

English News
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Merry Christmas!

Department News

Senior English majors Mackenzie Martin, Danielle Sahn, and Leon Leid were judges of the annual poetry festival at Covenant Christian Academy, on November 25. They heard approximately 15 students recite poems and judged two contests (grades 7-9 and 10-12). The winner of the contest for grades 10-12 will progress to the regional competition of "Poetry Out Loud," a national competition for poetry recitation supported by the National Endowment for the Arts. The school was delighted to have them and is sending a group of 9th grade students to Danielle's Honor's Thesis presentation on December 4th.

Three Messiah English majors-- Lydia Ferraro, Alyssa Lord, and

Holly Perozzi-- presented papers at the Third Undergraduate Conference on Medieval and Early Modern Studies at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on Saturday, December 6. This marks the second year in a row that Messiah has been represented by three of our English majors at this conference.

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

Alumni News

Jon Vaitl '06 has been accepted into the MA in English Literature program at Villanova University.



Opportunities

Education Assistant for the Army Heritage and Education Center.

The Education Assistant would be working under the Education Director doing a variety of secretarial-type tasks.

Must be able to pass the Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance. Please Send resume/CV, cover letter and references no later than December 19, 2008 to Judy Lewis, Office Manager, Army Heritage Center Foundation, P.O. Box 839, Carlisle, PA 17013 or by email to jlewis@armyheritage.org.

Internship Opportunity

For Central PA magazine. There is an opening for the last month of fall semester and spring semester. The internship would entail 8-10 hours a week with duties including writing short articles, proof-reading and fact-checking. Applicants will need to submit a resume, cover letter, and two clips to noreen_livoti@centralpamagazine.com or mail it c/o Noreen Livoti
Central PA magazine
4801 Lindle Road *
Harrisburg, PA 17111

The Wall Street Journal

Seeks Summer Interns. The Online portion of the Wall Street Journal is looking for summer interns with strong

multimedia skills and a keen desire to work online. Interns will be paired with and mentored by editors in a newsroom environment, producing sections of the site, building or designing interactive graphics, working in Flash or shooting and editing photos and video. Interns will also have the opportunity to showcase their work. Candidates must have prior experience or a demonstrated interest in news and the ability to work under constant deadline pressure. Pay is \$700 a week, with internships running from early June through mid-August. Applicants for summer 2009 internships must have graduated from college or a Master's program or be slated to receive a degree between December 2008 and May 2009. Submit a cover letter and CV at www.dowjones.com/careers

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<<http://www.dowjones.com/careers>> , using the job ID number xxxxx. Please also supply links to your portfolio of online work.

Taylor University Calls for Papers.

Taylor U. will be holding an Undergraduate conference on Literature and Writing Feb. 19-21. There are two categories you may submit under: 1.Critical Essay- topic of your choice in Literature 6-10 pg. 2.Creative Writing- poetry, fiction, or creative non-fiction suitable for a 15 min. reading. The cost is \$75 but with the following prizes: \$200 each for the best critical essay and creative piece. Please visit the conference website for more information at <http://www.taylor.edu/academics/acaddepts/english/conference.htm>



Chatham University MFA Program

Chatham University in Pittsburgh is currently accepting applications for their 2009 terms, including fellowships and opportunities

available for fall 2009. With its most famous alumnus being Rachel Carson, the renowned Environmental writer, Chatham's MFA in Creative Writing has been nationally recognized by *Poets and Writers* and *The Atlantic Monthly*, as a distinctive program, unique in its focus on nature, the environment and travel writing. Please visit their website for more details:
www.chatham.edu/MFA.

