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1) STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



An article coauthored by English majors **Shayla Herrón, Mohamed Jalloh, Sayeeda Jordan, Nadja Logan,** and **Marqui Williams**, with **Dr. Kim Evelyn** serving as editor, has been accepted and will be published in the journal *The Caribbean Writer*. The article, titled "The Past and the Poetics: A Conversation Honoring Kamau Brathwaite's Legacy," was written for ENGL 326 Literature of the Caribbean and will appear in volume 35 of the journal in April 2021, a special issue honoring poet Kamau Brathwaite.

2) ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Briyana Mitchell, who graduated from BSU in 2017 with an English degree specializing in Creative Writing, recently earned a Master of Arts degree in Professional Writing at the University of New Orleans. She is working as an 8th Grade Reading and English Language Arts Teacher at College Park Academy Public Charter School.

3) CAREER CONVERSATIONS SERIES - WEDNESDAY

Dr. Horacio Sierra's ENGL 483: Senior Seminar is hosting a "Career Conversations" series wherein students meet with young professionals to discuss how they can use their college degree to launch a successful career. Come learn how these professionals used the skills they acquired in college to find meaning, purpose, and financial security at work and in their personal lives.

Recurring Zoom Link: https://bowiestate.zoom.us/j/4090540458



March 3, 5:00

Teddy Goff is Co-Founder of Precision Strategies, overseeing digital strategy and execution for clients such as Planned Parenthood, March for Our Lives, ACLU, General Electric, and Gilead Pharmaceuticals. As the Digital Director for President Obama's 2012 campaign, Teddy managed the 250-person nationwide team responsible for the campaign's social media, email, web, online advertising, online organizing, front-end and product development, design, and video presences. He majored in English and Political Science at Yale University.

4) NEW PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: AFRICA PROGRAM



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Africa Program Description

Within the broader Wilson Center mission, the Africa Program works to address the most critical issues confronting Africa, enhance knowledge and understanding about Africa, and build stronger, more mutually beneficial U.S.-Africa policy and relations.

The Africa Program centers its work on four programmatic pillars:

- Good Governance and Leadership
- Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding, and Security
- Trade, Investment, and Sustainable Development
- Africa's Evolving Role in the Global Arena

Internship Description

The Africa Program Capacity Building Internship Program targets the development and professional skills of emerging Africanists. It does so by bringing a diverse group of qualified students with an interest in, coursework related to, or experience working on Africa-related issues and policy to support the mission and work of the Africa Program while exposing them to practical experience and professional development opportunities in an environment that mixes public policy and research.

This 12-week paid internship is generously funded by Mr. Earl W. Stafford and is funded at 20 hours per week. Interns will work directly with the Africa Program staff for 20 hours per week and assist with all aspects of the Africa program's day-to-day operations and programming.

Successful candidates should have:

- An academic background in Africa and Africa-related issues.
- Strong administrative, organizational, and research skills.
- Excellent writing skills. Copyediting and proofreading experience is a plus.
- Teamwork, attention to detail, initiative, good problem-solving skills, and an enthusiastic and responsible approach to unsupervised work.
- Ability to multi-task and adapt to changing tasks and schedules is desirable.

Software skills including Adobe Creative Suite (particularly Adobe InDesign and Lightroom), WordPress, Drupal, Google Analytics, Microsoft Outlook, Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter are desirable.
Media production skills, including photography; photo, video, and audio editing; or graphic or page design are a plus.

• Students who are currently enrolled in B.A. and M.A. programs are eligible to apply. However, preference will be given to students enrolled in B.A. programs.

Internship Dates:

Spring internships from January/February to May Summer internships from May/June to August Fall internships from September to December

Application Deadlines and Procedures

Applications are due no later than 23:59 EST on the following days: Spring internships: October 18 Summer internships: March 18 Fall internships: June 17

Applications should contain a resume, cover letter, and completed application form (see below to download). The cover letter should address three points: what you hope to gain from your internship experience, what you would bring to the Africa Program, and what you hope to achieve during your time at the Africa Program. All materials should be sent by email to africa@wilsoncenter.org.

Please email Dr. Kaloustian for more information.

5) HOWARD UNIVERSITY PRE-PHD PROGRAM



PRE-PHD SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

OPEN TO RISING SENIORS AND 2021 GRADUATES IN:

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, ENGLISH, HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, PHILOSOPHY, & SOCIOLOGY

This FREE program covers the cost of instruction, Kaplan GRE Prep, housing, transportation, and food. Students receive a stipend upon successful completion of the program.

EMAIL PPSEP@HOWARD.EDU ONLINE APPLICATION: Click here

APPLICATION DEADLINE FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021

Click here for more

information: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3NH5mYnnbB_2dUCVOaX</u> <u>WH5QAmYIqErvtB-n1WKH2K-BaD_g/viewform</u>

6) BSU ENTREPENEURSHIP ACADEMY



Sprinkle: An Undergraduate Journal of Feminist and Queer Studies is accepting submissions for its 2021 publication (Volume 14). This year's submission deadline is April 1, 2021.

Sprinkle is a student-run, peer-reviewed journal published at Cal Poly to showcase the diverse voices of emerging scholar-activists, authors, and artists in feminist and queer studies and related fields of inquiry. Click here to learn more and submit your work: <u>https://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/sprinkle/callforsubmissions.html</u>

Thank you in advance for sharing this announcement widely with your students and colleagues!

8) 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: <u>http://english.org/members/benefits.shtml</u>

If you are interested in becoming a member, please e-mail hsierra@bowiestate.edu

Newsletters are archived here: <u>https://bowiestate.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-arts-and-sciences/departments/language-literature-and-cultural-studies/newsletter.php</u>

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