

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

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1) ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Iceiss Johnson (BA English) is now an English teacher at Drew Freeman Middle School in Prince George's County.

2) ENGLISH MAJORS BREAKFAST: OCTOBER 9

Join your fellow English Majors and Minors on Wednesday, October 9, 9:30-10:30 am, for a breakfast in the LLCS Conference Room, MLK 3320.

3) CREATIVE WRITING OPPORTUNITY: *THE TORCH*

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



4) VERMONT STUDIO CENTER FELLOWSHIPS



Vermont Studio Center is now accepting applications for 2025 residencies. VSC welcomes visual artists and writers for 2-, 3- and 4-week residencies to an inclusive, international community, honoring creative work as the communication of spirit through form. Located in the Green Mountains of Vermont, VSC provides private lodging, studios, fresh meals, and a vibrant visiting artists and writers program.

Explore fellowship offerings and apply today for a 2025 residency. For more information visit www.vermontstudiocenter.com/fellowships - email info@vermontstudiocenter.com - or call 800-689-1727

2025 Fellowship Opportunities at Vermont Studio Center

Visual Artists

Cloves Family Foundation
Supports exceptional BIPOC artists living in Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine or Indianapolis.

Harpe Foundation Native American Fellowship
Supports exceptional US based Native American visual artists. This award includes a \$500 travel stipend.

Wingate Charitable Foundation Fellowship
Supports visual artists working in traditional craft media with financial need.

Writers

Civil Society Institute Fellowship
Supports a US writer of color with demonstrable financial need. The award includes a \$500 travel stipend.

Harpe Foundation Native American Fellowship
Supports exceptional US based Native American writers. This award includes a \$500 travel stipend.

Voices Rising Fellowship

Supports Black American women fiction writers with demonstrable financial need. Given in honor of women writers of color such as Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, and Zora Neale Hurston, whose voices have inspired so many. Each award includes a \$2,000 stipend.

5) BSU SCREENING OF *PIECE BY PIECE*



BSU will host a free preview screening of Pharrell Williams's *Piece by Piece* on Thursday, October 10, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12. Tickets are limited to two per BSU student, faculty, or staff member. Tickets can be reserved here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bowie-state-university-screening-of-piece-by-piece-tickets-1033575109977>

6) PLAYWRIGHT OPPORTUNITY AT KENNEDY CENTER



Playwrights! Please submit your original ten-minute, one act, and full lengths plays to this year's Kennedy Center Festival! BSU Theatre has been fortunate to have a number of playwrights invited to our region and national festivals in the last few years. The submission portal should open soon. Please see Professor Bartlett should you have any questions about the submission process.

Plays are accepted in the following categories:

10-Minute Plays: A play 10-pages or fewer in length (12-point font).

One-Act Plays: A play more than 10 pages in length with a running time less than one hour.

Full-Length Plays: A play more than one hour in length.

10-Minute and one-act play scripts for Festival consideration may be submitted to Region 2 by **November 1, 2024**. For submission guidelines refer to the Kennedy Center ACTF's national website at www.kcactf.org and click on Kanin Playwriting. **Full-length play scripts** may be submitted to Region 2 by **December 1, 2024**.

Click here for more information: <https://kcactf2.org/2023-npp/>

7) SIGMA TAU DELTA HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH POETRY WRITING CHALLENGE

Sigma Tau Delta is thrilled to partner with the [League of United Latin American Citizens](http://www.lulac.org) (LULAC) for a dynamic Poetry Writing Challenge in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month 2024.

Join us as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by embracing Diaz's profound exploration of heritage, identity, and human experience. Let your voice be heard through poetry, honoring the spirit of creativity and

cultural expression. Together, we're shaping a narrative that echoes the vibrancy and resilience of Hispanic communities and cultural identities across the nation and beyond.

Click here for more information: <https://www.english.org/events/commonreader/hispanicheritagemonth.shtml>

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>