

## 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. 2260 or [BBrown@messiah.edu](mailto:BBrown@messiah.edu)

**Upcoming Guest Lecture:** Novelist, poet, musician and AIDS activist Kwame Dawes will come to campus on Tuesday, March 30, for an afternoon event, dinner, and evening reading. The evening reading will take place in Hostetter Chapel (sanctuary) at 7:30.

Dawes bills himself as "the busiest man in literature today." See here: [www.kwamedawes.com](http://www.kwamedawes.com)

### Alumni News

**Danielle Sahn's '09** Senior Literature Seminar paper was accepted for publication in *The Journal of Children's*

*Literature*, a national publication put out by the NTCE.

### **Krista Soriano '08**

was recently promoted to Assistant Editor of ELLE.com, the website of Hachette Filipacchi Media's leading publication. She's incredibly thankful for the experiences Messiah gave her, and would love to give back. She would be happy to share her experiences with fellow Falcons seeking to break into the media industry. Check her out here: <http://www.elle.com/about-us>

### **Kristin (Masters) Vazquez '04**

graduated from Belmont University in August with an MA in English Literature.

### **Kurt Eisele-Dyrli '01**

has been hired in a senior position as products editor at District Administration, a national K-12 education magazine.

### **Mark Hubman '98**

just published his first novel, *Dearest Isabella*. It

tells the tale of Cassandra Losch, a contemporary woman whose life is *transformed* by a set of old Civil War letters.

**Ben Thorpe '07** is currently working in development at the Hispanic College Fund, a national non-profit headquartered in Washington, D.C. The Hispanic College Fund provides scholarships to students across the United States and in Puerto Rico, administers college access programs in cities across the country, and generates online resources for Hispanic students and young professionals.



**Stephen C. Slota '07**

completed his Masters last year and is now a PhD candidate and graduate research assistant in Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh.

## Opportunities

**2010 Central PA Magazine Writing Contest: three cash prizes!** Send six copies of an original, unpublished piece of fiction or non-fiction (double-spaced, stapled manuscripts only) along with \$10 entry fee (checks addressed to WITF, Inc with the notation "Central PA Writing Contest) to:

2101 Central PA  
Writing Contest  
4801 Lindle Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

The deadline for entries is January 16, 2010. This contest is open to all PA residents and students enrolled in any PA school. Winners will be announced in April 2010. For further information, please visit: <http://www.witf.org/life>

[style/central-pa-magazine/2113-announcing-the-2010-central-pa-magazine-writing-contest](http://www.taylor.edu/cslewis/style/central-pa-magazine/2113-announcing-the-2010-central-pa-magazine-writing-contest)

**C.S. Lewis & Friends Student Essay Contest: \$500 prize.** Send essays addressing the work of C.S. Lewis or one of his "friends:" George MacDonald, Dorothy L. Sayers, Charles Williams, Owen Barfield, J.R.R. Tolkien, or G.K. Chesterton along with complete contact information to:

Thom Satterlee  
Program Director  
Center for the Study of  
C.S. Lewis & Friends  
Taylor University  
Upland, IN 46989

Deadline: April 20, 2010.  
For more information, visit:

<http://www.taylor.edu/cslewis/>

**2010 Conference on Christianity & Literature Student Writing Contest!** This contest is open to all regularly enrolled undergraduate students. All entries should suggest

the author's spiritual inquiry. Students may submit up to three typed entries. Poems should be no more than two pages long; fiction and non-fiction entries may not exceed 15 pages. Only the title of the piece should appear on each entry. A separate cover letter for each piece should list: Author's name, e-mail, mailing address, academic affiliation, category of entry, and the title of each piece entered.

All entries must be received by March 8, 2010. Send entries to:

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