

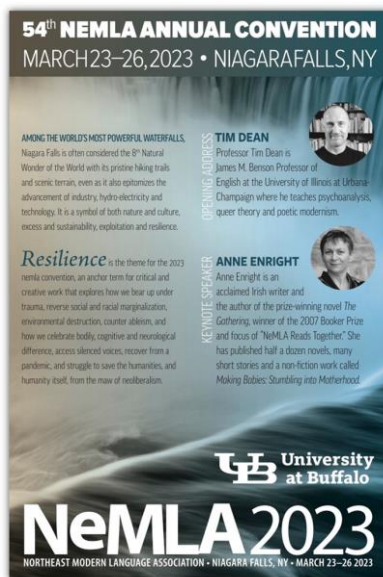
English Department Newsletter

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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



The [Northeast Modern Language Association](#), an organization of teachers and scholars of literature, language, and culture, is holding its 54th Convention in Niagara Falls March 23-26, 2023. NeMLA's theme this year is **RESILIENCE**. There are opportunities for **undergraduate student participation!** Encourage your undergraduate students to submit an abstract for a Poster Presentation in the NeMLA [Undergraduate Forum](#). The deadline to [submit an abstract](#) for a poster presentation is November 15, 2022.

Faculty and graduate students can access the [general call for papers here](#).

The 2022–2023 “Conversations in and out of the Disciplines” series kicks off Friday, October 21, as **JOE CLEARY** (Sociology) presents “Ethnography on the East Side before, during, and after a Tragedy.” The talk, followed by a brief Q&A, will begin at 3:00 p.m. in Ketchum Hall 320. A short wine and cheese reception will follow. Everyone is welcome.

Mark your calendars for the second talk of the fall semester, when **MARCUS WATSON** (Africana Studies), will present “Making Sure We Teach Black Studies, Not ‘Negro Studies’” at 3:00 p.m. Friday, November 4. Spring 2023 presentations will feature **HILARY LOCHTE** (English Education), **KIMBERLY KAMPER-DEMARCO** (Psychology), and **A. D. ANNAS** (Television and Film Arts).

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The **English Department Book Sale** has resumed, with hours on Mondays, 3-4 pm, and Tuesdays, 12:15-1:30 pm (except the first Tuesday of the month). New stock has been added! In spring 2022 the Book Sale has raised \$388.00 for student and non-tenure track faculty research and travel expenses.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Western New York Network of English Teaching, part of the **Center for English Teaching at Buffalo State**, received a \$5,000 grant from the Cullen Foundation. The grant will support the Center's work to encourage and support student-run literary arts magazines in local secondary schools.

FACULTY NEWS

At the Faculty and Staff Awards Ceremony last week, **DAVID BEN-MERRE** was recognized with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities. His profile from the event's program is available here:

<https://suny.buffalostate.edu/news/faculty-and-staff-recognition-ceremony-october-13>.

DAVID also published an article on the relationships between poetry and crossword puzzles in the summer 2022 issue of *Texas Studies in Literature and Language* 64 (2): 115–143. The article, "[The Moon Slides Down the Stair / To See Who's There](#)," is available online. An [interview about the piece](#) is also available.

The English Department was saddened to hear of the passing of **THERESA HARRIS-TIGG**, a retired member of the English Education faculty, on September 6 after an illness. She also was a former member of the Buffalo School Board. Her obituary from the Buffalo News may be viewed at:

https://buffalonews.com/news/local/theresa-a-harris-tigg-67-former-buffalo-school-board-member-dedicated-to-education/article_ed3cea24-2fc1-11ed-bf6e-33b05a6c51b0.html.



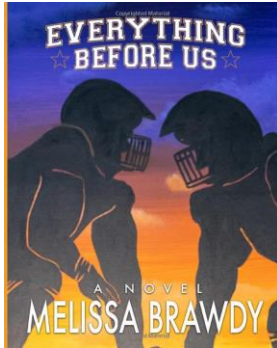
ED TAYLOR's creative nonfiction piece "Fire in a Box" is forthcoming in [ACM](#).

LISA BERGLUND presented a paper on "Hester Lynch Piozzi in the OED" at the East Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies conference in Wilmington, DE, October 13-15, 2022.

The Emily Dickinson International Society (EDIS) Graduate Fellowship was awarded to **CHERYL WEAVER** to support research for her dissertation, the working title of which is "Emily Dickinson's Epistolary Network: Women's Friendships in Antebellum New England and Abroad." The dissertation engages with the intersections of postal history, literature, and biography to analyze the letter-writing practices of young women educated in antebellum New England. **CHERYL** also was elected a Member-at-large at the July 2022, EDIS conference held in Seville, Spain. As part of the Margaret Fuller Society panel at the

Thoreau Annual Gathering held July 6-10, 2022, in Concord, Massachusetts, **CHERYL** presented a paper entitled "I found your note here several days since': Margaret Fuller and Postal Delivery from Europe."

STUDENT & ALUMNI NEWS

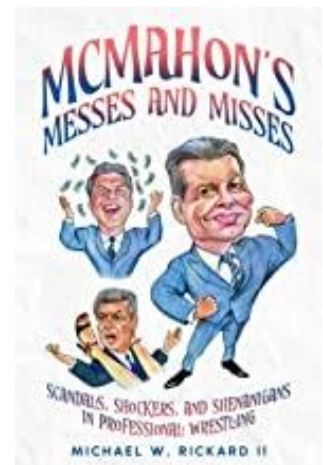


MELISSA BRAWDY BA '23 has published a novel about rival high school football players, *Everything Before Us*. The novel appeared in August and is available on Amazon as a paperback or on Kindle: <https://a.co/d/cLRdaku>

Inclusive Theater of Western New York received a grant from the Cullen Foundation to create/run an anti-bullying "Voices Project" with St. Mary's High School in Lancaster. The grant supports racial/cultural diversity, collaboration, community engagement, and access to underserved and previously unreached communities. The

Founder, Executive and Artistic Director of Inclusive Theater is **AIMEE LEVESQUE BA '06 MA '09**.

MICHAEL W. RICKARD II BA '17 MA '20 published his latest book, *McMahon's Messes and Misses*, this summer. The book, available via Amazon in paperback or on Kindle, is an overview of Vince McMahon, tracing his origins, how he developed the wrestling company into a global juggernaut, and its future. Michael's press release reports that he is a former attorney and retired bank robber. He is the author of the books, *Wrestling's Greatest Moments*, *Laughing All the Way to the Bank (Robbery): How an Attorney Survived Prison*, *Flunky: Pawns and Kings*, *Don't Call Me Bush Beans: The Legend of a Three-Legged Cat*, and *Don't Call Me Bush Beans 2: I'm Not a Scaredy Cat*. His articles have appeared at the wrestling site *Ten-Bell Salute*, the YouTube channel *WrestleLamia*, *Wrestling Merchandise and Memories*, *The Mid-Atlantic Gateway*, and *Pro Sports Extra*.



JASON WRIGHT BA '12 reports that "After teaching English internationally in Asia and the Middle East for the past several years, I have been accepted into the M.S. Ed Literacy Specialist program at the University of Buffalo. I will start Fall 2022."

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