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Thanksgiving is just around the corner with the smell of pumpkin pie baking in the oven and the sounds of family gathered around the table. Read, enjoy, and be sure to check back in for more news in our December issue!

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 proud to report that we are halfway towards our goal on 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 BBrown@messiah.edu.



Alumni News

Marissa (Brown) Harris '04 earned her MA in English from the National University in

April of 2010. She presented a portion of her thesis "The Evolution of Dueling Protagonists in *A Raisin in the Sun*" at the "Film and History Conference" in Milwaukee in November of 2010. Currently, she resides in Rochester, NY with her husband Jason and son Andrew and works as a tutor and a free lance writer.

Jamie (Moulthrop) Lewis '04 earned a master's degree in library science from Clarion University in August 2010.

Janel C. Atlas '04 has an upcoming book, *They Were Still Born: Personal Stories about Stillbirth*, being published in late November 2010 by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. With an introduction by bestselling author Elizabeth McCracken, it is a collection of essays by writers whose lives have been directly impacted by the death of a baby between 20 weeks and birth. Follow the link below for

purchasing information!
http://www.amazon.com/They-Were-Still-Born-Stillbirth/dp/1442204125/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1282559296&sr=8-1

Please forward any additional alumni news to Marialana Gaetano mg1243@messiah.edu, under the subject heading “Alumni News.”



Opportunities

The *Minnemingo Review* is a biannual literary journal containing poetry, prose, and artwork crafted and reviewed by Messiah students. They will be holding review sessions to go over submission for the Fall 2010 issue in Boyer 130. Review

sessions will be November 4 from 7-10pm, November 5 from 5:30-8:30 pm, and November 6 from 1-4 pm. Baked goods and/or pizza will be provided. Check out the Minnemingo website at <http://www.messiah.edu/offices/minnemingo/index.html> for details or email Minnemingo@messiah.edu.

Call for Creative and Critical Writing!

Taylor University’s Department of English will be hosting their third biennial “Making Literature” Conference on February 10-12, 2011. In addition to the opportunity to hear from world-class guest speakers, undergraduate students may submit a 6-10 page critical essay on any topic of literature or a 15-minute piece of creative writing by November 30. The cost is \$75 (with limited on-campus housing available), but the award for each category is \$200. For more information, contact Dr. Nancy Dayton at nndayton@taylor.edu or

check out their website at www.taylor.edu/academics/acaddepts/english/conference.

Another Call for Papers!

Susquehanna University’s seventh annual Undergraduate Literature and Creative Writing Conference will be held on February 21, 2011. Opportunities to hear keynote speakers and attend a roundtable discussion on the question of literary journals are back dropped against the call for scholarly or creative papers on the topic of literature and creativity in a digital age. One of our own alums, **Marissa Brown ’04**, won this conference award in 2003 for the best critical essay on Kurt Vonnegut’s *Bluebeard!* Join the ranks by sending a 300-word abstract or summary to English@susqu.edu as an MS Word attachment with the subject box reading “Conference: [Title of Paper].” Abstracts or summaries are due by November 22, and the registration fee is \$30. For more

information, visit www.susqu.edu/academics/3047.asp.

More Papers! Moravian College's Fifth Undergraduate Conference in Medieval and Early Modern Studies is on December 4, 2010. In addition to presentations,

performances, demonstrations, and exhibits, they are also calling for undergraduate papers. Individual papers should be about 15 minutes, and group presentations should be around 45 minutes. 200 word abstracts are due on November 8th, and the deadline for free registration is November

29th. Register online at www.moravian.edu/medieval/registration. For more information contact Sandy Bardsley at sandybardsley@moravian.edu or John Black at jrblack@moravian.edu.

