

Messiah College English Department

Upcoming Events



The old book I finished reading
I've since read again and again.

And what was far grows near,
and what is near grows more dear,

and all of my visions and
interpretations
depend on what I see,

and between my eyes is always
the rain, the migrant rain.

--Selection from "Visions and
Interpretations" by Li-Young Lee

Arts Forum: Poet Li-Young Lee

As a part of this year's Arts Forum, Messiah College will be hosting poet Li-Young Lee on April 1st in Hostetter Chapel. Author of numerous collections of poetry and memoir, Li-Young Lee was born in 1957 in Indonesia of Chinese parents. He attended the universities of Pittsburg and Arizona and the State University of New York at Brockport and has won numerous awards for his writing. Some of his recent titles include *Book of My Nights: Poems* and *The Winged Steed: a Remembrance*.

Poets and Writers Series 2003

The following poets and writers will be reading at Messiah next semester. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters and emails.

J-term: (date TBA) Geri Gutwein, Native American Poet and Iya Isoke, Harrisburg poet laureate.

Spring-Term: February 25, Deborah Larsen Cowan, writer in residence at Gettysburg College and author of a historical novel, *The White*.

April (date TBA), Chad Davidson.

Department Activity

Honors Presentations

Senior honors students will be presenting their work in the upcoming weeks. Come hear the creative and critical products of a semester of hard work. All presentations will be held in Frey 252

Friday, Dec. 6, 4:10

Alicia Watkins: "Don't Have a Cow, Man: Evangelicals and the Simpsons"

Wed., Dec. 11, 3:00-5:30

Heather Ross: "Rigorously Unrevised, Unapologetically Uncensored: an Experiment in Creative Non-Fiction Writing"

Carl Yost: "Filling in the Blanks: Juxtaposition in Creative Writing"

Friday, Dec. 13, 3:30-5:30

Deb DeGeorge: "Brian Friel and the Politics of Language"

Nick Lauer: "Chivalry and the Tournament in Chaucer's *Knight's Tale*"

Department Activity (continued)

Recent Conference Presentations

Crystal Downing presented a paper on the Amish, the Taliban, and postmodern ethics at the conference of the American Academy of Religion in Toronto.

Pete Powers presented a paper on the relationship between discourses of masculinity and religion in the work of Langston Hughes at the conference of the Mid-Atlantic Popular Culture association in Pittsburgh.

Sigma Tau Delta Elects Officers

Messiah's chapter of the English Honors Society (Sigma Tau Delta) inducted 11 new members in early November and also elected new officers for the coming year. Congratulations to Heather Ross (President), Christy Moyer (Vice-President), Kristin Masters (Secretary), and all the new inductees for this excellent achievement. Members and non-members alike should be on the lookout for upcoming activities sponsored by our chapter of Sigma Tau Delta.

Minnemingo Review

The unveiling of this semester's Minnemingo Review will take place on Friday December 13 at 8:00pm in Wilbur's Café. Come to hear published pieces and to read some of your own work (whether published or not). Copies of the Minnemingo will be on sale at the reading for \$3. Plan on coming to this great night of writing and artistic expression.

Summer Educational Opportunities

See bulletin board on 3rd floor of Old Main for details on all of the following.

Bucknell Seminar for Younger Poets

In June 2003, Bucknell will conduct its 19th Annual Seminar for Younger Poets. Housed in the Stadler Center for Poetry, the Seminar provides an extended opportunity for undergraduate poets to write and to be guided by established poets and writers. Students who complete their sophomore, junior, or senior year in May 2003 may compete for ten fellowships. Application deadline is February 25, 2003. www.departments.bucknell.edu/stadler_center/

Traditio: Summer Seminars at the University of Notre Dame

June 17-July 15, 2003. Intended to help undergraduates appropriate and reflect on some of the riches of the Christian tradition, the *Traditio* program has at its core interdisciplinary seminars. A stipend of \$1500, travel allowance, tuition, and 3 hours Notre Dame credit will be awarded students who complete the seminar. Application deadline: March 14, 2003 www.nd.edu/~csp/traditio.html

World Journalism Institute

Holding a number of seminars across the country, the goal of WJI is to equip students to enter the mainstream newsrooms of America by teaching them to write engagingly and to think biblically. For a list of summer sessions go to www.worldji.com.

Tisch School of the Arts Special Programs

Summer programs around the globe offering a number of programs in screen writing, cinema, theatre, and dramatic writing among many others. www.nyu.edu/tisch/specialprograms

Summer Internship Opportunities

See bulletin board on 3rd floor of Old Main for details on all of the following.

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Summer internships are available at the Pennsylvania State Archives, The State Museum of PA, the state historic preservation program, and other agency programs in Harrisburg; and at 21 historic sites and museums around the Commonwealth. www.phmc.state.pa.us

Dow Jones Newspaper Fund: 2003 Summer Business Reporting Intern Program

For minority college sophomores and juniors, up to twelve positions available as business reporters at daily U.S. newspapers and news services. Application deadline: Nov 1, 2002.

http://DJNewspaperFund.dowjones.com/fund/cs_busrep_application.asp

New York University's Summer Publishing Institute

June 3 – July 12, 2002. Study publishing and gain experience at the country's premier publishing

Other Educational/Internship/Employment Opportunities

See bulletin board on 3rd floor of Old Main for details on all of the following.

The Oregon Extension

It's never too early to begin thinking about incorporating this intellectually invigorating program into your time as an English major at Messiah. Spend an entire fall semester in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon reading, reflecting, and discussing literature, philosophy, religion and many other topics.

www.oregonextension.org

AmeriCorps / Peace Corps

For information about volunteer opportunities in the US or abroad visit these websites:

www.americorps.org and www.peacecorps.gov

Writing Contests

See bulletin board on 3rd floor of Old Main for details on all of the following.

Central PA Magazine 2003 writing contest

Looking for submissions of fiction or nonfiction, humorous or serious, personal essay or short story (no poetry). 2500 word maximum. 1st prize: \$500. Deadline is January 15, 2003. Go to www.centralpa.org for details.

Christian Writers Guild

Write an article or anecdote (1000 word max) on the following topic, incorporating something you, or someone you know, personally experienced: "How can Christians best be salt and light in the secular world?" See bulletin board for specifications. Deadline: December 9, 2002

New Calls for Papers

See bulletin board on 3rd floor of Old Main for details on the following CFP's and others not listed here.

Proteus: A Journal of Ideas. Shippensburg University

Interpreting Lives-Personal Narratives and Biographies. For its Fall 2003 issue, *Proteus* seeks essays and scholarly articles that examine personal narratives, oral histories, and biographies in a wide range of contexts and perspectives. Submissions are encouraged from all disciplines, including creative work. Submission deadline is March 1, 2003.

Undergraduate Conference in the Humanities: Shaw University, Raleigh NC

Conference on Saturday April 12, 2003 seeks seven page essays on the following topics: African American, World, American, or British literature, history, languages/linguistics, and the humanities. The deadline for abstracts is March 5, 2003.

Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Conference on Community: U of Pittsburg at Bradford

Conference on April 11-12, 2003 invites proposals from all disciplines for contributions on the subject of "community." All forms of presentation are welcome, including theoretical or analytical papers, poster presentations of empirical research, and creative and artistic endeavors in any medium. Abstracts (250 words) due March 21, 2003.

2003 Northeast Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature

Conference will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2003. Papers exploring any aspect of Christianity and Literature are welcome. Abstracts due by May 2003.

Previous CFP's:

Young Scholars in Writing: Undergraduate Research in Writing and Rhetoric.

Open to all undergraduates. Deadline Jan. 15, 2003. A new journal seeks submissions of theory-driven and/or research-based essays between 8 and 20 pages on numerous topic related to writing theory and rhetoric.

2003 Pennsylvania College English Association (PCEA) Conference: "Envisioning a New World: Literature, Film, and Composition in Our Times"

PCEA invites faculty, undergraduate students, and graduate students to submit 250-word abstracts proposing a discussion of scholarship, creative works, and pedagogy dealing with literature, film, or composition. PCEA encourages either panels or individual proposals. Deadline for submission of proposals: January 15, 2003