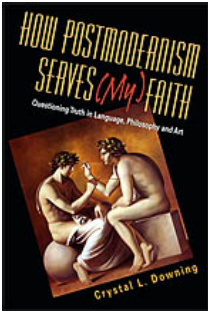


English News



Faculty News



Crystal Downing's book, "How Postmodernism Serves (My) Faith," examines postmodernism and its origins. The book examines the ways in which postmodernism has affected Dr. Downing's life, from her first encounters with it in her graduate student days to her research into postmodernism's origins and the challenges it presents to today's truthseekers. The book also examines the "duck-and-cover" way in which Christians react to postmodernism, and suggests, instead, engagement with its critique of modernism. Possibly, Dr. Downing suggests, we could even benefit from it.

Helen Walker, Common Ground Theatre, and the Institute for Cultural Partnerships recently received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for a program called "Arts' Voice." The program is focused on the alternative high school in Harrisburg, William Penn, and seeks to incorporate the arts (such as dance, visual art, and theatre) into the classroom setting, "with goals of increased student attendance, education ownership, and civic responsibility," as well as helping the students develop the "voice of one's own conscience --which recognizes the conscience of the whole of humanity." Volunteers are welcome to assist with the program, and should contact Helen Walker.

Department News

The English department, together with the Alumni Office, will be hosting a **drop-in lunch in honor of Carmen McCain**, recipient of the Young Alumni Achievement Award 2006. The lunch will take place on Friday, October 20 from 12-1:30 in Hostetter 113.

Dr. Downing will be reading as part of the English department faculty reading series on October 18 from 7:30-8:30 pm in Frey 143.

"So What DO you do with a degree in English or journalism?"

On Monday October 30th from 6:30-8:00 p.m., the English department will be sponsoring a pizza party and discussion time, focused around the question "So What DO you do with a degree in English or journalism?" Students will have the opportunity to talk with faculty and alumni about possibilities for life after Messiah. Visiting alumni include:

Kristine Steakley ('92)—Kristine is now working as a writer and fundraiser with Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship. She will be on campus most of the day talking with students about internships and careers with Prison Fellowship.

Cre Carbonaro ('01)—Cre graduated with an English degree and returned in 2002 to complete a theater degree. She currently teaches Senior English at Mechanicsburg High School, and she just completed her Masters degree in Old Testament Studies and Wisdom Literature at the Evangelical School of Theology.

Mark Seymour--Post graduation, Mark worked for Rite Aid's Public Relations Department. He then worked at Eastern and was promoted to VP for Enrollment Management. Currently, He is the Sr. Dir. For Enrollment Management and Family Relations at Milton Hershey School.

Noreen Livoti ('02)—Noreen graduated with a writing concentration and is now managing editor of Central PA magazine. She has worked regularly with Messiah interns from the English department.

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All that we see or seem
Is but a dream within a dream.
-Edgar
Allan Poe

There will be a retirement reception for **Paul Nisly** on Saturday, October 21 from 3-5:00 p.m. in Hostetter Chapel, room 113. Dr. Nisly is retiring from full-time teaching at the end of this semester, although he hopes to continue teaching as an adjunct. He also hopes to visit relatives in El Salvador and Costa Rica, as well as catch up on his reading list, and he plans to continue his duties as bishop of the Harrisburg district of Mennonite churches. Dr. Nisly began teaching at Messiah in 1972, and both of his children graduated from here. Because of his long tenure at Messiah, Dr. Nisly has had the opportunity to teach many generations of students, including students of former students, to which he says, "I am blessed."

Alumni News

Carmen McCain ('98) received the Young Alumni Achievement Award from Messiah College. This award is given to an alum who graduated within the past ten years and recognizes an alum for significant achievement in vocation, church and/or civic endeavors and for how well she represents the mission of Messiah College. Carmen graduated with honors in English, participated in Bucknell's Younger Poets Seminar, and worked in publishing for two years before becoming a Fulbright Scholar and Harvey Award recipient. She was selected for the Young Alumni Achievement Award because of her passion to work toward racial reconciliation issues in Africa, which has led to significant achievements as a student and scholar. She is currently finishing her doctorate in African Studies at the University of Wisconsin. If you're interested in meeting Carmen, come to the drop-in lunch which will be held in her honor on Friday, October 20th from 12:00-1:30 in Hostetter 113.

Carl Yost ('03) completed his M.F.A. in Poetry at Penn State this May, and is now pursuing an M. A. in Arts Journalism at Syracuse University.

Grace Shaloub received a Masters in Integrated Studies in San Francisco.

Sarah Wilson ('05) recently received a byline with the Patriot News.

Jim McConnell ('01) won the Ness Award from the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church for his paper, "The Character of Methodism in George Eliot's Adam Bede." Jim's paper currently awaits publication in the quarterly journal *Methodist History*. He is a senior at Duke Divinity School.

Hannah Meyer recently published two essays with Sigma Tau Delta, the English honors society.

Renee (Springman) Lannan ('00) received her M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Toledo in August '06 upon the completion of a thesis/project developing a curriculum to teach grammar and writing skills without using traditional skill-and-drill methods. She currently serves as Director of Children and Youth Ministries at Mountain Grove Chapel in Dover, PA, and offers literature and writing workshops to students in a Harrisburg-based homeschool co-op.

Kristin Vasquez ('04) is now teaching High School English (British Literature and Literature and Composition) at Brentwood Academy in TN.

Opportunities

The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund is offering paid internships for the summer of 2007. Juniors and seniors are eligible for internships in general news editing, sports editing, and online editing, and minority sophomores and juniors are eligible for internships in business reporting. Applications and further details are available at <http://DJNewspaperFund.dowjones.com>.

The Davies-Jackson Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications. The scholarship allows study at St. John's College, Cambridge. It covers all fees, room, and board during term-time for two academic years (beginning in September), living expenses during summer vacation, and travel to and from England. The deadline for application is November 13, and applications may be found at www.cic.edu/caphe/assistance/davies.asp.

The Lyric, a quarterly magazine devoted to traditional poetry, is accepting submissions for its undergraduate poetry contest. The deadline for submissions is December 1, and winners will be announced and published in the Spring issue. First prize is \$400, second prize is \$100, and third prize is \$50. Entries must be original and unpublished, 36 lines or less, written in English in traditional forms, preferably with regular scansion and rhyme, and should be sent to: The Lyric College Contest, c/o Tanya Cimonetti, 1391 Spear St. So. Burlington, VJ 05403.

Entries should also contain, on every poem, the student's name and full address, as well as the full name and address of the college they attend.

Friends of Murray Library announced the **5th Annual Library Research Grant Awards**. Up to \$750 per student will be awarded to Messiah students who require off-campus resources for their research. The application deadline is November 1, and more information can be found at www.messiah.edu/murrallibrary/grant.html.

The Pennsylvania Newspaper Association's Fall 2006-Summer 2007 Internship Guide, produced by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association Foundation, can now be accessed at http://www.pa-newspaper.org/web/2005/10/internship_guide.aspx.

E-mail newsletter items to
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The Wall Street Journal Online is offering paid summer internships in its news and graphics departments in New York and Brussels. Interns are paid \$700 a week, and the application deadline is November 15. Apply online at their website: <http://www.dowjones.com/careers>, using the search term "wsj.com intern."

Taylor University is looking for submissions for its Undergraduate Conference on Literature and Writing, February 15-17, 2007. Papers and creative writing are welcomed, and fellowships exist for the best in both categories. The submission deadline is November 30. More details can be found at <http://www.taylor.edu/academics/acaddepts/english/conference.htm>.

Brandeis University, which offers a Master of Arts in English and American Literature, is holding an open house on Monday, December 4. Visit their website at http://www.brandeis.edu/departmentst/english/grad/ma_day.html for more information.

Susquehanna University is holding its third annual Regional Undergraduate Conference on Literature and Creative Writing on February 19, 2007. Papers and creative writing submissions are welcome, and more information can be found at <http://www.susqu.edu/english/LitConference/2007posterfinalcpy.pdf>.

W. W. Norton & Company is looking for submissions for the **2007 Norton Scholar's Prize**. The winner will receive \$2,500, and runners-up will receive \$1,000. Deadline for submissions is April 20, 2007. Submission guidelines and rules can be found at <http://www.wwnorton.com/college/english/scholar2006.htm>.

Moravian College will host an interdisciplinary undergraduate conference in medieval and early modern studies on Saturday, December 2, 2006. Students may present 15-minute papers or presentations in any discipline relating to the medieval and early modern eras. For more details, visit www.moravian.edu/medieval.

The Office of the First Lady of Pennsylvania is looking for an intern to fill a non-compensated position this semester. If interested, send a one-page resume to Mike True at mtrue@messiah.edu.

Syracuse University recently began **the Goldring Arts Journalism Program**, offering an M. A. in Arts Journalism. For more information, visit their website at <http://artsjournalism.syr.edu>. Or you can contact Carl Yost, a Messiah alum who is currently enrolled in the program, at cdyost@syr.edu

BREVITY, the journal of concise literary nonfiction, published its fall issue at <http://www.creativenonfiction.org/brevity/index.htm>. Submission guidelines can be found there as well.