

English Department Newsletter

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DEPARTMENT NEWS

The English Department is delighted to welcome **ANNA ZEEMONT** as a new tenure-track faculty member. **ANNA** will be teaching courses in both the College Writing Program and the Writing major and minor. She has just completed her PhD in Composition-Rhetoric at the City University of New York (CUNY) with a dissertation entitled *The Act of the Paper: Literacy, Racial Capitalism, and Student Protest in 1990s New York City*.

The **Youth Voices Conference** organized by the English Education program this spring was a huge success, with over 600 attendees. Here are the links to the media coverage: WKBW Report: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USawV50dZjk> and WIVB Report: <https://www.wivb.com/video/youth-voices-conference-marks-six-year-anniversary/7665195/>.

Portrait Magazine, the Student-led Literary Arts Journal of Buffalo State College will be published again next year! The department is sponsoring a one-credit course in the fall, and another in the spring, for students interested in editing and publishing a literary journal. **ROY BAKOS** will be teaching these courses, and students are encouraged to contact him for more information.

The spring 2022 **English Department Book Sale** has raised \$388.00 for student and non-tenure track faculty research and travel expenses. The book sale will resume in the fall semester.

FACULTY NEWS

DAVID BEN-MERRE and M. Scott Goodman, professor of chemistry, collaborated on a crossword puzzle, "Buffalo State at a Crossroads," to honor the college's 150th anniversary. To download the puzzle and play, go to: <https://suny.buffalostate.edu/sites/default/files/2022-05/BSC%20150%20xword.pdf>
To see the solution to the puzzle, go to: https://suny.buffalostate.edu/sites/default/files/2022-05/BSC%20150%20Crossword%20Answer%20Key_0.pdf

KIM CHINQUEE has received her third [Pushcart Prize](#) for her piece "[How Do You Roll?](#)" published in *Post Road* magazine. This piece is also featured as a preface to her eighth book, her novel *Pipette*, due out with Ravenna Press in fall 2022.



KIM's flash fictions "Wobbly," "One Corner Floated," "Lifting a Cow," and "One Corner Floated" appear in the recent issue of [Image](#); her flash fiction "Drew Only Stays an Hour" was published in the recent issue of [Noon](#). She is 2022 Prose Judge of [Product's](#) fiction contest and 2022 Judge for [The Masters Review's](#) flash fiction prize.

At the English Education Banquet last month, on behalf of Dr. Jevon Hunter, the English Education faculty, and WNYNET, **JAMES CERCONO** was given a special award entitled: The People's Professor: Lifetime Achievement in English Teacher Education. This award was established to honor and thank **JIM** for his tireless service and dedication to the highest ideals of English education and contributions to teacher education and scholarship.



LISA BERGLUND's review of the biography *Hester Lynch Thrale Piozzi* by Michael Franklin appears in *The Eighteenth-Century Intelligencer* (36:1 March 2022, pp. 49-51) and her review of the collection *Johnson in Japan* by Kimiyo Ogawa and Mika Suzuki has been published in *Eighteenth-Century Fiction* (34:4 Summer 2022, pp. 493-496).

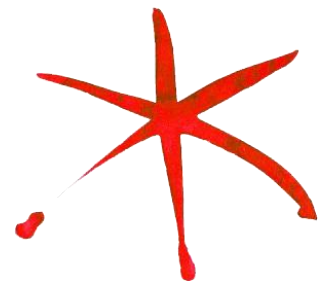
At the Alleyway Theatre on June 24-26, Opera-Lytes presented the romantic musical "Man with a Load of Mischief," which **LISA** directed. If you are interested in learning more about this rarely staged work, visit the Opera-Lytes YouTube channel, where

you can watch a 30-minute lecture by **LISA** entitled "Man with a Load of Mischief: Three Episodes in Theater History."

Flash fiction pieces by **ED TAYLOR**—"Wolf House," "Short Film about Seeing," and "Speculative Fiction"—are forthcoming in [Del Sol Review](#).

MARK FULK presented twice at the recent Northeast Modern Language Association annual meeting in Baltimore, MD. He presented a paper entitled "(De)Centering the Self in Lucy Ellmann's *Ducks, Newburyport*" and gave a roundtable talk on "Oscar Wilde, Susan Sontag, and the Future of Camp(y) Criticism."

LORNA PEREZ served as an editorial assistant (reader) for *Aster(ix) Journal's* Climate Issue. You can check out the journal info here: <https://asterixjournal.com/about/>.



JOEY NICOLETTI presented poems at the 53rd annual IASA (Italian American Studies Association) conference as part of a panel that explored frailty, loss, and trauma through the lenses of race and gender. **JOEY** also recently gave a featured reading at Elon University, where he performed poems from [Fan Mail](#), his latest book, as well as work from his new manuscript. He has a

book review and poetry published or forthcoming in *Voices in Italian Americana*, *Home Planet News*, *Pummarola*, and *Turnstyle: The SABR (Society for American Baseball Research) Journal of Baseball Arts*.

"'I am a miner': Long Poems and Literary Succession in *Ariel* and *Crow*," an article by **JENNIFER RYAN-BRYANT** has appeared in the *Bloomsbury Handbook to Sylvia Plath*, edited by Anita Helle, Amanda Golden, and Maeve O'Brien, Bloomsbury Academic, pp. 177-86.

STUDENT NEWS

The English Department congratulates our 2022 graduates:

- The BA in English was granted to **JOSEPH FLADING, NATALIE GANG, ALICIA GORDON, ELAHA HASHMATULLAH, ELIJAH HUNDLEY, ALEXANDER LEMA, KIMBERLY LONG, CAITLYN JULES MALILAY, MICHAEL SCHUNK, MONTAKA SHAD, and JAMES SPEAKER.**
- The MA in English was granted to **SHANE SMITH, ELIZABETH WALL, and VICTORIA ZAK.**
- The BS in English Education was granted to **MIRANDA DIBBLE.**
- The MSED in English Education was granted to **DEAN BAVISOTTO, RENE BONILLA, KATHERINE CARNEY, ARIANNA DUGAN, GENA ELLIOTT, CAROLINE KRUG, RYAN MARMION, RACHEL ROBINSON, KRISTINA ROVISON, COLLIN SCHREINER, and BRIANNA SMITH.**
- The BA in Writing was granted to **ANGELINA CRUZAL, DANIEL DELANO, MacKENNA GAETA, JADA HALL, CONNOR HEBERT, DARRYLE JACKSON, HAR'DAISHA PORTER, LARISSA SEMANCHUK-ENSER, and LILY STONEBRAKER.**



The following students were recognized at the English Department's award ceremony this spring:

- **JESSICA WIER**, the Professor Arthur L. Bradford Award
- **BAILEY BUCKLEY**, the James J. Morris Scholarship
- **MONTAKA SHAD**, the Dr. Joan Rosso Award
- **HEIDI BOFINGER**, English Department Merit Award
- **JOSEPH FLADING**, Graduation Award for Excellence in the BA in English
- **CHEYON CROSS**, Graduation Award for Excellence in the BS in English Education
- **LARISSA SEMANCHUK-ENSER**, Graduation Award for Excellence in the BA in Writing
- **ALEX KELLER**, Graduation Award for Excellence in the Post-Baccalaureate Program in English Education
- **EMILY LAUFER**, Graduation Award for Excellence in the Master of Arts in English
- **KRISTINA ROVISON**, Graduation Award for Excellence in the Master of Science in English Education
- **JAYLAN SNAITH**, School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for Excellence in English

A Transatlantic Conversation on Medicine and Literature, a thesis by **BRITTANY MROZ** (MA '22), has received a 2022 Outstanding Master's Thesis award; **BRITTANY**'s thesis adviser is **TIMOTHY BRYANT**.

The English Department congratulates the following students who earned places on the Spring 2022 Dean's List: English majors **QUEEN APPIAH-ACKAH, JANAÉ CABRERA, AOIFE CLUNE, JOSEPH FLADING, NATALIE GANG, ELIJAH HUNTLEY, CAITLYN JULES MALILAY, MICHAEL SCHUNK, JAMES SPEAKER, and MICHAEL STORM;** English Education majors **GAVIN BERTINI, BAILEY BUCKLEY, OLIVIA COLBY, LINDA COLEMAN, KANDICE**

CUMMINGS, KATELYN EGAN, ALYSSA GERMANO, KRISTIN GREINER, MAKAYLA MALACHOWSKI, CATIE NEMEC, KAILEIGH PHILLIPS, LYNDSEY TRUILIZIO, JARRETT WHIPPLE, and JESSICA WEIR; and Writing majors ANGELINA CRUZAL, DEVON FLYNN, JADA HALL, CONNOR HEBERT, ALYSSA HILL, DARRYLE JACKSON, RYAN POPIELARSKI, KRISTA REGAN, JACOB SOMMER, LILY STONEBRAKER and DANTONIO TORRES.

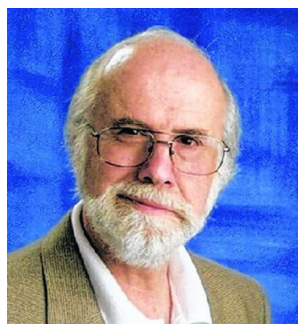
ANTHONY SKUBIS and adviser LORNA PEREZ have been awarded an Undergraduate Summer Research Fellowship. TONY will be working on a project tentatively entitled "The Politics of Neo-Slave Narratives" in which he will examine Marlon James' novel *The Book of Night Women*.

The Buffalo State Mock Trial team, coached by DAVID BEN-MERRE, wrapped up their season February 26-27 at the "Great Lakes Regional Tournament," which Buffalo State hosted virtually, when Team A fell one win shy of advancing to the Opening Round Championships. More than 700 teams from universities and colleges across the country competed in this year's regional tournaments, including 24 hosted by Buffalo State. More about this story is here: <https://suny.buffalostate.edu/news/buffalo-states-mock-trial-teams-finished-season-strong>.

ALUMNI NEWS

Three alumni were honored at the English Education banquet in May:

- The Western New York Network of English Teachers (WNYNET) Early Career Teacher Award was given to RACHEL ROBINSON (BS '19, MSED '22). She is the 7th grade ELA teacher at Elmwood Village Charter School at Days Park.
- The WNYNET Lifetime Achievement Award was bestowed upon KEVIN STARR (BS '79), a retired teacher from Clarence Central Schools. He is a current student teaching supervisor for English education program.
- The English Education Student Association Alumni Award went to PAULINE SKOWRON SCHMIDT (MSED '95), professor of English Education Professor at West Chester University and director of the West Chester Writing Project.



We were sorry to learn of the death of KENNETH J. FELTGES (BS '67), on 14 June 2022. He taught English, poetry and film at Kenmore West for 34 years, and then taught at Mount St. Mary Academy and served as its writer in residence for another 11 years. His [obituary](#) appeared in the 22 June Buffalo News. He first met his wife, TRUDY WEISEL FELTGES (also BS '67) in the library at Buffalo State next to the unabridged dictionary.

JA'QUONA RENFRO (BS '19 and MSED '21) is enrolled at Keizer University for her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership.

On 26 April 2022, MA program alumni MEGAN COLE, JAMES COLOMBO, JUSTIN KARCHER, JILLIAN WALKOWIAK, and DEBRA GOODMAN participated on a Zoom panel on "Non-Teaching Careers" organized by MA Coordinator JENNIFER RYAN-BRYANT.

TIMEA (KERNACOVA) BRAUN (BS '13) has launched a business called Tumbles Play Cafe, which provides a unique chance for parents of small children to enjoy the perks of working at a cafe with an open play area to keep little ones occupied. Check out the [story](#) on the WIVB website and or visit <https://tumblesplaycafe.com/>.



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