

English News
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Department News

The Paul W. Nisly Endowment for Literature, Vocation and Reconciliation.

In recognition of Professor Paul Nisly's distinguished career, The English Department is honored to announce the creation of the Paul W. Nisly Endowment. The purpose of this fund is to promote further understanding of the writing and study of literature as a form of Christian vocation. It especially promotes activities that encourage inquiry into how this vocation is related to the task of peacemaking, the quest for social justice, and the work of reconciliation of human beings to one another and to God. The following are the programs involved: Symposium on Literature, Peacemaking and Social Justice, the Paul W. Nisly Writer-in-Residence Program, and a Student Scholarship. For more information please contact Bob Brown at ext.

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Poetry Symposium

Follow-Up. The Messiah College English Department hosted 'Poetry & Sustainability: A Symposium' from Tuesday, March 24 to Friday, March 27. The Symposium was themed around Wendell Berry's "In Defense of Literacy," which declares that we will understand the world, and preserve ourselves and our values in it, only insofar as we have a language that is alert and responsive to it, and careful of it. Events included poetry readings, a documentary film, music, and panel discussions.

Seniors Sarah Rinko, Rachel McGahey, and Brittany Lodge have all had creative work accepted for publication in *Mind Murals*, a Sigma Tau Delta literary journal (Eastern Region).

Samuel Smith read from his poetry at the 29th Annual Wildwood Writer's Festival at Harrisburg Area Community College on March 23, 2009.

Rachel McGahey has been awarded full funding to the MFA program in Creative Writing at the University of Florida, where she will begin her graduate studies this fall.



Alumni News

Kimi Cunningham Grant '02 is one of the 2009 recipients of a PA Council on the Arts Fellowship for creative nonfiction. Kimi currently teaches first-year English Penn State.

Danielle Sahn's (December 2008) play, "How My Light is Spent" (a one-act play about John Milton and his daughter) was selected as one of four winners in Drury University's One-Act Playwriting Competition (out of 288 entries). Danielle's play is now eligible for performance at Drury University, which is in Springfield, Missouri.

Lisa Stubbs '06 has been accepted to Teachers College at both Columbia University and New York University.

Curtis LeVan '06 was accepted into and offered T.A.-ships in all the graduate programs in English he applied to: Western Michigan Univ., Northern Michigan Univ., and University of South Florida. He decided to attend the latter.

Rebecca Buckham '05 has been awarded full funding for five years to the Johns Hopkins University PhD program in English (ranked 8th in the nation alongside Columbia University). She is currently finishing an MA program in English at Villanova University.



Opportunities

Internships available at Sandy Hill Camp!

Positions: Creative Arts educator, Medical Assistants, Adventure Education, Equestrian Staff, Cabin Counselors. Sandy Hill is a One - Two week residential camp for boys and girls ages 8- 16

located in Northeastern Maryland. First-year staff members receive free room and board and \$2,400 salary. Teammates receive nearly all weekends off, but organized weekend trips are available. Visit www.SandyHillCamp.com for more information.

Contact: Cristi Lister,
Cristi@SandyHillCamp.com

Call for Submissions!

RUMINATE: faith in literature and art (a quarterly magazine of short stories, poetry, nonfiction, and visual art) is currently seeking submissions for its fall 2009 issue "Confession." They are also accepting entries for their upcoming *Janet B. McCabe Poetry Prize*, judged by poet Scott Cairns. Full details for magazine submissions can be found here:

<http://www.ruminatemagazine.org/submissions/>

Poetry Prize information here:

<http://www.ruminatemagazine.org/contests/janet-b.-mccabe-poetry-prize-2009.html>

The deadline for both is May 15th.

English Teacher Vacancy – Applicants Needed.

A private, college-prep academy in Nashville, TN, is seeking a

high school English teacher (primarily for grades 9 – 10) qualified to teach survey courses and British Lit. The position requires a Bachelor's degree in English, though a Master's is preferred; a Teaching Certificate is NOT required. The successful candidate will be expected to participate in school life by coaching athletic teams or supervising extracurricular activities. Work begins August 2009, and compensation is competitive with local public schools.

Candidates should apply to Southern Teachers Agency. The process consists of completing an STA application ([available online](#)), sending a credentials file, and having a telephone interview.

Contact:
Teachers@SouthernTeachers.com
or
www.SouthernTeachers.com

The Writing Center is hiring new tutors for fall '09. If interested, send writing samples to Dr. David Dzaka (DDzaka@messiah.edu). Include a sample of expository, academic writing showcasing your ability to construct an argument and craft a paper. Also include two references and their contact information.

Work offers up to 10 hours a week (including an hour-long staff meeting).

Respond with interest by APRIL 20th.

Online Publication

Opportunity! Fiction Weekly is seeking submissions for its online publication. Authors may submit any unpublished story, and writing may be in any genre. Selected stories will be showcased on the site's homepage for one week, displayed on the site's homepage for three months, and then permanently archived in their online library.

Fiction Weekly reads every story submitted, and responds with feedback within 30 days. For more information, or to submit a story, visit:

www.fictionweekly.com

