

English News



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Department News

Crystal Downing

has published several things since spring. On film: 1) on *Gone Baby Gone* for the Cresset 2) on depictions of the Amish in film, for a book published by John Hopkins University Press. She also published, with Sharon Baker, an essay surveying depictions of Noah's Ark throughout Christian history (for Books and Culture); and her work on *Wuthering Heights*, published in the 1990s, has been republished in a critical edition of Bronte's novel by Ignatious Press. This summer she gave six talks at the Cornerstone Festival, a yearly gathering in Illinois of 20,000 edgy Christians from around the world.

Samuel Smith and Rebecca Buckham '05 presented papers at the Ninth International Milton Symposium in London, England (July 7-11). More than 250 Milton scholars from all over the world were in attendance to celebrate Milton's quarter centenary in the city of his birth.

Rebecca's essay, "Becoming Georgic Readers: Laboring with the Texts of Eden, *Paradise Lost*, and our World Today," and Samuel's essay, "Refiguring Milton's Suspect Son: Samuel Wesley's Orthodox Palimpsest of *Paradise Regained*," were well-received. While in London, they enjoyed performances of a *Midsummer Night's Dream* and *King Lear* at the Globe Theatre and visited Milton's cottage at Chalfont-St. Giles.

Alumni News

Jim Knipple '00' begins his final year in a Drama (Directing) MFA program at the University of California-Irvine. He recently assistant directed for Richard Greenburg's (Tony award-winning playwright) newest play at South Coast Repertory

and spent the summer assistant directing at the Utah Shakespeare festival. His wife **Janel (Miley) '00** (Theatre major) is a company member at two professional theatres in Los Angeles/Hollywood.

Melissa Driver '07 received an additional scholarship (\$10,000) from the University of Pittsburg Law School.

Jamie (Moulthrop) Lewis '04 and her husband, William, welcomed their first son, Jake Matthew on August 10, 2007. Jamie was accepted in the Master of Library Science program at Clarion University

Julie (Adams) Wu '01 completed a doctorate in Pathology in the Program for Molecular and Cellular Biology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, MD, where she received the 2008 Board of Regents Award at the commencement ceremony. She presented some of her work at the American Society for Reproductive Immunology Symposium in Chicago in June. Julie's dissertation title is "Induction of pro-angiogenic factors by pregnancy-specific

glycoproteins and studies on receptor usage."

Marissa (Brown) Harris '04 has moved from Millville, NJ, where she was teaching English and coaching track/cross country at the Millville public high school to Pasadena, CA. She will be teaching 9th grade honors and 12th grade AP English at a Christian school in Santa Monica while her husband Jason pursues an MA at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Bethany Deitrick '07 has accepted a job at John Harris High School teaching ninth and tenth graders.

Pete Ramsey '02 just completed a Master of Science degree in Library Science from UNC Chapel Hill. He's currently on the prowl for a job as an academic librarian somewhere along the US East Coast. His thesis, "Social Networking Services: Library Collaboration 2.0?" can be read at <http://etd.ils.unc.edu/dspace/handle/1901/567>.

Ryan Lauko '04 finished a Master of Liberal Arts program at the University of Pennsylvania this past

December. He's currently looking for a job teaching English, and hopes to go back for doctoral studies in religious studies in the not too distant future.

Sarah Ginolfi '08 will be a NYC teaching fellow this fall. She's started a new blog, [Sarah in the Bronx](#), where she'll keep us all informed of her goings on.

Alicia Watkins '03 has been writing an op-ed column for three local papers for the past three months or so. Her columns have been appearing on the New Britain Herald's web site at newbritainherald.com, but since the platform doesn't support archiving; she also has a blog with her work at aliciawatkins.blogspot.com.

Opportunities

Susquehanna University invites undergraduate scholars and creative writers to participate in "Environments of Imagination," its fifth annual Undergraduate Conference on Literature and Creative Writing.

They welcome broad interpretations of this theme including discussions of setting, place, home, the sublime, urban and nature writing, identity, genre, social justice, ecology, aesthetics, and the like. All types of literature are welcome including poetry, prose fiction and non-fiction, and literary journalism. Please submit either a 300-word abstract of a scholarly paper or a work of creative writing appropriate for a 15-minute presentation. Include contact information and college information. Submissions must be in a MS Word attachment to englishdept@susqu.edu. In the subject line please indicate: Conference: [Title of paper]. The fee (upon acceptance) is \$30. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 24.

Scholarship Available: Davies-Jackson Scholarship through St. John's College, Cambridge is specifically designed for students of modest means who want to spend two years of study in Cambridge on humanities or social sciences. It results in a second BA from Cambridge rather than a graduate degree,

and the scholarship is worth about \$50,000 total. Deadline is Nov. 14. See the following website for more details:

http://www.cic.edu/projects_services/grants/daviesjackson/

The Third Annual Moravian College and Undergraduate Conference invites undergraduates to come and present and hear presentations. It will be held December 6, 2008 on Moravian's campus in Bethlehem, PA. Last year's conference was attended by 200 people and featured presentations and performances by 90 people from 25 different schools. Last year three Messiah English majors presented papers and the year before two presented. The deadline for submission of proposals is Nov. 10. Registration is free for presenters and attendees. Registration and submission of proposals will be handled later in the semester via the conference website. You can visit the site at: <http://www.moravian.edu/medieval/>. Any questions can be directed to Samuel Smith.

The Minnemingo Review is now accepting submissions. Writers are invited to submit their fiction, poetry, literary nonfiction, and essays. Please submit no more than two prose pieces of up to 2000 words in length and/or three pieces of poetry as an attachment created in MS Word. Photographers are also invited to submit; please send no more than four photographs, in black and white, as jpg attachments. All contributors should submit by sending an email to minnemingo@messiah.edu containing a short, 2-3 line authors' biography in the body of the email, a line giving permission for publication if their work is chosen. All submissions are reviewed anonymously. The deadline for submitting is October 17.

Critically acclaimed poet Sharon Olds will read at the Lefler Chapel and Performance Center at Elizabethtown College on Monday, October 6 at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Carmine Sarracino at 717-361-1237.

The English department and Career Center will be sponsoring a **Graduate School Informational Meeting for English Majors** on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 4:00-5:00, in Boyer 231. This event is open to first year students through seniors. Faculty members and guest speakers will talk about M.A., Ph.D., and M.F.A. programs -- how to select a program, when and how to apply, and what to expect when you arrive on campus as a graduate student. There will be ample time for you to ask questions about graduate school, and refreshments will be provided.