videos, Characters designs and assets, Storyboards, Scripts. Please ensure submissions can be published on a digital platform.

We are also looking for articles of 500-1500 words that discuss Black comics, novels, film, television and music, including (but not limited to) reviews and analysis. Posts should contain punchy and opinionated writing that takes a particular stance and backs up that stance with evidence. How is the work being discussed indicative of current trends? How will it impact pop culture at large? Why is it worthy of discussion? Says who? We like research over here. Editorial submissions may be longer than 1500 words, but each word should be important.

Questions/Contact Us: editorials@conceptmoon.com, https://conceptmoon.com,

6) HOWARD UNIVERSITY PRE-PHD PROGRAM



Howard University's Pre-PhD Summer Enrichment Program (PPSEP) is designed to stimulate interest among African American and minority undergraduate students, in careers available to PhD holders in the humanities and social sciences. Through substantive course work, experiential learning activities, and professional development trainings, we develop and enhance the academic and professional skills necessary for success in graduate study of the humanities or social sciences. This year, we will host up to 16 talented students from HBCUs across the nation on the main campus of Howard University from Friday, May 19, 2023 through Saturday, June 17, 2023. By the end of the four-week intensive program, PPSEP participants will produce the components of a competitive application to graduate school.

Although our target audiences are 2023 graduates and rising seniors, we will also entertain applications from exceptional rising juniors. Students must have interest in the following fields of study: English, History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology. Students must be available to live on the campus of Howard University for the entire duration of the program. Howard University will cover costs of students' coursework, housing, transportation in Washington, D.C., and food. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from Washington, DC. However, limited funds may be available to assist students with extenuating circumstances. Upon successful completion of PPSEP, each student may receive a stipend of up to \$2,400.

We will admit students on a rolling basis until the cohort is filled, but we will start reviewing applications on Friday, March 10, 2023, here: https://forms.gle/2EwgHp69H1EZFHL59. For more detailed information, please see the attached call for undergraduate students, flyer, and tri-f old. For further questions, you may also email me—Dr. Keneshia Grant, the program director—at Keneshia.Grant@Howard.edu or program staff at PPSEP@Howard.edu.

7) CAREER FAIR: APRIL 5



Wednesday, April 5, 2023 1:00–400 p.m. Leonidas S. James Physical Education Complex

All majors and degree programs are welcome!

FREE REGISTRATION AT EVENT

Business attire is required.



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.

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