

Department News

English Department Study Break and Celebration- May 5

The English department will be hosting a Study Break on Wednesday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Frey Lobby and Frey 110. We will be celebrating two things especially as we mark the end of this school year. First, we want to recognize our graduating seniors as they finish up on a high note and head out for new challenges. Second, we want to celebrate the time that we've been privileged to have Professor David Dzaka on our faculty. As you know, David has decided that it is best that he and his family move back to his home country of Ghana where he will be taking up a new position on the faculty there. Finally, we hope this time will provide for a short study break as students head into finals.

The department will be providing some refreshments beginning at 7:30, with a short program to follow. I hope everyone can plan to be there.

Work Study Position

The department is currently looking for a work study student for **J-Term and the Spring Semester of 2005**. Primary responsibilities include office work assisting Professor Powers, Debbie Owen, and various department professors as needed. Occasional work can include helping professors in research or manuscript preparation or in preparation for courses. If you are interested, please contact Pete Powers at ppowers@messiah.edu.

Faculty

Professor Matthew Roth has the poem "Marigolds" currently appearing in the literary journal *Quarter After Eight* (Vol. 10).

Professor Crystal Downing won a third place award for "The Best Critical Review of 2003" from the Associated Church Press, the oldest association of religious journalism in the world. Her essay, "Amelie in a Glass Darkly," was published in *The Cresset*, which itself won the first place Award of Excellence for Christian journals. She had two more essays on film appear this month: one on "Door to Door" published in *Books and Culture*, another comparing "Rabbit Proof Fence" with "Whale Rider" published in *The Cresset*.

Professor Christopher Couch with Ken Danielson, presented a paper at the annual conference of the National Popular Culture Association during Easter week in San Antonio, Texas. The title of the paper is "Adapting to Audience: An Analysis of Peter Jackson's Films of The Lord of the Rings Compared to the Original Text by J.R.R. Tolkien." Christopher Couch also edited *The Boyer School: A Practitioner's Guide for Creating a Community of Learning*. The book is sponsored by the Boyer Center and will be featured starting this summer at education conferences nationwide.

Professor Paul Nisly along with his wife, Laura Nisly, attended the Festival of Faith and Writing at Calvin College from April 22-24. Some of the major speakers included Joyce Carol Oates, Frederick Buechner, Katherine Paterson, and Li-Young Lee, in addition to scores of others.

Alumni News

Andrea (Kiliany) Thatcher ('02) an English major and journalism minor, was recently named Editor of the Elizabethtown Chronicle in Elizabethtown, PA.

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Service Opportunity

Dokimoi Ergatai is a service organization on campus in need of good writers and editors to serve on an expanding publications team. If you are interested in the practical experience and service opportunities, please contact Ken Hoch for more information at kh1219@messiah.edu. See more information about available positions on the bulletin board on 2nd floor of Boyer Hall.

Student News

Janel Atlas (Senior English major)- had a proposal on Barbara Kingsolver accepted to the prestigious international conference of The American Academy of Religion, to be presented in San Antonio, TX this November.

Kristin Masters (Senior English Education major) and **Marissa Brown** (Senior English Education major) qualified for the ETS Recognition of Excellence Honor due to the high scores received on the English Content Knowledge exam.

"If you wish to be a writer,
write."

...Epictetus

Job Opportunities

See bulletin board on 2nd floor of Boyer Hall for details on all of the following:

Colleen Freeburn ('02) forwarded this recent job posting from the company she works, Investor Responsibility Research Center (IRRC), Washington DC. The company provides research at the cutting edge of corporate governance issues both domestically and abroad, as well as proxy voting services for institutional shareholders. Colleen passes on that her company has hired other Messiah College graduates, and are not looking to hire just business or economics majors.

Research Analysts Needed - Two full-time entry-level positions available in a firm that provides impartial corporate research on issues of interest to socially responsible investors (tobacco, labor, environment, human rights, etc.). Duties include conducting research, updating data, and coordinating work with other analysts. Applicants must be detail-oriented, able to multi-task, and able to work collaboratively. See bulletin board for submission requirements. **Closing date 5/10/04.**

Congratulations Class of 2004!

Atlas, Janel C.
Bamford, Ashley P.
Brown, Marissa S.
Brubaker, Dulcimer
Brunner, Breanne E.
Cirignotta, Maddalena
Cook, Rachael J.
Daniel, Keesha D.
Dodson, Jennifer L.
Ferguson, Laurel L.
Goodhart, Danae E.
Heller, Nathan P.

Knauer, Erik M.
Larsen, Victoria
Lauko, Ryan T.
Lehman, Kathleen J.
Lepcha, Charisma Ka
Masters, Kristin R.
McClure, Joseph R.
Moulthrop, Jamie A.
Moyer, Christina C.
Nocchi, Nicole T.
O'Leary, Michael S.
Rainville, Emilv G.

Raj, Amy E.
Sauers, Christin D.
Siha, Alfred Anees
Styles, Sheena S.
Tate, Alexandra E.
Teetz, Laura E.
Tonkin, Corinne L.
True, Kristin N.
Turner, Jocelyn C.
Walters, Abraham P.
Wyatt, Damon B.
Wvatt, Mitchell R.