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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.

Career Event: On April 4 from 4:10-5:10 in Boyer 234, visiting author, **Janel Atlas '04**, has graciously agreed to join us for a conversation about life as a free-lance writer. Please come join her for helpful tips, good conversation, and, as always, good refreshments. See the flyer (at the end of this newsletter) to find out more about her talk at 7:30 in Kline 120!

Save April 25 for the fourth annual *Beyond the Margins*, the wildly popular English major variety show. The show will begin at 7:00 in Poorman Recital Hall.

In May, **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.

Alumni News

The Midtown Scholar is about to inaugurate a monthly 'book pick of the month' with WITF TV/FM, and they jointly have chosen **Kimi Cunningham Grant's '02** lovely family memoir *SILVER LIKE DUST* as the selection for April 2012. As part of the book-pick programming, Kimi is going to be coming to the bookstore for a 'book salon'/signing on April 28, from 3-5. Everyone is invited! Go and support Messiah's authors!

April is National Poetry Month!

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Please forward any additional alumni news to Marialana Gaetano, <u>mg1243@messiah.edu</u>, under the subject heading "Alumni News."

Opportunities

The Cedarville Review, Cedarville University's undergraduate literary journal, is currently accepting fiction, poetry, nonfiction, and art submissions from all CCCU students (which includes Messiah) for their 2012 volume. Please send submissions to their email address: review@cedarville.edu. All submissions accepted for publication receive a complimentary copy of the published journal.

The new **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. For more information or to register go to this link: http://www.messiah.edu/writersworkshop/index.html

The Academy of American Poets announces the **Carrie A. Guhl Student Poetry Prize** at Messiah College. The winner will be announced at the Minnemingo Review unveiling and will receive a cash award of \$100 and a oneyear membership to the Academy of American Poets. To be considered for the prize, submit up to two poems of any length to Helen Walker, Box 3017, by April 13.

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 <u>Kevin.studentslife@gmail.com</u> or mail them to 355 N. 21st St., Camp Hill, PA, 17011. If you have further questions, contact Kevin Kim at 717-343-4141 or at the email address listed above.

Meet the Author!





APRIL 4 7:30 p.m. Kline 120

Janel Atlas, a recent Messiah grad, will discuss the process that led to the publication of her book and read passages from it.

She will have copies to sell!