

English News

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Messiah College English Department

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Department News

Homecoming Theater Events from English Alumni

During Homecoming weekend, the Theater and English Departments hosted the performance of two plays from Messiah English Alumni:

Martyr's Untied by Kristen Burkholder (Class of 1993)

Constellations by Debbie DeGeorge (Class of 2003, Case Western University's 2003 Playwriting Award).

The Saturday, October 16 event celebrated the success of these alumni and shared their work with Messiah faculty and students.

Poetry Reading: Lee Martin

On Thursday, October 14, Messiah's Poets and Writers Reading Series sponsored a free reading by acclaimed author Lee Martin. A question-and-answer session, book signing and reception followed the reading.

Lee Martin is an associate professor of English at Ohio State University. He is the author of four books:

The Least You Need to Know
From Our House
Quakertown
Turning Bones

"Lee Martin is one of the undiscovered geniuses of American prose."
- John Dufresne

First Year Student Advising Session

All first year students should attend a departmental advising session scheduled for November 10th at 4:10 p.m. Room to be announced. We will be discussing your scheduling for the spring semester and other issues you should be considering at this stage of your educational experience. You will have time to meet with your advisors for general questions concerning scheduling, so students are encouraged to have tentative course schedules worked out prior to the meeting. In addition, first year students will meet peer mentors and consider the possibility of participating in the mentoring program.

"The
characteristic
common to
God
and
man
is apparently that:
the desire
and
the ability
to
make
things
up."

- Dorothy Sayers,
The Mind of the Maker

2004-2005 Alpha Upsilon

On October 13, the English Honors Society welcomed the following inductees:

Kelly C. Brooks	Hannah R. Meyer
Kerry Brooks	Rebecca A. Rodgers
Rebecca L. Buckham	Erica A. Smittle
Erin Gallagher	Emily D. Thrush
Danina M. Garcia	Sarah L. Wilson
Katie A. Grant	Jennifer A. Wismer
Curtis D. LeVan	

The following members are continuing in the Honors Society:

Sarah E. Adams	Erin Ryan
Kenneth K. Hoch	Lucas Sheaffer
Betsy Lance	Kayla K. Smyers
Shana L. Owens	Ruth E. Trimmer
Rachel R. Peterson	Danielle S. Weaver
Jordan D. Rapp	Jordan Windholz

Alumni News

Nathan Heller, Class of 2004

Accepted into Villanova University School of Law for his postgraduate studies.

Emily Rainville, Class of 2004

Her essay, "The Underground Man and Meursault: Alienating Consequences of Self-Authentication," has been published in the current issue of *The Oswald Review*

Tiffany (Eberle Kriner), Class of 1998

She plans to defend her dissertation on October 15. Also, her article on Lucille Clifton and eschatology has been accepted to *Christianity and Literature*, to be published tentatively in the Winter 2005 edition.

Christina Moyer, Class of 2004

Christina is doing her graduate work in Library Science at the University of Maryland, where she applauds the benefits of her English background and Writing Center experience as helpful tools in the program. Her graduate assistantship is in the College of Information Studies' Student Services Office.

Opportunities

Library Research Grant

The Friends of Murray Library are sponsoring the 3rd Annual Library Research Grant to support academic research done at other libraries by Messiah students. First year students, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are eligible for up to \$750 to support their research project.

Application information and a sample proposal available at:
www.messiah.edu/library/grant.html

Application Deadline: Wednesday, November 3, 2004

Awards to be announced on Wednesday, November 17, 2003

Pennsylvania Newspaper Association's Fall 2004-Summer 2005 Internship Guide

You can now access the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association's Fall 2004–Summer 2005 Internship Guide at http://www.pa-newspaper.org/foundation/InternshipGuide/internship_guide.htm.

This guide lists internship opportunities at newspapers throughout Pennsylvania. Listings include positions at daily and non-daily newspapers in editorial, advertising, photography, and other areas.

Questions about the guide may be directed to Teresa Shaak, Administrative Assistant at PNA Foundation: Phone (717) 703-3012, Fax (717) 703-3008, Email teresa@pa-news.org

Jubilat Web Editor

The literary journal *jubilat*, housed by the University of Massachusetts, is seeking a volunteer Web Editor who will be responsible for biannual updates to the journal website (www.jubilat.org) and work closely with the editors to plan, design, and implement a new section of the site.

Applicants should have experience with HTML and web design, and be able to work independently as well as part of a team.

To Apply, send CV and letter of interest to:

Jedediah Berry, Managing Editor
jubilat
Department of English
452 Bartlett Hall
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, MA 01003

Or email information to jubilat@english.umass.edu.

The 2005 Norton Scholar's Prize

The annual Norton Scholar's Prize is awarded for an outstanding undergraduate essay on a literary topic. Essays may discuss any topic in English, American, or comparative literature. A letter of endorsement from a nominating instructor must accompany every submission. Students may only submit one essay and instructors may only nominate one essay.

The Norton Scholar will receive a \$2,500 cash award. Four runners-up will each receive a \$1,000 cash award.

Entries must be postmarked no later than May 2, 2005 and sent to:

The Norton Scholar's Prize
Attn: Peter Simon
W.W. Norton & Company, Inc.
500 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10110

See the poster on the English Bulletin Board for more details.

Central PA 2005 Writing Contest

Enter your original, unpublished work in the *Central PA 2005 Writing Contest*, sponsored by York College. Entries can be fiction or nonfiction (no poetry) but must not exceed 1,500 words. Each person may only enter one piece. Entries must be postmarked with a \$10 check or money order no later than December 15, 2004 and sent to:

2005 *Central PA*
Writing Center
PO Box 2954
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2954

1st prize: \$500
2nd prize: \$300
3rd prize: \$200

Winners will be announced in the April 2005 issue of *Central PA*. Visit www.centralpa.org to read winning entries from previous years.

Please see the flyer on the English Department bulletin board for exact details regarding cover page, signed statement, mailing, and restrictions.

Position Opening: Director of Communications

The Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) seeks a communications professional to manage publications and media tasks, supervise other staff, and help represent their campuses to Congress, government agencies and the broader academy. For more information on CCCU visit www.cccu.org and www.BestSemester.com

Main Job Functions:

- Engage in marketing CCCU's student programs, conferences and projects to CCCU campus constituencies
- Develop strategy and manage the branding of the niche of CCCU campuses in higher education
- Collaborate with the CCCU website manager
- Position CCCU campuses in the policy arena to retain their distinctives without government limitations by working with the President's office to build the public case for Christian higher education
- Work with key staff to implement an integrated communications plan that delivers consistent messages to important internal and external audiences
- Manage creative design, scheduling and production of tasks for other staff teams
- Maintain policy on institutional identity, graphic and editorial standards for all external publications and materials
- Develop and monitor department budget

Applicants should hold at least a bachelor's degree, have relevant work experience, be technologically confident, have strong writing skills, and bring the ability to collaborate with others.

Applicants should submit via email a cover letter addressing the link between this job and their experiences, attach a current resume and provide at least four professional references (with contact information including name, relationship, address, e-mail and telephone numbers).

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