

English Department Newsletter

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Past issues of the newsletter are available on the department website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The ***Elm Leaves Journal Anniversary Launch*** will take place on Friday, 8 October 2021 at 4 pm, in Ketchum 302. This special issue of *ELJ* was edited by students in **KIM CHINQUEE's** ENG327 Literary Publishing course and is part of Buffalo State's 150th anniversary celebration.

The English Department's lecture series **Conversations in and among the Disciplines** will kick off its 15th year of faculty research presentations with a talk by ANITA SENTHINATHAN (Speech Language Pathology) on Friday, 15 October at 3 pm (format TBD). Other speakers this semester will be MEG KNOWLES (Communication; TFA; WGS), Friday October 29 (format TBD), and CAMERON HERMAN (Sociology), Friday 19 November (on Zoom). As usual, following each talk we will have a Q & A with the speaker and a (possibly virtual) wine and cheese reception. Everyone is welcome.

The Teaching and Learning Center is offering "**Writing Prompts That Work: Designing Successful Writing Assignments**," presented by **MAGGIE HERB** on Thursday, September 23, from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in Butler Library 318.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

The Western New York Regional Office of United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand still has openings in its **fall internship program**. Students can apply and find additional information on the Senator's official website: www.gillibrand.senate.gov/help. If students have any questions, write to Anthony.Sidharta@gillibrand.senate.gov.

The **Drop Hammer Reading Series** resumes in-person readings this fall, on September 16, October 14 and November 18, during Bengal Pause (12:15-1:30 pm), in KH302. Please contact **KIM CHINQUEE** for more information.

DROP HAMMER STUDENT READING SERIES

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The **Technical Writing Certificate** has been approved and is now active. Students are encouraged to check out the program requirements and see if they are interested. The 2021-2022 catalog has not been posted online yet, but information on the certificate is available on the English Department [website](#). Students can also contact [LISA BERGLUND](#) or [MICHELE NINACS](#) for more information.

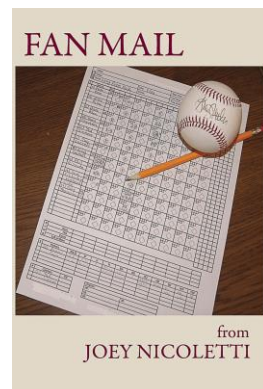
The new **Theater Directing for Teachers Certificate** is a grouping of specialized courses in Theater, Education and English designed to give students credentials and the applied expertise to direct theater productions in elementary, middle, and high school, as well as in Community Theater or other theater-oriented programs, such as camps, after-school programs, and community centers. English Education majors and minors are strongly encouraged to consider pursuing this certificate.

FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations to [JAMES CERCONI](#), who will receive the **President's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service** at the Faculty and Staff Recognition Ceremony on October 14.



[ANN COLLEY](#) has just finished writing a book titled *Walking with Euclid: Samuel Taylor Coleridge and the Geometric Idiom*. She has also published the following article featuring material from the first chapter: "Coleridge Walks: Boots and the Measure of the Landscape." *Romanticism* 27.1 (2021), 28-45. *Romanticism* is published by the Edinburgh University Press.



[JOEY NICOLETTI'S](#) latest book, *Fan Mail*, was recently named to the [SDP recommended list](#). Joey also has new work [in Green Hills Literary Lantern](#) and in the inaugural issue of *Red Fern Review*.

[PETER RAMOS](#) was interviewed by poet Paul Nemser for a conversation in LIT PUB online literary journal this summer. <https://www.thelitpub.com/blog/conversation-lord-baltimore-peter-ramos>

The Buffalo Urban Teacher Pipeline Residency Program Urban Pipeline program, directed at the graduate level by [HILARY LOCHTE](#), was featured in an article published in the NYSUT newsletter: <https://www.nysut.org/news/nysut-united/issues/2021/september/talat>.

[TOM REIGSTAD](#) was featured in a story by the Buffalo News earlier this summer: https://buffalonews.com/sports/baseball/erik-brady-tom-reigstads-love-for-baseball-just-as-strong-as-it-ever-was/article_f1a56558-be68-11eb-ae50-b78cff21d8c6.html

STUDENT and ALUMNI NEWS

HEIDI WALLACE (MA '13) has successfully defended her dissertation at the University of Arizona.

Congratulations to the English Department students and faculty whose work was featured in this year's Student Research and Creativity Conference!

- **LILY BUCK, EZRA LAFORME**, CWP102: Argumentation and Research
Faculty Mentor(s): **JANE SULLIVAN**, College Writing Program. (**JANE** had a total of ten groups from CWP 102 participating in the SRCC, working with LC community colleague Susan Mary Paige.)
- **ALEXANDER J. HELLERT**, HON400: All College Honors Colloquium
Faculty Mentor(s): **DAVID N. BEN-MERRE**, English
- **JAMES SPEAKER**, ENG390: Literary Criticism and Theory
Faculty Mentor(s): **MACY TODD**, English, **ALLISON SIEHNEL**, English, **GREGG BIGLIERI**, English
- **JESSICA WIER**, HON400: All College Honors Colloquium
Faculty Mentor(s): Professor Pixita del Prado Hill, Elementary Education, Literacy, and Educational Leadership

You can read their abstracts here:

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ROBERT CARNEVALE (BA '18) has published his first novel, *Cold War 2395*; check it out on Amazon!

Here's an essay recently published by **STACY CREECH (MA '15)**
<https://k-saa.org/report-black-studies-romanticism-virtual-conference-by-stacy-a-creech/>

IMANI SEYMOUR (BA '17) has been promoted to Associate Marketing Manager within the Multicultural Division at Simon and Schuster. **IMANI** writes: "It's been an exciting promotion after being with the company for a little over a year. I never really considered the possibilities of publishing as a profession when I was in undergrad, but am constantly surprised by the versatility of an English degree!"