

English Department Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DAVID LANDREY's poem "Markings on China" appeared in the Sunday, October 31 2021 *Buffalo News*. **DAVID** will be reading at CFI Literary Café **TONIGHT**, 3 November 2021, at the Center for Inquiry, 1310 Sweet Home Road, at 7:30 pm.

The English Department's lecture series **Conversations in and among the Disciplines** will continue with CAMERON HERMAN (Sociology), Friday 19 November. The topic is "'In here, I'm away from the trouble': How Black Youths' Neighborhood Experiences Inform their Participation in Recreation Center Programs." A Zoom link will be available from the English Department Office later this month. As usual, a Q & A with the speaker follows the talk. Everyone is welcome (bring your own wine and cheese!).

Speakers for Spring 2022 include: Sue Maguire (Anthropology), Gehan Senthinathan (Social and Psychological Foundations of Education), and **NATALIE SZYMANSKI** (College Writing Program and English).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS and FACULTY

The [Drop Hammer Reading Series](#) continues with in-person readings on November 18, during Bengal Pause (12:15-1:30 pm), in KH302. Please contact **KIM CHINQUEE** for more information. All students and faculty are invited. The featured reader in November will be alumna **RACHEL L. JOHNSON**.



The [Faculty-Student Association](#) (FSA) is accepting applications for the 2022 grant cycle. FSA grants are awarded by the FSA board of directors to fund programs that will promote and cultivate educational and extracurricular activities on the Buffalo State College campus. All student groups and faculty members are welcome to apply. Please visit the FSA website for the [application and guidelines](#). The application deadline for the 2022 grant cycle is November 15, 2021. For further information, please contact [Hope Dunbar](#), executive director of the FSA.

Applications are being accepted for the E. O. Smith Arts and Humanities Faculty Development Fund for the period of January 1–December 31, 2022. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, November 10, 2021. These competitive, peer-reviewed projects support opportunities for the professional development of full-time Buffalo State College faculty members in programs related to the arts and the humanities. Expenses according to the approved budget must be incurred during the calendar year from January 1 to December 31, 2022. Recipients will be required to complete their projects during that time. A final report and participation in the 2023 Fall Forum is expected.

Spring 2022 scholarship applications are now available in the [Campus Application Portal for Scholarships \(CAPS\)](#)! Students may apply for spring 2022 scholarships until Wednesday, January 12. Email scholarship@buffalostate.edu with questions.

FACULTY NEWS



JOHANNA FISHER received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching at the Buffalo State Faculty Recognition Ceremony last month. Congratulations! In the seven years that the award has been available, four English Department faculty members have been recognized (the others are **ED TAYLOR**, **DENNIS WOJTASZCZYK**, and **LAURENCE SHINE**.)

Check out this article celebrating **AIMABLE TWAGILIMANA**'s scholarship, including his exceptional success in receiving four Fulbright scholarships or fellowships.

<https://suny.buffalostate.edu/news/english-professor-awarded-four-fulbrights-over-illustrious-career>

CHARLES BACHMAN (pictured left) is enjoying his retirement—here, on Baxter Mountain Summit, Keene Valley, NY.

A crowd-sourced translation of *Beowulf*, to which **ANGIE FULK** contributed lines 45-60, has now been published by ARC Humanities Press as *Beowulf by All: Community Translation and Workbook*, eds. Jean Abbott, Elaine Treharne, and Mateusz Fafinski.

On October 22, **MAGGIE HERB** presented at the 2021 International Writing Centers Association virtual conference, on a panel titled "The Experiences of Contingent Women Writing Center Administrators."

ED TAYLOR'S creative nonfiction piece "Combover" will appear in a special 2022 creative nonfiction issue of [The Fiddlehead](#), and his poem "Shovel" will be reprinted in a 2022 special issue of [Southern Poetry Review](#) devoted to short poems.



TOM REIGSTAD has published two stories for Buffalo State's 150th anniversary project, <https://suny.buffalostate.edu/news/pomp-pageantry-seize-day-1869-normal-school-cornerstone-laying> and <https://suny.buffalostate.edu/news/new-buffalo-normal-school-replaces-outgrown-original>. **TOM** is also the author of the English Department's history, which you can find on our department website.

MARK FULK served as a consultant for Zippia.com, providing information on skills that graduating students need for the English Instructor job market. His guidance has been published here: [English Instructor Skills For Recent Grads](#).

STUDENT and ALUMNI NEWS

RACHEL L. JOHNSON's chapbook *A Granddaughter's Memories* was recently published with Foothills Publishing. Here's a link: [Johnson \(foothillspublishing.com\)](#). **RACHEL (BA '08)** recently graduated from the UB Master's program in Innovative Writing and is presently a writing tutor at Bryant and Stratton College.

RECOMMENDED READING

You'll enjoy John McWhorter's column in the *New York Times*: "English is a feast for the ear." <https://tinyurl.com/ce9xnkyh>

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