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# English News

## Department News

**The Paul Nisly Endowment:** We have reached enough funding to begin drawing on the endowment! We would still appreciate your support so that this fund can continue to grow.

**Transitions:** Some members of the English department will be changing titles and offices this summer. **Jean Corey** will become the Director of the Center for Public Humanities, and **Larry M. Lake** has been appointed as the Director of Writing Across the Curriculum. **Matthew Roth** will be the English Department Chair, replacing **Samuel Smith**.

This past semester, **Dr. Larry M. Lake** participated in the seminar “Photographing Pacific Islanders” at the annual meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania in Portland, Oregon. Each participant was responsible for a chapter in a forthcoming book. Dr. Lake’s chapter, “How Two Expeditions Edited the Dani,” examines the selectivity which always governs the publication of photographs.

**Helen Walker** and current student, **Katie Todd**, are going to Kenya on a research grant. They will be interviewing children who have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS to study the difference that an opportunity for an education can make.

**Dr. Larry M. Lake** attended a writing conference at Calvin College and participated in a writers' workshop with fiction writer Patricia Westerhof and heard from a variety of authors including Marilynne Robinson, Jonathan Safran Foer, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Shane Claiborne, Craig Thompson, Gary Schmidt, Luci Shaw, Li-Young Lee,

Leila Aboulela, Scott Cairns, and Julia Kasdorf.

## Alumni News

**Alyssa Lord '10** has been accepted into the PhD program in Victorian Literature at Boston College.

**Lydia Ferraro Browning '09** has been offered a fellowship to do graduate work in English Literature at Villanova University.

**Leon Leid '08** has received a full fellowship to the University of Texas at Austin, where he will study Portuguese and pursue an Environmental Studies concentration within the Latin American Studies program. He was also offered fellowships in programs at University of California at San Diego and the University of Arizona.

**Please forward any additional alumni news** to Marialana Gaetano, [mg1243@messiah.edu](mailto:mg1243@messiah.edu), under the subject heading “Alumni News.”

## Opportunities

The **Young Writers Workshop** is a summer writing program for students entering grades 9-12 and will be held on Messiah College’s campus. Running from July 15-20, the program will give students the chance to improve their skills as writers by participating in either the Creative Writing Track or the College-Prep Expository Writing Track.

**Teachers Wanted!** StudentsLife Inc. is looking for part time instructors specializing in ESL for its English Department. To apply, email your CV and cover letter to [Kevin.studentslife@gmail.com](mailto:Kevin.studentslife@gmail.com) or mail them to 355 N. 21<sup>st</sup> St., Camp Hill, PA, 17011. If you have further questions, contact Kevin Kim at 717-343-4141 or at the email address listed above.

**The Festival of Faith and Writing** at Calvin College is a biennial conference that brings together writers, editors, publishers, musicians, artists, and readers for three days of discussing and



celebrating insightful writing that explores, in some significant way, issues of faith. The next Festival will be held in April 2014. College

students (such as English majors from Messiah College) are encouraged to attend with the incentive of reduced registration rates and housing in Calvin College's dorms.