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English News

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Department News

Professor Samuel Smith and Rebecca Buckham '05 (who is currently enrolled in the MA program in English at Villanova University) both presented papers at the 2007 Conference on John Milton on October 26 and 27 at Murfreesboro, TN, a national bi-annual conference attended by more than one hundred scholars. Samuel's essay, "The Son's Solitude in *Paradise Regained*," and Rebecca's essay, "Eve's Fall and the Rise of Technopoly: Milton's Prophetic Critique," were both well-received.

Professor Peter Powers sang the lead male role of Alfredo in Verdi's *La Traviata* in a Capital City Opera of Harrisburg production at William Penn High School, November 8, 9, 10, and 11.

Professor David Dzaka gave a Presidential Scholar's Lecture on October 25. He presented a paper on his intellectual hero, Ngugi wa Thiongo.

Professor Larry Lake presented his paper "Teaching Faithful Observers: Literary Nonfiction and the Journalism Student" to an international conference of journalism educators in the Netherlands on October 2-6. His paper was based largely on his teaching of literary nonfiction and memoir here at the college, and proposed training journalists in ethnographic observation skills. The conference was sponsored by CHE (Christelijke Hogeschool Ede) and attracted delegates from numerous countries including South Africa, Russia, and Hungary. Conference activities included a field trip to the headquarters of Evangelische Omroep, a large Christian radio and television network similar in quality

and funding to American public broadcasting. While at EO, Larry and other professors, including Mark Fackler of Calvin College, were consultants to a program director, offering suggestions for development of a new documentary series.

Professor Crystal Downing presented a paper on the film *The Queen* at the international meeting of the American Academy of Religion, held this year in San Diego. Also, two of her essays on film were published last month.

"Deconstructing Herbert: The *War of the Worlds* on Film" was published in *Literature / Film Quarterly*, and an essay on *Hollywoodland* called "The Lost Action Hero," was published in *The Cresset*.

The Writing Center is looking for a few new tutors for the spring semester. Interested students should contact David Dzaka (ddzaka@messiah.edu) by December 10 with an expository writing sample of no less than 5 double-spaced pages and the names of two professors who can attest to their excellent writing and interpersonal skills. Working at the Writing Center requires dedication and ongoing training. Applicants may be short-listed for an interview.

Mackenzie Martin '08 received a Murray Library Research Grant. She will visit Vassar College to study the poem manuscripts and travel journals of Elizabeth Bishop, focusing on how patience is exemplified in Bishop's revision practices and how Bishop translated her raw observations during travel into poetry.



Alumni News

Carmen McCain '99 published "The Heroism of Ordinary People: An Interview with Helon Habila" in the Abuja-based newspaper *Leadership* on November 19, 2007. Carmen wrote her MA thesis on Helon Habila's novel *Waiting for an Angel*.

Melissa Driver '07 was recently accepted to the University of Pittsburgh Law School.

Opportunities

The Cedarville Review is accepting submissions in fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and photography until December 5, 2007. Submit fiction and nonfiction of up to 4,000 words, up to five poems, or 3-5 photographs. For more detailed submission guidelines or to submit electronically, visit <http://www.cedarvillereview.com>.

Allegheny College is pleased to host a two-day conference on whiteness and racism titled "Examining Whiteness: An Academic Conference on White Privilege and Racism in America" on April 4-5, 2008. Keynote speakers will be Lucius Outlaw (Vanderbilt University), Shannon Sullivan (Pennsylvania State University), Charles Mills (Northwestern University), and Linda Martin Alcoff (Syracuse University). Undergraduate students are invited to present their own work either in the form of complete papers or as a part of panel discussions.

Detailed information about the conference can be found at <http://www.allegheny.edu/warehouse/redirect.php?id=1&id2=166>. Any questions or inquiries can be sent to Eric Boynton (eboynton@allegheny.edu).

Nominate undergraduate student writing for inclusion in The Norton Pocket Book of Writing by Students.

This volume will include a variety of genres, including but not necessarily limited to literacy narratives, textual and literary analyses, reports, arguments, reading responses, poetry, memoir and other forms of personal essays, profiles, and mixed-genre pieces. Any excellent writing done for an English class will be considered. The first round of submissions are due by January 15, 2008. You can send submissions as a Word attachment to mgoldthw@sju.edu with "Student Writing Submission" in the subject line of your email. Please also include the following information in the body of your email: name of student writer and contact information (email address, home address, and phone number); title of the submission; name of the school the student attends; the class for which the piece was written; instructor's name and contact information (email address, school address, and phone number); the assignment; and any other information about why you believe this submission is exemplary.

Shiny Media's U.S. fashion and beauty blogs www.shinystyle.tv and www.shinygloss.tv are looking for interns. Student bloggers would not

receive a stipend, however, students could blog on their own hours from home or campus. As added incentive, there would also be a chance of free beauty products to review. If students living in New York or Philadelphia are interested in the position, invitations to fashion events are also a possibility. If interested, contact Andrea Thatcher (andrea@shinymedia.com).

The Ralph Flamminio Memorial Scholarship, presented by The Pennsylvania Associated Press Managing Editors, offers \$3,000 for undergraduates interested in a career in print journalism. Applicants must be Pennsylvania residents and currently enrolled full-time at a four-year institution as well as have some journalistic experience (on-campus newspapers or professionally). To apply, send a cover letter describing your experience in print journalism, your interest in the field and what you might contribute to our craft as a journalist; something about yourself and your interests; a college transcript; up to five of your favorite (non-returnable) clips; and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or professional to Larry Holeva, PAPME Scholarship Committee:

C/O The Citizens' Voice
75 N. Washington St.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18711

The application deadline is April 15, 2008.

Submit your papers to the 23rd Annual National Undergraduate Literature Conference, which will be held at Weber State University, April 3-5, 2008. Geoffrey Wolff, Eleanor Wilner, and Bret Anthony Johnston will be featured speakers at the conference. Submission categories include papers on American, British, and world literature, as well as creative essays, fiction, poetry, and creative works in Spanish. Submit your paper or creative work at weber.edu/nulc by January 18, 2008.

The deadline to submit papers for the conference “C.S. Lewis, the Inklings, and the Call to Christian Community” has been extended. The conference will take place February 7-9, 2008 at Azusa Pacific University. Dr. Tom Shippey and Dr. Diana Glycer will speak. Papers are invited on topics relating to Lewis' life and work as well as the Inklings and their influence, the nature of Christian friendship or love, and the companionship and interaction between members of the Inklings. Abstracts of no more than 500 words should be e-mailed to Craig Boyd (caboyd@apu.edu) by December 15, 2007.

In addition to visiting Messiah's Career Center for Vocation and Development, take a look at the new books located on the shelves in Boyer 201 (the resource room). The new books include: *Careers in Journalism, I'm an English Major – Now What?, An Insider's Guide to Creative Writing Programs, Great Jobs for English Majors,*

Careers for Bookworms and Other Literary Types, Careers for Writers and Others Who Have a Way with Words, Make Money Reading Books, and The Creative Writing MFA Handbook. Feel free to curl up on a resource room couch, browse through these titles at your leisure, and take some time to think about your future.

English News



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Department News

Crystal Downing

has published several things since spring. On film: 1) on *Gone Baby Gone* for the Cresset 2) on depictions of the Amish in film, for a book published by John Hopkins University Press. She also published, with Sharon Baker, an essay surveying depictions of Noah's Ark throughout Christian history (for Books and Culture); and her work on *Wuthering Heights*, published in the 1990s, has been republished in a critical edition of Bronte's novel by Ignatious Press. This summer she gave six talks at the Cornerstone Festival, a yearly gathering in Illinois of 20,000 edgy Christians from around the world.

Samuel Smith and Rebecca Buckham '05 presented papers at the Ninth International Milton Symposium in London, England (July 7-11). More than 250 Milton scholars from all over the world were in attendance to celebrate Milton's quarter centenary in the city of his birth.

Rebecca's essay, "Becoming Georgic Readers: Laboring with the Texts of Eden, *Paradise Lost*, and our World Today," and Samuel's essay, "Refiguring Milton's Suspect Son: Samuel Wesley's Orthodox Palimpsest of *Paradise Regained*," were well-received. While in London, they enjoyed performances of a *Midsummer Night's Dream* and *King Lear* at the Globe Theatre and visited Milton's cottage at Chalfont-St. Giles.

Alumni News

Jim Knipple '00' begins his final year in a Drama (Directing) MFA program at the University of California-Irvine. He recently assistant directed for Richard Greenburg's (Tony award-winning playwright) newest play at South Coast Repertory

and spent the summer assistant directing at the Utah Shakespeare festival. His wife **Janel (Miley) '00** (Theatre major) is a company member at two professional theatres in Los Angeles/Hollywood.

Melissa Driver '07 received an additional scholarship (\$10,000) from the University of Pittsburg Law School.

Jamie (Moulthrop) Lewis '04 and her husband, William, welcomed their first son, Jake Matthew on August 10, 2007. Jamie was accepted in the Master of Library Science program at Clarion University

Julie (Adams) Wu '01 completed a doctorate in Pathology in the Program for Molecular and Cellular Biology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, MD, where she received the 2008 Board of Regents Award at the commencement ceremony. She presented some of her work at the American Society for Reproductive Immunology Symposium in Chicago in June. Julie's dissertation title is "Induction of pro-angiogenic factors by pregnancy-specific

glycoproteins and studies on receptor usage."

Marissa (Brown) Harris '04 has moved from Millville, NJ, where she was teaching English and coaching track/cross country at the Millville public high school to Pasadena, CA. She will be teaching 9th grade honors and 12th grade AP English at a Christian school in Santa Monica while her husband Jason pursues an MA at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Bethany Deitrick '07 has accepted a job at John Harris High School teaching ninth and tenth graders.

Pete Ramsey '02 just completed a Master of Science degree in Library Science from UNC Chapel Hill. He's currently on the prowl for a job as an academic librarian somewhere along the US East Coast. His thesis, "Social Networking Services: Library Collaboration 2.0?" can be read at <http://etd.ils.unc.edu/dspace/handle/1901/567>.

Ryan Lauko '04 finished a Master of Liberal Arts program at the University of Pennsylvania this past

December. He's currently looking for a job teaching English, and hopes to go back for doctoral studies in religious studies in the not too distant future.

Sarah Ginolfi '08 will be a NYC teaching fellow this fall. She's started a new blog, [Sarah in the Bronx](#), where she'll keep us all informed of her goings on.

Alicia Watkins '03 has been writing an op-ed column for three local papers for the past three months or so. Her columns have been appearing on the New Britain Herald's web site at newbritainherald.com, but since the platform doesn't support archiving; she also has a blog with her work at aliciawatkins.blogspot.com.

Opportunities

Susquehanna University invites undergraduate scholars and creative writers to participate in "Environments of Imagination," its fifth annual Undergraduate Conference on Literature and Creative Writing.

They welcome broad interpretations of this theme including discussions of setting, place, home, the sublime, urban and nature writing, identity, genre, social justice, ecology, aesthetics, and the like. All types of literature are welcome including poetry, prose fiction and non-fiction, and literary journalism. Please submit either a 300-word abstract of a scholarly paper or a work of creative writing appropriate for a 15-minute presentation. Include contact information and college information. Submissions must be in a MS Word attachment to englishdept@susqu.edu. In the subject line please indicate: Conference: [Title of paper]. The fee (upon acceptance) is \$30. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 24.

Scholarship Available: Davies-Jackson Scholarship through St. John's College, Cambridge is specifically designed for students of modest means who want to spend two years of study in Cambridge on humanities or social sciences. It results in a second BA from Cambridge rather than a graduate degree,

and the scholarship is worth about \$50,000 total. Deadline is Nov. 14. See the following website for more details:

http://www.cic.edu/projects_services/grants/daviesjackson/

The Third Annual Moravian College and Undergraduate Conference invites undergraduates to come and present and hear presentations. It will be held December 6, 2008 on Moravian's campus in Bethlehem, PA. Last year's conference was attended by 200 people and featured presentations and performances by 90 people from 25 different schools. Last year three Messiah English majors presented papers and the year before two presented. The deadline for submission of proposals is Nov. 10. Registration is free for presenters and attendees. Registration and submission of proposals will be handled later in the semester via the conference website. You can visit the site at: <http://www.moravian.edu/medieval/>. Any questions can be directed to Samuel Smith.

The Minnemingo Review is now accepting submissions. Writers are invited to submit their fiction, poetry, literary nonfiction, and essays. Please submit no more than two prose pieces of up to 2000 words in length and/or three pieces of poetry as an attachment created in MS Word. Photographers are also invited to submit; please send no more than four photographs, in black and white, as jpg attachments. All contributors should submit by sending an email to minnemingo@messiah.edu containing a short, 2-3 line authors' biography in the body of the email, a line giving permission for publication if their work is chosen. All submissions are reviewed anonymously. The deadline for submitting is October 17.

Critically acclaimed poet Sharon Olds will read at the Lefler Chapel and Performance Center at Elizabethtown College on Monday, October 6 at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Carmine Sarracino at 717-361-1237.

The English department and Career Center will be sponsoring a **Graduate School Informational Meeting for English Majors** on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 4:00-5:00, in Boyer 231. This event is open to first year students through seniors. Faculty members and guest speakers will talk about M.A., Ph.D., and M.F.A. programs -- how to select a program, when and how to apply, and what to expect when you arrive on campus as a graduate student. There will be ample time for you to ask questions about graduate school, and refreshments will be provided.

English News

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Department News

The Paul W. Nisly Endowment for Literature, Vocation and Reconciliation.

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Scholarship. For more information or to donate to this fund please contact Bob Brown at ext. 2260 or BBrown@messiah.edu

Minnemingo Release Party
Wednesday, December 10
from 4:30-6:00pm in Boyer 335. Come to the Release Party and support the authors, photographers and reviewers who worked hard to create this semester's edition of the Minnemingo Review! There you will find good food, a chance to purchase the Minnemingo, and an audience of your friends and peers who would love to hear you read, either from this Minnemingo, a past Minnemingo, your own work, or a favorite poet or author. Contributors and review staff will be given a complimentary copy of the Minnemingo at the review party in thanks for their work. Everyone is welcome, so please come and enjoy a brief but rewarding time to appreciate all things creative!

Alumni News

Matthew Armes '05 is attending Graduate school at Marywood University in Scranton for Education Counseling with the intention of becoming a High-school guidance counselor.

Opportunities

Internship Opportunity
For Central PA magazine. There is an opening for the last month of fall semester and spring semester. The internship would entail 8-10 hours a week with duties including writing short articles, proof-reading and fact-checking. Applicants will need to submit a resume, cover letter, and two clips to noreen_livoti@centralpamagazine.com or mail it c/o Noreen Livoti
Central PA magazine
4801 Lindle Road *
Harrisburg, PA 17111

The Wall Street Journal
Seeks Summer Interns
The Online portion of the Wall Street Journal is looking for summer interns with strong multimedia skills

and a keen desire to work online. Interns will be paired with and mentored by editors in a newsroom environment, producing sections of the site, building or designing interactive graphics, working in Flash or shooting and editing photos and video. Interns will also have the opportunity to showcase their work. Candidates must have prior experience or a demonstrated interest in news and the ability to work under constant deadline pressure. Pay is \$700 a week, with internships running from early June through mid-August. Applicants for summer 2009 internships must have graduated from college or a Master's program or be slated to receive a degree between December 2008 and May 2009. Submit a cover letter and CV at www.dowjones.com/careers <<http://www.dowjones.com/careers>> , using the job ID number xxxxx. Please also supply links to your portfolio of online work.



Enjoy Art and Writing?

YorkArts is holding an exhibition of art for writers to come and write about. You may write a poem or short piece of fiction in response to the artwork in the “Art and Industry” exhibit. You will be awarded gift cards for 1st 2nd and 3rd prizes. You must submit your piece with the entry form (To receive an entry form please email Samuel Smith). The deadline for submission is December 6, and an awards ceremony will be held on January 31.

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IHS Journalism Internships

IHS Journalism Internships provide a stipend, housing allowance, and travel allowance. Placements are available for spring, summer and fall. The deadline for spring placement is **December 1**, the deadline for early decision for the summer is **November 1**. For more information, please visit www.theihs.org/journalism.

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<http://www.moravian.edu/medieval/>. Any questions can be directed to Samuel Smith.

Taylor University Calls for Papers.

Taylor U. will be holding an Undergraduate conference on Literature and Writing Feb. 19-21. There are two categories you may submit under: 1.Critical Essay- topic of your choice in Literature 6-10 pg. 2.Creative Writing- poetry, fiction, or creative non-fiction suitable for a 15 min. reading. The cost is \$75 but with the following prizes: \$200 each for the best critical essay and creative piece. Please visit the

conference website for more information at <http://www.taylor.edu/academics/acaddepts/english/conference.htm>

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

Crystal Downing published essays on film in the last two issues of Books and Culture: a piece on "The Queen" for the Sept/Oct issue, and a piece on "The Counterfeiters" for the Nov/Dec issue. Her work on Shakespeare's *Hamlet* was recently published in the Ignatius Critical Edition of *Hamlet*.

Devin Thomas has been accepted to present his Fiction to Cinema paper at the

annual conference of the English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities, to be held at West Chester University.

Katherine Sas and Lydia Ferraro have been accepted to present their Senior Seminar papers at the 12th Annual Conference of the C.S. Lewis and Inklings Society, to be held at Calvin College.

Alyssa Lord has been accepted to present at the East Central Writing Center Association Conference, to be held at Purdue University.



ALUMNI NEWS

Matthew Hahn '07 has been accepted to a graduate program at

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Rebecca Rodgers '06 has been accepted to Chatham University's graduate program in writing.

Lori Breighner '07 is currently working towards an M.A. in Literature at American University.

Lauren Bupp '08 received a post teaching 10th grade English, and British Literature at Bible Baptist High School. She sends her thanks to the department for preparing her to handle this endeavor.

Jordan Windholz '05 was a finalist in the Omnidawn Poetry Contest for his collection "Ruminant [psalms]."

Rebecca Buckham '05 had her essay "Eden Voiced: Milton's Dialogic Community of Creation and an Environmental Ethic of

Partnership” published
in *John Milton:*
'Reasoning Words,'
published by
Susquehanna
University Press.



OPPORTUNITIES

\$3,000 Journalism Scholarship: The Pennsylvania Associated Press Managing Editors will present the Ralph Flamminio Memorial Scholarship to one state journalism student in May. Applicants do not have to be journalism majors, but should plan to pursue a career in journalism. All applicants must be Pennsylvania residents, enrolled in a four-year college, have an excellent academic record, and be active

on the campus paper or have print journalism experience.

To apply, please send: a cover letter introducing yourself, your experience with journalism, your interest in the field, and what you hope to contribute to the field, a college transcript, up to five of your favorite (non-returnable) clips, and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or professional.

Send to: Larry Holeva,
PAPME Scholarship
Committee
C/O The Citizens'
Voice
75 N. Washington St
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
18711
Deadline is April 15.

Looking for Publishing Jobs?
Bookjobs.com indexes entry-level jobs and year-round internships from over 35 publishers, along with background information about each company. Visit

www.bookjobs.com to learn more.

Paid Summer Internship!

Communications internship in York, PA, available through BAE Systems Ground Systems: applicants must be able to execute employee communication strategies, work as a member of the newsletter publication team, coordinate and maintain BAE's communications website, and assist internal groups or contribute to special projects as needed. Applicants must also be enrolled for a degree in journalism, public relations, communications or a related field. Required abilities: strong written and interpersonal skills, proficiency in editing, public relations, and public design, knowledge of PC layout with *Quark Xpress* and *Photoshop*, and a basic knowledge of business and organizational systems.

Pay rate is open, hours full time.

Apply Online:
www.baesystems.com/careers Please refer to job code baehodes-12499178 when responding.

Tutor Wanted:

Kristin Bernick is seeking a tutor to help her 12 year-old (7th grade) son with grammar and math. She would like to have her son tutored in their home if possible.

Contact:
Kristin Bernick
Mid-State Lighting
2955 East Market St.
York, PA 17402

ph: 717-600-8764
x200
fx: 717-600-8154
cell: 717-579-6774

Calling all authors -- Submissions needed for *The Minnemingo Review!* *The Review* accepts poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, essays, and photography. Please submit no more than

two prose pieces, and/or three pieces of poetry; please submit no more than four photographs (in both color and black and white).

Authors and artists must email submissions to minnemingo@messiah.edu as Word document or .jpg attachments, and include a 2-3 line author's biography in the body of the email. Also include a statement granting or denying *The Review* permission to publish your work on the (forthcoming!) online archive in the event that your work is selected.

The deadline for ALL submissions is March 13, 2009.

\$2,000 Short Story Competition! Entries are now being accepted for the 2009 Lorian Hemingway Short Story Competition, created to recognize and encourage the

efforts of writers who have not yet achieved major-market success. Writers will compete for a \$1,000 first prize, \$500 second prize, and \$500 third prize in this internationally acclaimed competition. Several honorable mentions are also awarded each year.

Stories in all genres of fiction are welcome. Maximum length is 3,000 words, and writers retain all rights to their work. The final deadline is May 15, 2009; winners will be announced at the end of July.

For complete guidelines, please visit www.shortstorycompetition.com, e-mail shortstorykw@aol.com or send a SASE to the Lorian Hemingway Short Story Competition, P.O. Box 993, Key West, FL 33041.



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Department News

Welcome back for another exciting year of paper cuts and caffeine binges! We're currently updating the department website, and looking forward to fall break. Hopefully we'll have even more exciting departmental news for you next time.

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Alumni News

Rebecca Hyland '09 is attending grad school at the University of Buffalo for a degree in Teaching

English as a Second Language.

Please forward any additional alumni news to Ray Yaegle, ry1164@messiah.edu, under the subject heading "Alumni News."

Opportunities

Get published in *The Minnemingo Review*! If you're an aspiring author, artist, or photographer, we've got just the thing for you: *The Minnemingo* (Messiah's biannual literary journal.) We publish poetry, prose, interviews, essays, and black and white photography. If you're an artist who works in a medium other than photography, take a black and white photo of your work and submit *that* to *The Review* instead! Go to the Minnemingo website – www.messiah.edu/office/s/minnemingo/index.html – to learn more about how you can see your work published in the upcoming issue. Better

hurry: this year's deadline is October 16.

NSAL Literature Competition in Short Story Writing – top prize \$10,000. The National Society of Arts and Letters is sponsoring its 2010 short story competition. Contestants must compete at the chapter level, and chapter winners go on to compete nationally. Other cash prizes are available in addition to the top prize. For a full list of requirements and submission guidelines, visit the NSAL website: www.arts-NSAL.org

Intern with the Wall Street Journal in 2010. To apply online, go to www.dowjones.com/careers and search for job number 090264 - Summer 2010 WSJ Interns. Applicants can create a profile and upload their cover letter, resume and a text-copy of their best 8 - 10 writing samples. These items should all be copied and pasted into one word document for easy uploading to the website.

The selection process is highly competitive, and most previous interns held positions with other newspapers and extensive experience on a campus newspaper. The internships are for ten-week periods in June, July and August. Pay is \$700.00 a week.

Internships Available through the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund! The Dow Jones funds four internship programs each year. To see what's available for college students, visit www.newspaperfund.org/PageText/Prg_HomePages.aspx?Page_ID=Prg_CollegeIntern . The available internships are highly competitive, paid positions that come with an additional \$1,000 scholarship for all students returning to school for another full year of undergraduate or graduate studies in the fall. The deadline for all applicants is November 2.

Study abroad & scholarship opportunity: the 2010 Davies-Jackson

scholarship presents a unique opportunity for an outstanding student (who is the first in his or her family to graduate from college) to participate in a course of study in the United Kingdom at St. John's College at Cambridge University following their graduation. The 2-year, full scholarship to St. John's covers all tuition and living fees, and is open to students interested in: archaeology / anthropology, classic literature, economics, English, geography, history, art history, modern and medieval languages, music, philosophy, or social / political science.

Application materials are available at www.cic.edu/projects_services/grants/daviesjackson/index.asp ; the application deadline is November 2.

Call for papers! Moravian College is hosting their 4th Annual Undergraduate Conference in Medieval and Early Modern Studies. Several

Messiah students presented papers at this conference in the past, so submit an abstract and register for the event online at:

www.moravian.edu/medieval/registration.htm

Individual papers should be 15 minutes long, and group projects no longer than 45 minutes; abstracts are limited to 200 words. Abstract Deadline: November 9. Registration Deadline: November 30.



Undergraduate Literature & Creative Writing Conference – call for papers!

Susquehanna University invites undergraduates to participate in its 6th annual Lit and Writing Conference on February 15, 2010. To be

considered for the conference, submit a 300-word abstract of a scholarly paper or a 300-word summary of a work of creative writing appropriate for a 15 minute presentation. Abstracts should indicate a connection to the conference theme; that could include a discussion of literature or creative writing from a literary, pedagogical, or creative point of view. All types of literature and all methods of study, including interdisciplinary approaches, are welcome. Creative writing may include poetry, prose, fiction and non-fiction, and literary journalism.

Email submissions as an MS Word attachment to englishdept@susqu.edu, placing “Conference: [Title of Paper]” in the subject line. The deadline for submissions is November 2, and there is a \$30 registration fee for non-S.U. participants.

For more information, visit:

www.susqu.edu/english/UGlitconference.htm

Are you a Mennonite artist, or an artist with strong ties to the Mennonite Community? The Mennonite Artist Project is open to artists of any discipline with an understanding of, or interest in the Mennonite Community; they seek to affirm that “art is indeed a Mennonite thing,” and want to help members – young and old alike – explore their creativity and experiences with the Mennonite world. Check them out online: <http://mennoniteartistproject.ning.com/>



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Upcoming Guest Lecture: Novelist, poet, musician and AIDS activist Kwame Dawes will come to campus on Tuesday, March 30, for an afternoon event, dinner, and evening reading. The evening reading will take place in Hostetter Chapel (sanctuary) at 7:30.

Dawes bills himself as "the busiest man in literature today." See here: www.kwamedawes.com

Alumni News

Danielle Sahn's '09 Senior Literature Seminar paper was accepted for publication in *The Journal of Children's*

Literature, a national publication put out by the NTCE.

Krista Soriano '08

was recently promoted to Assistant Editor of ELLE.com, the website of Hachette Filipacchi Media's leading publication. She's incredibly thankful for the experiences Messiah gave her, and would love to give back. She would be happy to share her experiences with fellow Falcons seeking to break into the media industry. Check her out here: <http://www.elle.com/about-us>

Kristin (Masters) Vazquez '04

graduated from Belmont University in August with an MA in English Literature.

Kurt Eisele-Dyrli '01

has been hired in a senior position as products editor at District Administration, a national K-12 education magazine.

Mark Hubman '98

just published his first novel, *Dearest Isabella*. It

tells the tale of Cassandra Losch, a contemporary woman whose life is *transformed* by a set of old Civil War letters.

Ben Thorpe '07 is currently working in development at the Hispanic College Fund, a national non-profit headquartered in Washington, D.C. The Hispanic College Fund provides scholarships to students across the United States and in Puerto Rico, administers college access programs in cities across the country, and generates online resources for Hispanic students and young professionals.



Stephen C. Slota '07

completed his Masters last year and is now a PhD candidate and graduate research assistant in Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh.

Opportunities

2010 Central PA Magazine Writing Contest: three cash prizes! Send six copies of an original, unpublished piece of fiction or non-fiction (double-spaced, stapled manuscripts only) along with \$10 entry fee (checks addressed to WITF, Inc with the notation "Central PA Writing Contest) to:

2101 Central PA
Writing Contest
4801 Lindle Road
Harrisburg, PA 17111

The deadline for entries is January 16, 2010. This contest is open to all PA residents and students enrolled in any PA school. Winners will be announced in April 2010. For further information, please visit: <http://www.witf.org/life>

[style/central-pa-magazine/2113-announcing-the-2010-central-pa-magazine-writing-contest](http://www.taylor.edu/cslewis/style/central-pa-magazine/2113-announcing-the-2010-central-pa-magazine-writing-contest)

C.S. Lewis & Friends Student Essay Contest: \$500 prize. Send essays addressing the work of C.S. Lewis or one of his "friends:" George MacDonald, Dorothy L. Sayers, Charles Williams, Owen Barfield, J.R.R. Tolkien, or G.K. Chesterton along with complete contact information to:

Thom Satterlee
Program Director
Center for the Study of
C.S. Lewis & Friends
Taylor University
Upland, IN 46989

Deadline: April 20, 2010.
For more information, visit:

<http://www.taylor.edu/cslewis/>

2010 Conference on Christianity & Literature Student Writing Contest! This contest is open to all regularly enrolled undergraduate students. All entries should suggest

the author's spiritual inquiry. Students may submit up to three typed entries. Poems should be no more than two pages long; fiction and non-fiction entries may not exceed 15 pages. Only the title of the piece should appear on each entry. A separate cover letter for each piece should list: Author's name, e-mail, mailing address, academic affiliation, category of entry, and the title of each piece entered.

All entries must be received by March 8, 2010. Send entries to:

CCL Writing Contest
c/o Thom Satterlee
Department of English
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More on CCL at:
<http://www.pepperdine.edu/sponsored/ccl/>

English News
October, 2010
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Department News

Welcome back! It seems like the year just began, but autumn is already setting in with its crisp air and falling leaves. We are in the midst of updating the department website, and we hope you'll check back in for more news in our next issue!

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Pete Powers became the Dean of the School of the Humanities. He will retain his title of Professor of English, and

for the immediate future, will continue to teach at least one course in the English department. Most of his responsibilities going forward will be administrative.

Crystal Downing's essay entitled "Finding Satisfaction in *Great Expectations*" was recently published in a critical edition of *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. This is the sixth essay of hers that has been selected by Ignatius press for inclusion in their series of "classic" works of British literature.

Helen Walker was quite busy this summer circling the country. She presented at a conference in Estes Park, CO ("Writer, Reader, Text, and Context: the 4th (visual) Dimension of the Rhetorical Situation"); painted, danced, and wrote during a 5-day artists' retreat in Melbourne Beach, FL; took a course on Waldorf Early Learning Education in Spring Valley, New York; and then,

returning close to home, co-lead a weeklong graduate seminar on Creative Expression at Millersville University, Lancaster, PA.

Christine Perrin gave a talk at the Society For Classical Learning this summer called "American Classics: Whitman and Dickinson". Last year she published a book for high school students called the "Art of Poetry". It contains a Teacher's edition which gives interpretive guidance to teachers unfamiliar with poetry. Christine also has poems coming out in the two most recent issues and two upcoming issues of the journal "Cresset". Follow her blog on poetry at www.artofpoetryonline.com!



Alumni News

Sarah Ginolfi '08 and **Andrew Bargh '09** are living at the Sycamore House in Harrisburg, an intentional community sponsored by St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral.

Tiffany DeRewal '07 was named a Lilly Graduate Fellow and is attending graduate school at Temple University.

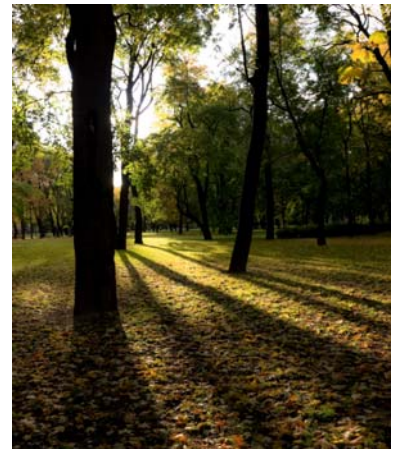
Alyssa Lord '10 was named the winner of the alumni award at this past year's commencement ceremony.

Leon Leid '09 along with his wife Anna Beiler, will be a community environmental development volunteer with the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic until May 2012. Living in the chilly mountainous part of the country, he works on reforestation, preventing soil erosion, and constructing improved cook stoves. Leon also teaches English, works on solid waste

management, plays with his kitten, and reads a lot. You can follow his blog at <http://el-leito.blogspot.com/>

Danielle Sahn '09 wrote most of the Teacher's Edition of Christine Perrin's new book, the "Art of Poetry."

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Opportunities

The Minnemingo Review is a biannual literary journal containing poetry, prose, and artwork crafted and reviewed by Messiah students. They want YOUR work for the Fall

2010 edition; the deadline is set for Monday, October 20! Check out the Minneming website at <http://www.messiah.edu/offices/minneming/index.html> for details or email Minneming@messiah.edu.

Short Story Contest - call for entries!

Ruminate Magazine invites writers to submit their work for the Wm Van Dyke Short Story Prize. The deadline is October 5th, and there is an entry fee of \$15.00. You can submit online at Editor@ruminatemagazine.org for a chance at the prize of \$1000.00. The editor also takes submissions year-round and is currently looking at entries for the 19th Issue on the topic of "sustaining."

Performing Arts

Opportunity: The Gamut Theatre is presenting a series of short plays based on the work of Edgar Allen Poe on September 24-25th at 7:30. All performances are BYOP (bring your own price).

Study Abroad & Scholarship

opportunity: The 2011 Davies-Jackson scholarship presents a unique opportunity for an outstanding student (who is the first in his or her family to graduate from college) to participate in a course of study in the United Kingdom at St. John's College at Cambridge University following their graduation. The 1 or 2 year, full scholarship to St. John's covers all tuition and living fees and is open to students interested in: archaeology / anthropology, classic literature, economics, English, geography, history, art history, modern and medieval languages, music, philosophy, or social / political science.

Application materials are available at www.cic.edu/projects_services/grants/daviesjackson, and the application deadline is November 1.

Calling all majors (and friends) interested in hearing about fame and glory and joy and (fill in the blank) as an English

major grad from Messiah College. We are calling this Career Event VOICES FROM THE FIELD, and it will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2010, at 4:15 - 5:30 in Boyer 235.

Shawn Smucker '99 and Maile (Silva)

Smucker '99 will speak about their full lives in the years since graduation from Messiah--some of the hows and whys, whens and whats that may assuage your fears of the unknown after college. Come listen and dialogue and eat snacks. For a preview, google Shawn's latest book, *Think No Evil*, or check out his website at <http://www.shawnsmucker.com> !



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Thanksgiving is just around the corner with the smell of pumpkin pie baking in the oven and the sounds of family gathered around the table. Read, enjoy, and be sure to check back in for more news in our December issue!

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Alumni News

Marissa (Brown) Harris '04 earned her MA in English from the National University in

April of 2010. She presented a portion of her thesis "The Evolution of Dueling Protagonists in *A Raisin in the Sun*" at the "Film and History Conference" in Milwaukee in November of 2010. Currently, she resides in Rochester, NY with her husband Jason and son Andrew and works as a tutor and a free lance writer.

Jamie (Moulthrop) Lewis '04 earned a master's degree in library science from Clarion University in August 2010.

Janel C. Atlas '04 has an upcoming book, *They Were Still Born: Personal Stories about Stillbirth*, being published in late November 2010 by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. With an introduction by bestselling author Elizabeth McCracken, it is a collection of essays by writers whose lives have been directly impacted by the death of a baby between 20 weeks and birth. Follow the link below for

purchasing information!
http://www.amazon.com/They-Were-Still-Born-Stillbirth/dp/1442204125/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1282559296&sr=8-1

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sessions will be November 4 from 7-10pm, November 5 from 5:30-8:30 pm, and November 6 from 1-4 pm. Baked goods and/or pizza will be provided. Check out the Minnemingo website at <http://www.messiah.edu/offices/minnemingo/index.html> for details or email Minnemingo@messiah.edu.

Call for Creative and Critical Writing!

Taylor University's Department of English will be hosting their third biennial "Making Literature" Conference on February 10-12, 2011. In addition to the opportunity to hear from world-class guest speakers, undergraduate students may submit a 6-10 page critical essay on any topic of literature or a 15-minute piece of creative writing by November 30. The cost is \$75 (with limited on-campus housing available), but the award for each category is \$200. For more information, contact Dr. Nancy Dayton at nndayton@taylor.edu or

check out their website at www.taylor.edu/academics/acaddepts/english/conference.

Another Call for Papers!

Susquehanna University's seventh annual Undergraduate Literature and Creative Writing Conference will be held on February 21, 2011. Opportunities to hear keynote speakers and attend a roundtable discussion on the question of literary journals are back dropped against the call for scholarly or creative papers on the topic of literature and creativity in a digital age. One of our own alums, **Marissa Brown '04**, won this conference award in 2003 for the best critical essay on Kurt Vonnegut's *Bluebeard!* Join the ranks by sending a 300-word abstract or summary to English@susqu.edu as an MS Word attachment with the subject box reading "Conference: [Title of Paper]." Abstracts or summaries are due by November 22, and the registration fee is \$30. For more

information, visit www.susqu.edu/academics/3047.asp.

More Papers! Moravian College's Fifth Undergraduate Conference in Medieval and Early Modern Studies is on December 4, 2010. In addition to presentations,

performances, demonstrations, and exhibits, they are also calling for undergraduate papers. Individual papers should be about 15 minutes, and group presentations should be around 45 minutes. 200 word abstracts are due on November 8th, and the deadline for free registration is November

29th. Register online at www.moravian.edu/medieval/registration. For more information contact Sandy Bardsley at sandybardsley@moravian.edu or John Black at jrblack@moravian.edu.



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“And He departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.” ~St Augustine

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Poetry Reading! On March 8th, Christine Perrin and 18 of the Contemporary American Poetry students traveled together to Bucknell University to hear Pulitzer Prize winning poet Natasha Tretheway read from her work “Native Guard” in which she explores her own personal history against the backdrop of national history through haunting images, formal delicacy and deftness, and an unflinching gaze. The students were lucky enough to be studying

this impressive book the week that they heard her read.

Alumni News

Since leaving Messiah, **Bonnie Kline Troxell '71** has earned her Master's in Reading and her Doctorate in Curriculum and Teaching. She is currently the Director of Professional Development and Curriculum at the Berks County Intermediate Unit.



Elizabeth Arnold '08 finished an M.A. in English from Arcadia University in May of 2010 and is working towards an MFA in creative writing with The Rainier Writer's Workshop, a low-residency program in Tacoma, WA. She has an essay entitled "Never Lost" forthcoming in the Bona Fide Books'

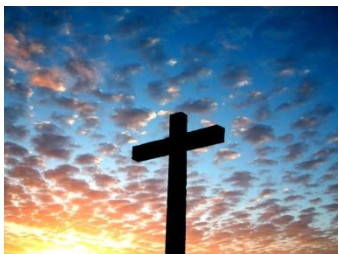
anthology *Permanent Vacation: Living and Working in our National Parks* and is also working on a book-length collection of lyric essays about her former life as a wrangler on a Wyoming ranch.

Kay ben-Avraham '08 finished her first year of work as a freelance writer and editor where she has done academic editing, book thesis consulting, poetry editing, and copyediting for a new publication of the Bible due for release this Easter. Currently, she is undertaking a ghostwriting contract to chronicle the experiences of a young missionary. See www.forwantofanail.net for more information. Her husband **David '08** will graduate with a degree as a Nurse Practitioner this May and has accepted a job at Esperanza Health Center in Philadelphia working among the underserved and poor of North Philly.

Rebecca Halton '05 published her first book *Words from the Other Woman*, her personal

testimony about being the “other woman” in an extramarital affair and her warning for other people to guard themselves against these relationships. She hopes, by opening up about one of the most painful and powerful experiences of her life and faith thus far, she can encourage people to avoid making the same mistakes she made. Visit www.rebeccahalton.com for more information about Halton and her work.

In the fall, **Evan Cameron '07** will be attending Lesley University for their MFA in Creative Writing.



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Events and Opportunities

Calling all poets! The Academy of American Poets announces the Carrie A. Guhl Student Poetry Prize at Messiah College. There is a cash award of \$100.00 and a 1-year membership to the Academy of American Poets. The winner will be announced on April 27 from 8-9at the Minnemingo unveiling. Submit up to 2 poems of any length and send to Helen Walker, Box 3017 (no email submissions) by Friday, April 15. The judge is Dr. Matthew Roth, author of *Bird Silence* and esteemed professor of English at Messiah College.

Our English Department Only variety show is on April 28th! There will be exotic foods, some made by ‘chefs-extraordinaire-English-major people.’ But the BIG THING is experiencing the OTHER side of people we sit in class with- the

talents and fun-lovingness of students and faculty we mostly know as readers and writers of literature. So mark the date: April 28th at 6:30 PM!

Come out for the unveiling of this semester's Minnemingo! On April 27 from 8-9, there will be readings, free food, and an announcement of

the winner of the Carrie A. Guhl poetry prize. While you're there, pick up your free copy (for contributors) or buy a copy for \$3. All are welcome!

Call for Submissions! The Missional Press National Short Story Contest is now accepting entries from "authors with great stories just waiting to be brought to

an audience." Authors have a chance at winning the grand prize of \$250 and the opportunity to have their work featured in "The Missional Press 2011 National Short Stories." Submissions are due on April 30th, along with a \$12 fee. See missional-press.com/contest for more information, including important rules and conditions.

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“Summer afternoon -
summer afternoon; to
me those have always
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~Henry James

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Rhoda Janzen's Reading at Messiah College

This spring, the English
department's Poets and
Writers Series featured
Rhoda Janzen, professor
of writing at Hope
College in Michigan and
author of the memoir
"Mennonite in a Little
Black Dress." Besides
the evening reading and
book signing in
Hostetter Chapel, Dr.
Janzen was also a guest
in Dr. Lake's Memoir
Workshop, where she



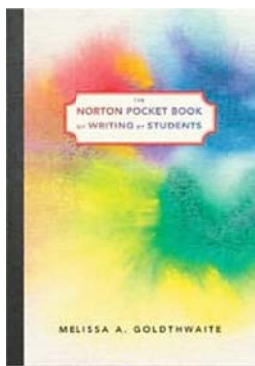
discussed the
controversies
surrounding the writing
of memoir, suggested
that students who want
to write should read
extensively in their
chosen genre, and
discussed the writing of
her second memoir
"Backslidden" which
should appear in
2012. Her current
memoir has been on the
New York Times
bestseller list for over 40



Dr. Lake at CCCC

Dr. Larry M. Lake
recently attended the
Conference on College
Composition and
Communication, known
better by its abbreviation
"4 C's," in Atlanta. He
attended workshops on
Hawaiian and Native
American protest
literature, as part of his
development of courses
in world and
postcolonial literature,
other sessions on
improving the whole
class writing workshop,
and one on using food
and food politics as a

focus for student writing. Another session, "The Lyric Essay: Reading, Writing, and Teaching the "Beautiful Wild Child" of Creative Nonfiction" was organized by **Melissa Goldthwaite**, Messiah College class of '93. Dr. Goldthwaite is the editor of The Norton Pocket



Book of Writing by Students (2010) and has taught writing at St. Joseph's University for ten

years.

Poetry Reading!

Christine Perrin and the Contemporary American Poetry class took to the road again to hear contemporary poet, Stanley Plumly, read at Gettysburg College. They came away with a strong appreciation for the humility and respect that they have experienced as students at Messiah College.

Tea N' Books

The British Topics Inklings class intends to

follow in the footsteps of their mentors this semester (Sayers, Tolkien, Lewis) and have tea at the Midtown Scholar in Harrisburg.

Holy Week Events The Wednesday of Holy Week, the Intro to Poetry class celebrated with a poetry liturgy, and on Maundy Thursday, the British Topics class compiled a radio drama of Sayer's *Man Born to be King*.

Gardening!

On Service Day, Sigma Tau Delta (the English Honor Society) joined with the Grantham Community Garden to get the land ready for summer! Workers relished in the warm sun while planting flowerbeds and preparing the herb garden.

Alumni News

Nate Windon '10 has been accepted to six graduate programs in English: Maryland, Pittsburgh, Villanova, UMass, Boston College, and University of

Connecticut. He has chosen to attend Connecticut, not only due to the quality of their program, but also because they offered him a substantial financial package.

Ernestia Fraser '07 received her MFA in Creative Writing with a Concentration in Screenwriting in 2009 from Chatham University in Pittsburgh, PA and won the MFA Finalist for Best Thesis in the Fiction category for her screenplay *Inside the Fallen Moon*. In 2010, her first book, *Carnival of Love*, was accepted for publication by Caribbean Studies Press and this past school year, she has been teaching Religious Knowledge, U.S. History, and Bahamian Social Studies at Mt. Carmel Preparatory School in Nassau, Bahamas.

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Job Opportunity!

Do you have a writing as well as science background? Do you have *four years of experience* in either of these fields? Then the science writer position at Kelly Government solutions might be for you! It is a contract position with the potential to be hired as a federal government employee. Follow the link for more information: <http://tinyurl.com/3cfwb63>.

Internship!

Health America is providing current students the opportunity to become involved in a full-time internship program beginning May 21 and ending August 26. Positions are offered in Medicare Sales & Operations, Health Services and Utilization Management, Product Development and Implementation, Legal and Regulatory Compliance, Finance

and Budgeting, Commercial Sales, Communications, and Underwriting. Pay starts at a minimum of \$9.00 per hour. Contact the Internship Center for more detailed information and visit <http://careers.cvty.com> for an application.

Internship Resource!

The Annual Internship Guide, which lists a variety of internship opportunities at PNA-member newspapers can be found at http://www.pa-newspaper.org/web/2005/09/student_resources.aspx. The guide is alphabetized by city and includes editorial, advertising, photography, and other valuable learning opportunities.

The Mennonite Central Committee United Nations Liaison Office

offers one unpaid internship this summer for interested and qualified college and university students

with a background in Peace Studies, International Studies, Political Science, International Development, Communications or other related fields along with interest and capability of web page development for the office. Applicants must be available to work for a minimum of 4 weeks, maintaining an average of 40 work hours per week between July 12 and August 17. Lodging at Menno House in Manhattan can be provided, but interns are required all other expenses including food and transportation. The application is due via email to unoffice2@mcc.org by Monday, May 2. Interviews will be conducted with a limited number of candidates by phone during the two weeks following the application deadline. The successful applicant will be notified of his or her acceptance by Monday, May 9.

Writing Contest: the Norton Writers Prize. Submission should be



from an assignment done for a writing class, and winners will be considered for inclusion in the next edition of the Norton Pocket Book reports, profiles, evaluations, arguments, memoirs, proposals, of Writing by Students. Acceptable genres include "literacy narratives, literary and other textual analyses, mixed-genre pieces, and more: any excellent writing done for an undergraduate writing class will be considered." Deadline is May 27. See <http://books.wwnorton.com/books/norton-writers-prize/> for more details.

A Marcellus Shale Developmental Experience. The Morgan Family has 36 acres of land on the

Marcellus Shale to be a demonstration site of sustainability and permaculture design and as an educational retreat center. They are looking for Environmental Science, Sustainability, English, Theater, History, and Journalism students with an interest in interdisciplinary studies and working on the land, but who would also participate in conducting interviews with people who have lived through the coal boom and who now have a stake in the Marcellus Shale Development. These interviews will be turned into a short play and be performed in August. While there is no compensation for this experience, the Morgans



will provide room and board.

Writing Contest! The Conference on Christianity and Literature is hosting their 2011 student writing contest for works that suggest the author's spiritual inquiry and take the form of either poetry, creative non-fiction, fiction, or academic essays. Besides having the work published on the CCL website, the prize also includes a selection of books, a subscription to "Image" magazine, and a one-year membership in CCL. Entries are due by May 13. See www.pepperdine.edu/sponsored/ccl for information on format and the process of sending an entry.

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Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.
~ George Eliot

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Alumni News

Nate Rosentrater '11 is beginning his studies at Asbury Seminary in Kentucky this fall.

Emily Thrush '06 was offered full tuition funding from American University to pursue a Masters in "Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs."

Tessa Silvestri '03 and her husband, Chas, welcomed a baby boy, Jackson Charles Silvestri Higgins, on April 22, 2011. He was 8 pounds, 7 ounces at birth and 22 inches long. Everyone is home happy and healthy!

Natalie Urquhart '08 received her certification in Resume Writing (CARW/Certified Advanced Resume Writer) back in October from Career Directors International.

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Events and Opportunities

Reading and Lecture!

The English Department will be welcoming Dr. Kent Gramm, author of award-winning historical non-fiction, as well as poet, novelist, and playwright, on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 PM in Frey 110 for a reading and lecture entitled “True Lies: Writing Fiction and Creative Non-fiction.” A book signing and refreshments will immediately follow.



English News

Department News

Update on the Paul Nisly Fund Drive: We raised \$1,962.32, and our anonymous donor matched that with \$2,000. With these gifts, we added \$3,962.32 to the Paul Nisly Fund! Thanks to all who gave so generously, and especially to our anonymous donor.

This past semester, **Kira Wenger**, senior, taught creative writing at Danzante, an after-school program in Harrisburg. Check out the Penn Live article to learn more about Danzante and to read Kira's quotation at the end.
http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2011/12/pennsylvania_council_on_the_ar.html.

Check out the Agape Center's winter newsletter that highlighted service learning performed by students enrolled in Compositional Theory and Pedagogy and featured stories by students **Kira Wenger, Michelle Day, Andrew Riccardo**, and alumnus **Heather Smith**.
http://www.messiah.edu/external_programs/agape/newsletter/documents/Impact-Winter2011.pdf

Alumni News

David Russomano '06 had nine poems accepted for publication. Below is a list of the poems and where and when they were published.

- Surabaya: accepted by Write From Wrong Online Literary Magazine. Posted online June 15, 2011
- Opa: accepted by This Great Society. Posted online September 1, 2011
- Sukhothai, Crisis, and Go: accepted by Women in RedZINE. Available in print now.
- October: accepted by Red Booth Review. Posted online October 10, 2011

Unidentified: accepted by Phantom Kangaroo. Posted online
November 13, 2011

Seeds: accepted by Thoughtsmith. Posted online November, 29
2011

Leaving the Island: accepted by Poetry for the Masses.
Forthcoming



Marissa (Brown) Harris '04 was published in the book *Bound By Love: Familial Bonding in Film and Television since 1950*, a collection of essays edited by Laura Mattoon D'Amore (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, August 2011). Her essay "The Fragile Bond between Mother and Adult Son: The Evolution of Dueling Protagonists in *A Raisin in the Sun*" is a revision of a paper she presented at the 2010 Representations of Love in Film and Television conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Marissa teaches middle school English Language Arts in Rochester, NY.

Please forward any additional alumni news to Marialana Gaetano, mg1243@messiah.edu, under the subject heading "Alumni News."

Opportunities

Image is looking for a summer Luci Shaw Fellow. This individual must be a brilliant, motivated undergraduate student who shares their vision for the place art has in the life of faith, and who is also diligent, meticulous, and responsible about the daily details.

In exchange for 30 hours of work a week, the Shaw Fellow lives rent-free in an apartment in Seattle's nearby Queen Anne neighborhood, learns the daily work of literary publishing at a nonprofit arts organization, and is immersed in the dialogue about art and faith that surrounds *Image* and its programs. The Shaw Fellow also has a free ride to their Glen Workshop, individual may take a class of his or her choosing.

Check out the following links to read about experiences of past Fellows-<http://imagejournal.org/page/fellowships/the-luci-shaw-fellowship/how-would-you-spend-a-summer-with-image> – and complete an application-
<http://imagejournal.org/page/fellowships/the-luci-shaw-fellowship/the-luci-shaw-fellowship-at-emimageem> .

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English
Department's
very own
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During the
month of
January, post the
best fiction and
non-fiction book
you read during
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Upcoming Event Sponsored by the Poets and Writers

Series: A poetry reading with **Jehanne Dubrow** on March 8 at 7:00 pm in Frey 110.

On April 4, **Janel Atlas '04** will talk about how she got her first book published at age 26. She will explain the process of publication and give a reading from her book. She will also talk about making money as a free-lance writer: something she knows well, having been paid by journals for over 300 articles and essays that she has written.

Save April 25 for the fourth annual *Beyond the Margins*, the wildly popular English major variety show.

Alumni News

Daniel Webster '09 graduated with an MFA in Creative Writing from Bennington College in January.

Melissa A. Goldthwaite '94, Professor of English at Saint Joseph's University, recently published two books with W. W. Norton & Company. She selected, edited, and wrote the apparatus for *The Norton Pocket Book of Writing by Students* (2010) and served on the editorial team for *The Norton Reader*, 13th edition (2011).

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Opportunities

The Cedarville Review, Cedarville University’s undergraduate literary journal, is currently accepting fiction, poetry, nonfiction, and art submissions from all CCCU students (which includes Messiah) for their 2012 volume. Please send submissions to their email address: review@cedarville.edu. All submissions accepted for publication receive a complimentary copy of the published journal.

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April is
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Career Event: On April 4 from 4:10-5:10 in Boyer 234, visiting author, **Janel Atlas '04**, has graciously agreed to join us for a conversation about life as a free-lance writer. Please come join her for helpful tips, good conversation, and, as always, good refreshments. See the flyer (at the end of this newsletter) to find out more about her talk at 7:30 in Kline 120!

Save April 25 for the fourth annual *Beyond the Margins*, the wildly popular English major variety show. The show will begin at 7:00 in Poorman Recital Hall.

In May, **Helen Walker** and current student, **Katie Todd**, are going to Kenya on a research grant. They will be interviewing children who have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS to study the difference that an opportunity for an education can make.

Alumni News

The Midtown Scholar is about to inaugurate a monthly 'book pick of the month' with WITF TV/FM, and they jointly have chosen **Kimi Cunningham Grant's '02** lovely family memoir *SILVER LIKE DUST* as the selection for April 2012. As part of the book-pick programming, Kimi is going to be coming to the bookstore for a 'book salon'/signing on April 28, from 3-5. Everyone is invited! Go and support Messiah's authors!

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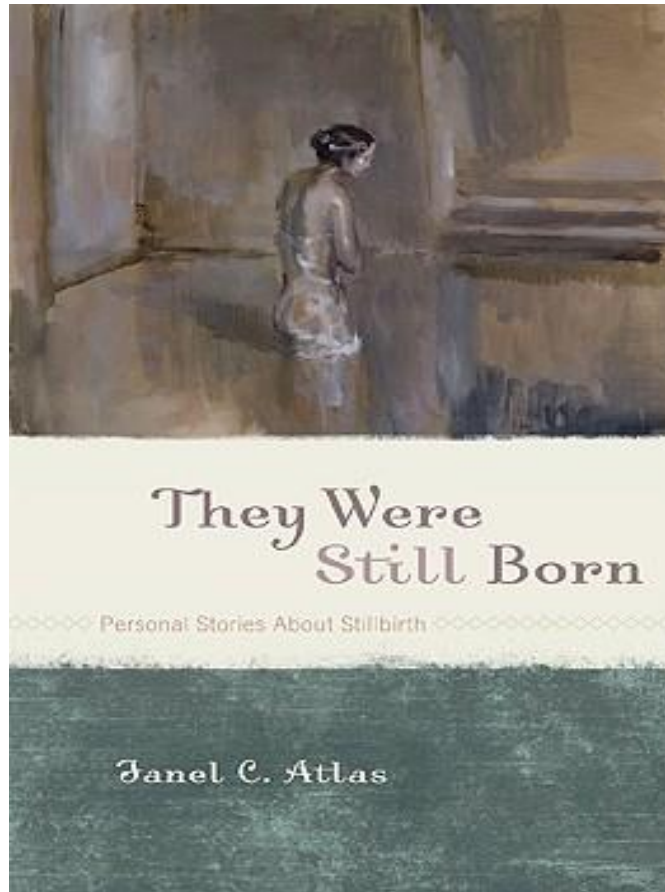
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The new **Young Writers Workshop** is a summer writing program for students entering grades 9-12 and will be held on Messiah College's campus. Running from July 15-20, the program will give students the chance to improve their skills as writers by participating in either the Creative Writing Track or the College-Prep Expository Writing Track. For more information or to register go to this link: <http://www.messiah.edu/writersworkshop/index.html>

The Academy of American Poets announces the **Carrie A. Guhl Student Poetry Prize** at Messiah College. The winner will be announced at the Minnemingo Review unveiling and will receive a cash award of \$100 and a one-year membership to the Academy of American Poets. To be considered for the prize, submit up to two poems of any length to Helen Walker, Box 3017, by April 13.

Teachers Wanted! StudentsLife Inc. is looking for part time instructors specializing in ESL for its English Department. To apply, email your CV and cover letter to Kevin.studentslife@gmail.com or mail them to 355 N. 21st St., Camp Hill, PA, 17011. If you have further questions, contact Kevin Kim at 717-343-4141 or at the email address listed above.

Meet the Author!



APRIL 4

7:30 p.m.

Kline 120

Janel Atlas, a recent Messiah grad, will discuss the process that led to the publication of her book and read passages from it.

She will have copies to sell!