

# English News

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## Department News

### Recent Faculty Additions

The English Department invites you to join us in welcoming two professors to the Messiah community:



Christine Perrin received a master of fine arts in poetry from the University of Maryland at College Park, and she returns to Messiah for her second year in the English Department. This semester, she teaches two First Year Seminars entitled "Professional Daydreamer: the Intellect and the Imagination," as well as the "Foundations in Writing" and "Young Adult Literature" classes. Professor Perrin has published poetry in numerous journals, and her current project is a collection of poetry tentatively titled "Look Meant Want." The subject of reading fascinates Professor Perrin, who quotes Alberto Manguel: "We all read ourselves and the world around us in order to glimpse what and where we are. We read to understand, or to begin to understand. We cannot do but read. Reading, almost as much as breathing, is our essential function."

Elizabeth Andrews received a master's degree in English from Temple University and a master's degree in teaching and curriculum from Pennsylvania State University. Her interest in the role of imagination in education is reflected in her First Year Seminar, entitled "Destination Imagination," as well as in a paper currently in progress on "The Education of the Imagination." Besides the First Year Seminar, Professor Andrews also teaches the "International Women Writers" and "Introduction to Poetry" classes this semester in the English Department. Her other current projects reflect her interest in interdisciplinary studies and include a collection of poetry that combines the reading with artwork and visual experience. Professor Andrews most recently held an educational research position at Pennsylvania State University.



## Faculty News

Helen Walker gave an interactive workshop on holistic pedagogy at a conference in Estes Park, CO, in June.

In July, Crystal Downing presented a paper at Oxford University entitled "The Beauty of Eastern Orthodox Truth: A New Connection Between CS Lewis and DL Sayers." And in the current issue of *Books and Culture* she has an essay on Stephen Spielberg's *The War of the Worlds* called "Rime of the Ancient Martian."

*"Reading well,  
in other words,  
is symbolic loving."*

*~ Alan Shapiro  
"In Praise of the Impure"*

Pete Powers's essay "Cultural Property and Student Identity in the Multicultural Classroom" appears in the Summer 2005 edition of *Melus: Pedagogy, Praxis, Politics, and Multiethnic Literatures*. He also published several articles in *Encyclopedia of the Harlem Renaissance*: "Religion," "Religious Organizations," and "Frederick Asbury Cullen."

## On Campus

A reception will be held on Thursday, September 15 from 4 to 5 p.m. in honor of 2005 scholarship winners, including English Education major Danina Garcia, recipient of the Ernest L. Boyer Teacher Scholarship. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to join the reception, located in the Howe Atrium of Boyer Hall.

Anna Quindlen, bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the *New York Times*, will give a guest lecture on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Brubaker Auditorium in honor of the inauguration of President Kim Phipps. Admission is free.

Rachel Pastan, author of the novel *This Side of Married*, will be giving a reading on Thursday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m. in Frey 110. A reception will follow.

## Student News

Carolyn Eanes, Class of 2007

Carolyn will be reading her paper entitled "Exposing Ordinary People," an analysis of the film *Ordinary People*, at the Literature/Film Association Conference at Dickinson College October 13-16.

## Alumni News

Matthew Armes, Class of 2005

Matthew has accepted a position as a production assistant at ESPN, where he will be editing stories, coming up with possible story ideas, and checking out video highlights.

Joanna Fessler, Class of 2005

Joanna recently began a year of teaching English at a high school in Hungary. Her web site with updates and pictures is <http://jofessler.blogspot.com>.

Kayla Smyers, Class of 2005

Kayla has accepted a position as an English teacher at Fairfield High/Middle School, where she begins to teach this fall.

Jenny Dodson, Class of 2004

After spending the summer traveling in Germany and Barcelona and attending classes in Mallorca, Jenny has returned to finish her master's degree in New Jersey.

Carmen McCain, Class of 1999


Carmen recently spent three months in Sokoto, Nigeria, on the Foreign Language Area Studies Scholarship working on her Hausa language skills. While there, she developed a research interest in Hausa romance literature and popular film. She is currently TAing Introduction to African Languages and Literature at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Christopher Alvarez, Class of 1997

Christopher and his wife Sarah are taking leaves of absence from their jobs this year to circumnavigate the globe, including stops in Sicily, Greece, Turkey, and India.

## Opportunities

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor currently seeks undergraduate students interested in interning at the State Capitol. Interns will attend hearings, briefings, and meetings; research and write responses to constituent inquiries; and perform related tasks. Applicants must have completed one semester of college and should be interested in the legislative process. Strong writing and research skills are also recommended. School credit is available if college gives approval. For more information, contact Kristin Daniels at (717) 783-3637.



The University of Pennsylvania Health System is looking for interns who are majoring in English, Communications, or Marketing. Responsibilities include writing, editing, and proofreading marketing materials, as well as office duties. Applicants should be self-motivated, able to work in a team, and have strong writing and communication skills. For more information, see the flyer on the English department bulletin board.

The Wall Street Journal is looking for college interns for ten-week periods in June, July, and August. The internships are highly competitive, with around 18 applicants selected. To apply, send in a cover letter, resume, and a dozen of your best bylined clips by Nov. 1. The Wall Street Journal Europe and the Asian Wall Street Journal are also seeking interns. For more information on any of these opportunities, see the Internship Center.

Van Gogh's Ear Poetry Reading Series, which formerly met at Borders Books and Music of Harrisburg, is beginning again at Open Stage. Readings in the new venue will take place one Sunday a month at 7 p.m., with the inaugural reading on Sept. 18. Scheduled readers include Joe Weil and Lynn Fetterolf. Contact [bluebard@comcast.net](mailto:bluebard@comcast.net) for more information.

The 4th Annual Library Research Grant offers up to \$750 to support academic research done by Messiah students at other libraries. The application deadline is Nov. 2, and awards will be announced Nov. 16. For more information, see the Murray Library web site.

The Samaritan Counseling Center and the YWCA Sexual Assault & Prevention Counseling Center will sponsor a coffeehouse for survivors of domestic violence and their supporters on Friday, Sept. 23 at 4:45 p.m. To submit writing, artwork, music, dance, etc., see the information on the English department bulletin board.

Submit your work to the *Minnemingo Review*. Mail poetry, fiction, essays, reviews, prints, sketches, and photographs to Jenny Zimmerman, Box 6468. Submissions are due by September 21<sup>st</sup>.