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## 1) ASHLEY SIMMONS MA THESIS DEFENSE – TOMORROW

You are invited  
to

### **A DEFENSE OF A MASTER'S THESIS**

**Queer Space in the Future:  
The Exploration of Queer Heterotopia in Samuel Delany's Science Fiction**

by  
Ashley Simmons

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

**Tuesday, April 10  
3:45 pm  
College of Business & Graduate School  
Graduate School Conference Room  
CBGS 1303**

**Examining Committee**  
Horacio Sierra, PhD – Chair  
David Kaloustian, PhD  
Monifa Love Asante, PhD

## 2) NEW JOB OPPORTUNITY: WRITING CENTER CONSULTANT



The Writing Center is looking for qualified candidates to become writing consultants in Fall 2018. Are you a strong reader and writer? Do you enjoy helping others? Can you express ideas clearly and confidently? If you

answered yes and are an undergraduate student who will have completed English 102 by Fall 2018, then the Writing Center may be looking for you.

Email Prof. Abdur-Rahman at [sabdurrahman@bowiestate.edu](mailto:sabdurrahman@bowiestate.edu) to request information about applying for a position. Please include your year, your major, and some detail about your interest in working at the Writing Center.

We look forward to hearing from you!

### 3) NEW JOB OPPORTUNITY: SCHOLAR PROGRAM COORDINATOR



Job Title: Scholar Program Coordinator  
Application Deadline: April 20, 2018  
Starting: June 2018

Founded in 2010, Generation Hope selects teen mothers and teen fathers who have displayed academic achievement and a desire to go to college to become Scholars in the Generation Hope Scholar Program. Teen parents are often dismissed by school officials and others when it comes to their potential to pursue higher education. Once accepted, Generation Hope provides each Scholar with three supports that we believe increase the likelihood that they will obtain their college degree; up to \$2,400 per year in tuition assistance, one-on-one mentoring, and crisis support. Additionally, Scholars receive an increased network of support from the extended family that the program provides to them and to their young children. This support stays with Scholars until they earn their two or four-year degree. To date we have provided more than \$400,000 in tuition assistance and celebrated 30 teen parents earning degrees through our program.

Position: The Program Coordinator works with the Director of Programming to support Generation Hope's Scholar Program and is responsible for case management and program coordination to ensure Generation Hope Scholars are participating in healthy mentoring relationships and are on track to graduation. The Program Coordinator is responsible for providing involved support to a caseload of 20 teen parents attending colleges across the D.C. metro area and assisting with the organization of program activities. Providing support for ongoing program activities, conducting research on possible community partners, assisting with program evaluation, and communicating program progress are all functions of this position. S/he also represents Generation Hope to nonprofit partners, students, donors and various other constituent groups. The Program Coordinator should have a solid track record in working with youth, provide outstanding customer service, be an enthusiastic professional, and be able to build relationships with internal and external customers.

Responsibilities: Case management • Support a caseload of 20 Generation Hope Scholars, providing case management including, but not limited to: o Academic planning o Assistance with navigating the college system, such as financial aid and transferring to a 4-year school o Making referrals for Scholars and assisting them in accessing government and community services o Providing emotional support • Supervise and support the mentoring relationships within caseload, including addressing areas of conflict or challenge among Scholars and their mentors (i.e. Sponsors) in a productive, sensitive way that maintains and improves the Scholar/Sponsor relationship • Maintain accurate program records through program database (as well as hard copy) to ensure thorough program evaluation • Work with the Director of Programming to select new Scholar class each year • Assist with organizing and planning various program events, such as field trips, social events, and trainings Other • Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending educational workshops; reviewing professional publications; establishing personal networks; participating in professional societies. • Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: • Bachelor's degree • At least 1 year experience working with youth • Experience with data entry • Excellent communication skills, including writing, proof reading skills, and speaking • Fantastic customer service ethic and high expectations for quality • Motivated and able to work independently as well as with a team. • Willingness to take initiative • Record-keeping, organization, and event planning skills • Willingness to adjust hours to accommodate the needs and schedules of Scholars • Access to a vehicle to get to sites around the D.C. metro area on a regular basis • Must be available for special events and training, which may occur on evenings and weekends • Demonstrated ability to multi-task, manage concurrent processes/projects, and focus on the small but important details in all projects while keeping the bigger picture in mind • Excellent office and computer skills. Proficiency in Microsoft Office is required. • Able to establish and maintain cooperative professional relationships with colleagues, donors, volunteers and the public • Personal qualities of honesty, credibility, and dedication to the mission and values of Generation Hope. • Experience facilitating or co-leading workshops/trainings a plus • Counseling and/or case management experience a plus • Bilingual (Spanish/English) a plus

To apply, please complete the online application. If this link does not work, you can access the application at: [https://Generation\\_Hope.formstack.com/forms/apply\\_now](https://Generation_Hope.formstack.com/forms/apply_now)

#### 4) INTERNSHIP OPPORUNITY: DONNA EDWARDS CAMPAIGN

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Students can earn credit for internships with our ENGL 383 course. Contact Dr. Sierra for more information.

## 5) DEPARTMENT SOCIAL – APRIL 24 (NEW DATE)

We will host an informal social for students majoring or minoring in the Department of English and Modern Languages on April 24 from 4:00 to 5:00 in MLK 253. Please come and welcome students who are considering studying in our department. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

## 6) SIGMA TAU DELTA – APRIL 24 INDUCTION CEREMONY



The annual Induction Ceremony will be held April 24 5:00-6:00 in MLK 253.

### 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. The fee must be paid in cash.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please e-mail [hsierra@bowiestate.edu](mailto:hsierra@bowiestate.edu)

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