

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

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1) STUDENT EVENT: CONVERSATIONS IN AFRICAN/BLACK IDENTITY

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/University of Maryland African
American Studies Department Undergraduate Student Forum
“Student Perspectives: Conversations in African/Black Identity”
Virtual Event
Thursday, October 1, 2020
3:00-4:30pm**

Featured Panelists:



Alyssa Hawkins
St. Mary's College of
Maryland



**Fehintola Elizabeth
Bright-Awonuga**
University of Maryland,
Baltimore County



Bishop Lawton
Howard University

How are nationality and the specifics of distinctly diverse ethnicities and gender formations reshaping the framing of identity among first- and second-generation African immigrants and in their relationships with native-born U.S. African American populations in the 21st century?

Each student will offer a ten-minute presentation on the seminar themes informed by coursework, research, and campus involvement.

RSVP and register for Zoom link at: <https://tinyurl.com/diasporapanel>

2) GUEST LECTURER EVENT: ADVOCATING AND LEGISLATING FOR CHANGE

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

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



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

3) CARIBBEAN WORD OF THE WEEK



Each week Dr. Kim Evelyn's ENGL 326: Literature of the Caribbean class brings you a Caribbean word and describes where and how it's used.

Mamaguy (Guyana, Grenada, Trinidad)

Pronounced: mama-guy

Definitions: to trick or deceive, especially with flattery

Variations: mamagai, mamaguey

Examples:

Da man jus mamaguyin he boss, but look an see how e go get far.

That man is just flattering his boss, but look and see how he gets ahead.

4) REGISTER TO VOTE



The deadline to register online to vote for the November 3 Presidential Election is October 13 in Maryland. Register to vote in Maryland: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1>

Request a mail-in ballot in Maryland: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/onlinemailinrequest/InstructionsStep1>

Register to vote in Maryland and in other states: vote.org

You can still register at the polls on election day with proper ID.

5) FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY: BLUE STATE

The Blue State fellowship is a 6-month intensive training program. You'll learn the skills, mentorship and hands-on client experiences to pursue a career at a creative agency or nonprofit, on a political campaign, or to join Blue State's staff as an associate employee.

As a fellow, you'll develop expertise in a primary and a secondary focus area. This fellowship offers a primary focus in Strategic Communications, but you will also be able to pursue a complimentary secondary focus.

You will work with an inspiring mix of clients from advocacy groups to cultural institutions to big brands.

As a Strategic Communications Fellow, you will:

- Help build and maintain strategically sound press lists and assist with outreach
- Write and edit media and client facing documents such as advisories, press releases, fact sheets, talking points, and best practice memos
- Help the associate develop and advance the communications strategy for multiple high-profile client accounts
- Develop relationships with media contacts and community leaders

To learn more and apply click here: https://www.bluestate.co/careers/job/?gh_jid=2332686

6) HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CONTESTS

8th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month



1. What is the name of the Afro-Cuban religion that mixes beliefs and customs of the Yoruba people with elements of Catholicism?
2. In 1922, Adelina Otero was the first Hispanic woman to run for U.S. Congress. From which state was Otero?
3. Mangú (boiled plantains mashed with butter and topped with sautéed red onions) is a traditional dish in which Caribbean country?
4. Africa has three Spanish-speaking regions. Name the two Spanish city-states and one independent country that use Spanish as their official language.
5. ¿Qué autor dominicano-estadounidense ganó el premio Pulitzer de ficción por la novela *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*?

Submit answers to hsierra@bowiestate.edu by October 15.

1st Place: \$50 gift card for the BSU Bookstore

2nd Place: \$25 gift card for the BSU Bookstore.



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 **Hispanic Heritage Month**
Writing Contest 

Academic

Write an essay that focuses on themes/issues related to Hispanic culture. Essays can be expository, argumentative, and/or research-oriented and can come from any discipline.

Entries in English or Español are welcome.

First Place: \$50 BSU Bookstore gift card

Second Place: \$25 BSU Bookstore gift card

Creative

Write a poem, short story, script, graphic novel, or creative non-fiction piece that features Hispanic themes, issues, or characters.

Entries in English or Español are welcome.

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Email entries to Dr. Horacio Sierra at hsierra@bowiestate.edu by October 15.



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7) SIGMA TAU DELTA



Sigma Tau Delta is always looking to welcome 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 \$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

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Peace,

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