

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

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1) DEAN'S LIST



Congratulations to the following English Majors for earning a spot on the Fall 2020 Dean's List. Members of the Dean's List must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Zenobia Fenrick

Chisom Okeahilamagbara

Shayla Herron

Ceirra Dixon

Sayeed Jordan

Katier Morgan

Deidra Senessie

Gianni Vasquez-Lopez

Mahogany Johnson

Kenneth Cherry

Ahmari Carrigan

Detrick Jones

2) ANGELA JAMES – MA THESIS DEFENSE

Congratulations are in order for Angela James, who successfully defended her Master's Thesis last week!



The Department of Language, Literature, and Cultural Studies
invites you to
Angela James' Thesis Defense

*Reflections in the Transatlantic: A Multi-genre Approach to Teaching
Diasporic Literature—Part One, Emphasizing the African
in African American*

In partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Degree
Master of Arts in English

Examining Committee
Chair: Monifa Love, PhD
Hoke Glover III, MFA
Natalie King-Pedroso, PhD (Florida A&M University)



3) ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Da'Shae Willis, who graduated with a BA in English in 2018, is the Second Grade Lead Teacher at KIPP DC, a charter school organization committed to anti-racist and equitable education for children in the District of Columbia. Da'Shae's campus serves children in Ward 7 and it is ranked among the top five best elementary schools in the city. Da'Shae is also a Master of Educational Leadership and Policies Candidate at Howard University. As an active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Da'Shae still works with her sisters to serve the Prince George's County community through the Iota Gamma Omega Chapter.

4) 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. All BSU students are welcome to

join the conversation. 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 10, 5:00

Alexandra Zayas is an assistant managing editor at ProPublica, running a team of reporters and coordinating across the newsroom to enhance its special projects. Since joining ProPublica in 2017, she co-edited a [series](#) on the gang MS-13 that [won](#) the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing. She also edited [Unprotected](#), which delved into abuse at a renowned American charity in Liberia and sparked an international [reckoning](#); it was a finalist for a National Magazine Award. She worked at the Tampa Bay Times for 12 years, ultimately as the newspaper's enterprise editor. As a reporter, her investigation into [abuse at unlicensed religious children's homes](#) won the Selden Ring Award for Investigative Reporting and the Livingston Award for Young Journalists and was named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Reporting. She majored in Journalism and English at the University of Miami.

5) NEW JOB OPPORTUNITY: LITERACY LAB



The Literacy Lab is an AmeriCorps partner program supporting schools in the DMV. During their one-year service term, tutors receive training and support, a modest cost-of-living stipend, health insurance, and are eligible for SNAP and childcare benefits if they choose to opt-in. In the DMV, we serve the DC Metro Region, Baltimore, and Greater Richmond.

Students who are interested in education, non-profits, social justice, and/or taking a gap year might find our program to fit well into their post-graduate plans. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, but we encourage college students to take advantage of our online resources while they have some free time during their spring break.

- Check out the Literacy Lab website and apply to be a Literacy Lab tutor [here](#).
- You can hear from a Literacy Lab tutor [here](#) and from the students it serves [here](#).

6) TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY STEP PROGRAM

The [inaugural Summer Teachers of English Project](#) (STEP) at Texas Tech University is offering students an opportunity to earn a free Master's Degree in English and/or Technical Communication. Not only do students receive a free master's degree, but they will also receive a two-year graduate teaching assistantship which comes with a competitive stipend. Altogether, this amounts to more than an \$80,000 academic award.

Applications are due on April 2, 2012 by 5 p.m. You can apply by clicking here: [apply](#).

7) BSU INCUBATOR



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The
Entrepreneurship
Academy
Presents:

May 26th
July 30th

**THE
2021
SUMMER
LAUNCH
PROGRAM**

Sponsored by BSU's SURI & FREDDIE MAC

A 9 week incubator program, providing
BSU student entrepreneurs the skills,
resources, and connections they need to
develop their startups into viable
ventures

Application:
Deadline March 14th

Participants in the program each receive:
a stipend up to \$4500 (teams of 2-3 are required to apply).
Participants notified of acceptance by March 21.

TO APPLY: bowiestate.edu/entrepreneur

8) PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: AFRICA PROGRAM



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. Other experience related to Africa would be a plus.
- 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

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 or Dr. Sierra for more information.

9) 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: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3NH5mYnnbB_2dUCVOaXWH5QAmYIqErvtB-n1WKH2K-BaD_g/viewform

10) 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

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

Peace,
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