

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

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## 1) LLCS MEETING

The Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies will hold a virtual meeting next month so that undergraduates Majoring and Minorng in the department can speak with professors and learn more about the department. We will discuss graduation requirements, Spring 2021 offerings, and answer any questions you might have about the department and how we can help you graduate on time and prepare for graduate school or the job market.

Please fill out this Doodle Poll so we know when the best day to schedule the meeting: <https://doodle.com/poll/byyaqrmkav8isbxd>

## 2) ELECTION WEEK – VOTE NOW!



**By Chisom Agbara (BA, Language & Literature Major)**

As we all know, Election Day (Tuesday, November 3) is coming up fast and there is a lot at stake for us as a country. No one individual is going to make our personal problems go away, but we have *the power and the right* to choose which administration will move this country in a positive direction. We have chanted “Black Lives Mattes,” we have protested police brutality, we have fought against race-based discrimination, we have mourned more than 223,000 Americans dying from COVID-19, and now it is time to VOTE!

Early Voting in Maryland begins today! Early voting sites are open 7am-8pm through November 2. If you requested an absentee ballot and haven't mailed it in yet, you can drop them off at secure ballot boxes at early voting sites throughout the state. Thank you!

Prince George's County Early Voting and Election Day Voting Sites:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1694/Early-Voting-Election-Day-Vote-Centers>

Prince George's County Absentee Ballot Drop Off Sites:

<https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/31910/PGC-2020-PRES-GEN-Drop-off-Locations->

Montgomery County Early Voting

Sites: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/EarlyVoting/index.html>

All Maryland Early Voting Sites:

<https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/2020%20Early%20Voting%20Centers.pdf>

### 3) GUEST LECTURE: ADVOCATING & LEGISLATING FOR CHANGE TOMORROW - OCTOBER 27

**Queer Cultural Studies Guest Lecture Event:  
Advocating & Legislating For Change**



**Julio Fonseca**  
AIDS United  
Senior Program Manager



**Mary Washington**  
Maryland State Senator  
District 43 (Baltimore City)

**October 27, 11:00-12:20**

Moderated by Dr. Horacio Sierra, [hsierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu)

<https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/98970943479>



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**Guest Lecturer  
Carmen Pelaez  
Director, Actor, Playwright**

- Consultant, Netflix's "One Day at a Time"
- Winner, HBO International Latino Film Festival Short Film Competition for "The Acting Lesson"
- Writer & Actor, One-Woman Show "Rum & Coke"
- Political Consultant, President Obama's Cuba policy
- Essayist, New York Times, Billboard, Huffington Post

October 27, 5:00-6:00 pm  
Zoom Link: <https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/91286481858>  
Dr. Horacio Sierra, [hsierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu)

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#### 5) BSU TEN-MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL

*The Eighth Annual Ten-Minute Play Festival*



BSU Theatre's Eighth Annual Ten-Minute Play Festival  
Submission Deadline: December 1 at 11:59 PM  
EMAIL YOUR TEN-MINUTE PLAY TO:  
Professor Bartlett ([hbartlett@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hbartlett@bowiestate.edu))

Plays must be properly formatted and ten pages or fewer in a 12-point font.  
Submit two copies, one with your name and one without.  
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Plays will be selected by a committee of students and faculty who will read submissions blindly.

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## 6) JOB OPPORTUNITY: DICTIONARY.COM TUTORS



Dictionary.com is looking to hire 300 tutors by mid-December. They are looking for ungraduated/graduate students that have a passion for writing, reading, and/or math. Tutors are required to work a minimum of 5 hours per week and a maximum of 19 hours per week. \$20 an hour. Students can create their own schedule.

Please go here to learn more and to apply: <http://adtrk.tw/tp/rj6-Y8AJ.y-K>

## 7) MARYLAND CIVIL RIGHTS & THE HUMANITIES

The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights is developing a program to educate scholars in the Humanities on Civil Rights Laws and Enforcement in the State of Maryland. They are going to offer a free virtual program to select students enrolled at Historically Black Colleges and Universities wherein they can learn more about the aforementioned protections as well as career paths in anti-discrimination compliance and enforcement. This would be a three-day virtual course/forum. There will be more information forthcoming on this initiative, but if you would like to reach out to the Director of the Program now, here is her contact information:

**Kara Hunt, Ph.D. - Maryland Commission on Civil Rights -**  
[kara.hunt1@maryland.gov](mailto:kara.hunt1@maryland.gov)

## 8) CARIBBEAN WORD OF THE WEEK



Each week Dr. Kim Evelyn's ENGL 326: Literature of the Caribbean class brings us a Caribbean word and describes where and how it's used. This week's word is brought to us by English major **Marqui Williams**

Word: baba (Jamaica)

Pronunciation: ba•ba

Definition: respectful term used when addressing a father; a respectful title used before the name of an older male

Example: The ceremony for Baba Raymond was underway.

## 9) SIGMA TAU DELTA



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](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu)

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