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

LATEST NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The English Department has approved a new Mission, Vision and Values statement. It is available on the department website, here: <https://english.buffalostate.edu/mission-vision-values>.

Here's a [news story](#) on the new **Technical Writing Certificate**, which will be in place in fall 2021. Please encourage your students and advisees to check out the program requirements and see if it would be a good opportunity for them. Although it is not yet in the catalog, information on the certificate is available on the English Department website: <https://english.buffalostate.edu/technical-writing-certificate>.

The English Department sponsored lecture series **Conversations in and among the Disciplines** in 2021-2022 will feature talks by Cameron Herman, Meg Knowles, Sue McGuire, Dona) Anita Senthinathan, Gehan Senthinathan, and **NATALIE SZYMANSKI**. The "Conversations" series was started over a decade ago by **ANN COLLEY** to "celebrate and draw attention to the research being done in various departments at Buffalo State College."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS and FACULTY

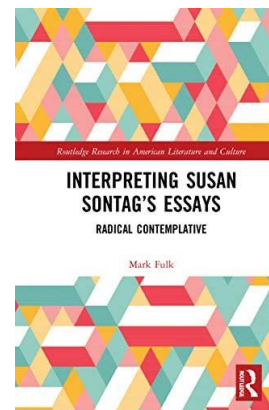
The session submission deadline for the **2022 Northeast Modern Language Association** Convention in Baltimore (March 10-13, 2022) has been extended to **May 20, 2021!** Submit your [Session Proposals here](#). Judith Butler will be the keynote speaker. The conference will be sponsored and hosted by Johns Hopkins University in collaboration with NeMLA's administrative host institution, the University at Buffalo.

The Grant Allocation Committee (GAC) requests proposals from individuals, departments, and student clubs and organizations for **funding of programs, speakers, and events to take place during the 2021-2022 academic year**. The deadline for submitting applications for spring 2022 proposals is Friday, November 12. Applications for funding and requirements may be found on the Student Affairs website.

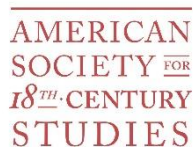
FACULTY NEWS

MARK FULK's book *Interpreting Susan Sontag's Essays: Radical Contemplative* has been released by Routledge. It is a project he has been writing for ten years!

The Civic and Community Engagement Office has bestowed its Mid-Career Faculty Award for Community Engagement on **LORI ANN WOODS**. The award is presented to a post-tenure or adjunct faculty member with 7-15 years' experience who has demonstrated ongoing integration of civic and community engagement in teaching, research and service.



KIM CHINQUEE's interview about her book *Snowdog* and flash fiction and writing was recently aired on the podcast: [WRITE TO SURVIVE](#).



LISA BERGLUND and **AIMEE LEVESQUE**, assisted by graduate students **JULIO VALENTIN** and **WILL McCOURT**, hosted the first fully online meeting of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, April 7-11, 2021. The meeting featured 193 individual panels, poster sessions, roundtables, and plenaries, and drew more than 900 participants. On June 30, ASECS will wrap up its the fourth and final year at Buffalo State, where **LISA** was Executive Director and **AIMEE** Project Manager, and move to the home of its new executive director in downstate New York.

JOEY NICOLETTI's review of Maria Mazziotti Gillan's poetry collection *Ancestor's Song* appears in the latest issue of *VIA: Voices in Italian Americana*. **JOEY** also has new poems forthcoming in *Paterson Literary Review*, *Green Hills Literary Lantern*, *The Big Windows Review*, and *Pembroke Magazine*. Some of these poems are from *Fan Mail*, his fifth full-length poetry collection, which will be published by Broadstone Books this June.

ED TAYLOR'S poem "Disenchantment" appeared in the 4/11 [Buffalo News](#). He will be one of three authors in Ravenna Press's "Triple" series volume 18, forthcoming in 2021.

LISA BERGLUND has been certified in English Program Review by MLA's Associated Departments of English, and has also completed SUNY'S RF Elevation leadership training course.

MAGGIE HERB will have an article published in the Spring 2021 edition of *Praxis: A Writing Center Journal*, titled "Turf Wars, Culture Clashes, and a Room of One's Own: A Study of Centers Located in Libraries," coauthored with her research partner, Dr. Lindsay Sabatino.

STUDENT and ALUMNI NEWS

Here's some news from MA alum Stacy Creech about a course she is teaching in Black Caribbean culture:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/mcmaster-caribbean-course-1.5987042>.

The English Department honored the following students in our 2021 Awards Ceremony:

The Arts and Humanities Award for Excellence—**HANNAH BACHWITZ**

Excellence in English—**ELIZABETH CROOP**

Excellence in English Education—**LINDSAY SUPPARITS and DANA FLOYD**

Excellence in Writing—**HANNAH BACHWITZ**

Excellence in Post-Baccalaureate Study—**KATHERINE CARNEY**

Excellence in the Master of Arts—**BRENDAN McCABE**

Excellence in the Master of Science—**JA'QUONA RENFRO**

The Professor Arthur L. Bradford Award—**CAMDEN GRADWELL**

The James J. Morris Jr. Scholarship—**ANGELINA CRUZAL**

SHAKIA SHINE BA English '20 has been accepted into the John Jay College of Criminal Justice's MA program in Human Rights.

RECOMMENDED READING



An article from [Inside Higher Ed](#) advises us that we shouldn't write boring jargon-filled papers (surprise!), but the incentive for not doing so is pragmatic.

And in this piece, English Department faculty celebrate the [healing power of poetry](#).

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