

English News

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Messiah College English Department

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Department News

The English department is pleased to welcome two new faculty members, Paula Makris and Christine Perrin, to the department this year. Professor Makris received her PhD from Case Western Reserve University and comes to us after being on the faculty of the University of Tulsa. She will be teaching courses in Postcolonial literature and writing. Professor Perrin graduated from Johns Hopkins University and received her MFA from the University of Maryland. She will be teaching a number of courses in writing and literature this year.

The department of English regrets announcing the resignation of Christopher Couch, lecturer in English. Professor Couch served the department ably for several years as a teacher and as director of the Writing Center. He has taken a new position as minister of education at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Camp Hill. The department wishes him all the best as he continues his educational ministry elsewhere.

As the department continues to add new faculty members, it invites applications for two positions.

Anglophone World Literature

The Department of English at Messiah College invites applications for Assistant Professor* of Anglophone World Literature. Emphasis on literatures of Africa, India or the Caribbean preferred. Familiarity with postcolonial theory desired. Expertise in other areas of literature or writing useful. Ph.D. required. Successful candidates will teach general education and upper division courses in World Literature as well as courses in the First Year Seminar Program. Evidence of strong commitment to teaching undergraduates in the liberal arts tradition is expected. Messiah College is a Christian college of the liberal and applied arts and sciences located in a suburb of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The college is committed to an embracing evangelical spirit rooted in the Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan traditions of the Christian church. Cover letter should briefly address the candidate's interest in teaching at a Christian College. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. EOE Send cover letter, curriculum vitae, and supporting materials to the address below. Applications should be postmarked by November 1st to receive full consideration for MLA interviews. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. Peter Powers, Chair, Department of English, Box 3017, Messiah College, Grantham, PA, 17027 or E-mail: Ppowers@messiah.edu

Rhetoric and Composition/ Writing Center Director

The Department of English at Messiah College invites applications for Assistant Professor* of Rhetoric and Composition. Ph.D. required,** with expertise in Rhetoric and Composition preferred. Depending on expertise, successful candidates will teach beginning and advanced writing courses, some literature, rhetoric and comp. theory, and will direct the campus writing center. Expertise in English Education desirable. Messiah College is a Christian college of the liberal and applied arts and sciences located in a suburb of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The college is committed to an embracing evangelical spirit rooted in the Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan traditions of the Christian church. Cover letter should briefly address the candidate's interest in teaching at a Christian College. Women and minority candidates are encouraged to apply. EOE Send cover letter, curriculum vitae, and supporting materials to the address below. Applications should be postmarked by November 1st to receive full consideration for MLA interviews. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. Peter Powers, Chair, Department of English, Box 3017, Messiah College, Grantham, PA, 17027 or E-mail: Ppowers@messiah.edu

Alumni News

Emily Rainville, Class of 2004

At the 2004 commencement ceremony, the Messiah College Alumni Association presented Emily Rainville, a graduating English major, with the Alumni Merit Award. During her four years at Messiah, Emily earned the highest academic honor of summa cum laude, studied abroad in France, taught English to French school children and Chinese nationals, conducted an independent research project on censorship, served as a peer tutor in the Writing Center, and mentored new English majors. The following is an excerpt from the award presentation:



"Emily, you have been nominated and selected for this award because of your academic achievement, your successful integration of scholarship and faith, and your sacrificial servanthood... Professor Crystal Downing says that you are one of the most articulate and most earnest students in your desire to integrate faith and scholarship that she has encountered in her teaching career. Dr. Cynthia Wells-Lilly says your vision for the world is fueled by compassionate imagination. Your life, she adds, unites a deep love of learning, a commitment to making connections, and a sincere faithfulness to engage the needs of others."

Marissa Brown, Class of 2004

Accepted a 10th and 11th grade English teaching position with Millville Senior High School in southern New Jersey for the 2004-2005 academic school year.

Christin Sauers, Class of 2004

Accepted a 9th grade English teaching position with Conestoga Valley High School in Lancaster County for the 2004-2005 academic school year.

Jamie Moulthrop, Class of 2004

Accepted a 10th grade English teaching position with Elizabethtown Area High School for the 2004-2005 academic school year

Grace Shalhoub, Class of 2003

Accepted a job working with Greg Wolfe at Seattle Pacific University as the Program Coordinator for the new low residency MFA program.

Pete Ramsey, Class of 2002

Accepted a position as the Serial Receipt Assistant in the acquisitions department at the Academic Affairs Library of UNC Chapel Hill.

Carol Shetler, Class of 1975 (Graduated as Carol McBeth)

Successfully completed the Transition to Teaching program at Bethel College on May 5, 2004, and received her certification to teach secondary English from the state of Indiana in June, 2004. The intensive one-year program is geared to persons who already possess a college degree but have not taken education courses or completed student teaching.

Faculty News

Matt Roth has two poems, "Money" and "From the Stamp Collection of P. Monk," published in the current issue of the *Minnesota Review*.

Christine Perrin has her poem "April Snowfall" published in the Spring issue of *The Seneca Review* and anticipates the publication of two poems, "Beech Forest" and "Perfect Nudity," in the forthcoming issues of *Image: a Journal for the Arts and Religion*. She has received a Special Opportunity Stipend from the Pennsylvania Arts Council for poetry.

Opportunities / Call for Papers

Delos National Undergraduate Literary Magazine

Delos was created by and continues operating entirely under the guidance of undergraduate students as a venue for the finest undergraduate writers to publish their work and obtain national exposure. The staff of Delos is currently accepting submissions of poetry, short fiction, longer fiction, excerpts, essays, literary criticism, and photography. Both previously published and unpublished pieces are accepted. Submissions page: http://www.delosliterary.org/su_home.html.

Delos also accepts applications for staff readers and editors. The staff works entirely through internet communication, so undergraduate students from all geographical locations are eligible for the positions. Staff page: http://www.delosliterary.org/st_home.html.

Bradley Gorski, an undergraduate student at Georgetown University and the editor of Delos, is available at editor@delosliterary.org.