MESSAGE FROM THE GRADUATE DIRECTOR

With the start of the 2007-2008 academic year, I would like to welcome the new graduate students to the English department, all thirty-five of them, and hope that everyone will help the newcomers get acclimated. I also want to congratulate the many graduates from our program this past year. We granted fourteen Masters degrees and twelve PhDs over the course of three terms last year. The names of both new and graduated students appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

This newsletter resurrects a practice I adopted when I previously occupied the position of graduate director, and, as then, I hope that it will help to communicate important events, plans, and achievements to the many folks in our department. Brian McAllister, an MA student who is working with me this year, will be putting the newsletter together with Lee Davidson, our graduate program specialist, and myself. I encourage you to send us a notice of your successes. Don’t be shy – the entire department looks good when you look good. In particular, I am interested in publishing notices of works published, papers delivered, awards won, and special educational opportunities that you earned outside of department venues. Also send us announcements of any program related events that you would like to advertise. We will be printing a monthly calendar in the newsletter so that everyone can be aware of the many events taking place in the department and university. My monthly messages in the newsletter will contain information on any developments, changes, or opportunities for our graduate students. This is one of the ways that program administrators will communicate with students; other avenues of communication include missives, announcements and flyers in your mailbox or file folder located in CPR 360 B (opposite the graduate director’s new office). We will also be updating and rebuilding the Blackboard site for English Graduate Students Information, a site you can gain access to through the Organizations tab on your Blackboard welcome page. Please visit the site and send us feedback on the sorts of communication you would like to use.

I have three announcements to which I would like to draw your attention. The

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Placement Committee Calls for PhD Student Registration Holds Workshops for All Graduate Students

Any graduated or nearly graduated PhD student in the department who plans to go on the academic job market this fall should register with the Placement Committee by submitting your name to Lee Davidson. It is important for us to know who is going to be applying for jobs so that we can target job announcements and advice to the right people in a timely manner. The committee holds workshops throughout the year for advancement in professional matters, such as preparing for the job market, interviewing and publishing. The placement committee also plans to hold a workshop on preparing applications for PhD programs for MA students who plan to continue their studies. While there is no need for interested MA students to register with the committee, please look for workshop information later this fall.
INLINKS

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first is that we have changed the PhD exam dates for this semester from what they were tentatively listed as in the spring. PhD exams will take place this fall October 29, 31 and November 2. We changed this primarily to avoid conflicts with two important regional conferences that take place the following week. Please direct any questions about this to me. The second announcement is that there will be two general advising sessions held early in the fall semester to which I invite any and all graduate students (not just the new ones!). I will be holding a large, general session on program advice for Masters students, and a separate session for PhD students. In these meetings I plan to cover some important information that applies to everyone pursuing these degrees and then open the floor for questions. Subsequent appointments for individual advising will be available. Watch announcements for the dates of these two sessions and please plan to attend. Finally, I want to announce the formation of the Teaching Literature Discussion Group, which will meet on the first Friday of the month in CPR 255 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm from September through December (and hopefully continue through next semester). This group comes out of the active communities that have developed in the LAE 6389 Teaching Literature Practicum over the past two years. We invite any and all people who teach literature and want to discuss some of the current issues in the profession, to brainstorm on effective classroom strategies, to listen to the latest success or horror stories, or simply to gather for fellowship. It is a fact that we love to talk about teaching, and so let’s develop a space and time for that habit to flourish. Faculty members are also always welcome! We will be posting suggested brief readings on teaching literature, from sources such as Pedagogy available through Project Muse in the library online collection. Watch Blackboard for announcements and related discussion board. The first meeting will be September 7.

- Dr. Laura Runge

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The following faculty will be on leave during the 2007-8 school year:
Nicole Discenza
John Fleming
Elizabeth Hirsh (fall only)
Susan Mooney (spring only)
Shirley Toland-Dix
Welcome back Alma Bryant, returning from a year’s leave.

CONGRATULATIONS 2006-2007 GRADUATES

M.A.
Amy S. Anderson
Matthew Antonio
Josef Benson
Anna Beskin
Kathleen Blackwell
Phillip Chamberlain
Bernadette Cogswell
Cameron Hunt-Logan
Susan Lee
Deborah McLeod
Paulina Michalewicz
Barbara St. Clair
Grace L. Veach
Sarah Wray

Ph.D.
Harriet Blymiller
Ellen Flourney
Tony Francis
Susan Friedman
Hyejin Kim
Eric Mason
Precious McKenzie-Stearns
Aurora Mackey
Michael Shuman
Thomas Smith
David Steiling
Vernetta Williams

WELCOME NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

M.A.
Sunayani Bhattacharya (Lit)
Crystal Crawford (Rhet)
Andrea Dennin (CrW)
Britt Dienes (Lit)
Richard Ellman (Lit)
Angel Jimenez (Lit)
Melissa Jones (Lit)
Ryan Kinser (CrW)
Patrick McGowan (Lit)
Megan McIntyre (Lit)
James Miller (CrW)
Lauren Oettinger (CrW)
Daniel Purificato (CrW)
Edith Stewart (CrW)
Angela Tartaglia (Lit)
Erin Trauth (CrW)
Jessica Wissmann (Lit)
Kate Zephyrjawke (Lit)

Ph.D.
Christine Auger (Lit)
Robert Batchelor (Lit)
Josef Benson (Lit)
Kendra Bryant (Lit)
Joseph Good (Lit)
Lisa Hoffman-Reyes (Rhet)
Melinda Hollis (Lit)
Cameron Hunt-Logan (Lit)
Jessica McKee (Lit)
Deborah McLeod (Lit)
Robert Pridemore (Lit)
Paul Quigley (Lit)
James Ricci (Lit)
Akeyla Silver (Lit)
Barbara St. Clair (Lit)
Kyle Stedman (Rhet)
Jessica Trant (Lit)
**Recent Graduate Publications**

**Critical Essays**  
Robert Batchelor  

**Reviews**  
Virginia L. Wilkerson  

**Short Stories**  
Karen Brown Gonzalez  
"Isabell’s Daughter." Florida Review 32.1 (Spring 2007).  

**Poems**  
Josef Benson  
"How We Like to Drown Ourselves." Prick of the Spindle. (Summer 2007).

**Miscellaneous**  
Robert Batchelor  

**Recent Graduate Presentations**

**Charles Bowie**  

**Toni Francis**  

**Marisa Iglesias**  

**JoNette LaGamba**  

**Daniel Pantano**  
Poetry Readings at Florida Southern College (7 April) and the University of Neuchatel, Switzerland (7 June).  

**New Faculty/Instructors**

Please welcome our new faculty to the English Department:  
Tova Cooper, Michael Clune, and Meredith Zoetewey.

Also welcome our new instructors:  
Suzy Friedman, Precious McKenzie-Stearns, Suzanne Shea, and Michael Shuman.

**Graduate Job Placements**

Daniel Pantano accepted a position as Visiting Poet-in-Residence at Florida Southern College beginning Fall 2006.  
Toni Francis has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of English at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau, Bahamas beginning Fall 2007.  
Marie Hendry has accepted positions at both the University of Tampa and Southwest Florida College as an adjunct instructor beginning Fall 2007.

Nicole Spottke has accepted a full-time, ten month, tenure track position at Valencia Community College beginning Fall 2007.

**EGSA Notes**

The purpose of the English Graduate Student Association is three-fold:  
1. To establish a greater sense of community,  
2. To establish and develop a forum for the discussion and resolution of issues,  
3. To initiate and support functions and events.

In addition to holding colloquia where graduate students can share their work, EGSA also publishes Banyan, an annual literary journal. Submission dates will be posted at a later date.

Look ahead for the EGSA Welcoming Picnic (date soon to be announced).
2nd Annual Literature On Screen Conference  
20-22 September  
Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA  
[http://literatureonscreen.com](http://literatureonscreen.com)

New Voices Graduate Student Conference  
27-29 September  
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA  
[http://cfp.english.upenn.edu/archive/Graduate/0378.html](http://cfp.english.upenn.edu/archive/Graduate/0378.html)

The Asian Experience in the Caribbean and the Guyanas: Labor, Migration, and Culture  
1-3 November  
University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL  
[http://scholar.library.miami.edu/cls/](http://scholar.library.miami.edu/cls/)

Florida College English Association  
8-9 November  
Indian River Community College, Ft. Pierce, FL  
[http://flacea.org](http://flacea.org)

South Atlantic Modern Language Association  
9-11 November  
Atlanta, GA  
Inquiries: Christine Gallant ([cgallant@gsu.edu](mailto:cgallant@gsu.edu))  
[http://samla.gsu.edu/convention/convention.htm](http://samla.gsu.edu/convention/convention.htm)

6th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts & Humanities  
11-14 January, 2008, Honolulu, HI  
Abstract Deadline: 23 August, 2007  
Inquiries: [humanities@hichumanities.org](mailto:humanities@hichumanities.org)  

United States Latino/a Studies: Nuestra América in the United States  
8-9 February, 2008, University of Kansas  
Abstract Deadline: 15 September, 2007  
Inquiries: Marta Caminero-Santangel ([camsan@ku.edu](mailto:camsan@ku.edu))  
[http://www.continuinged.ku.edu/programs/latino_studies/](http://www.continuinged.ku.edu/programs/latino_studies/)

Interdisciplinary Conference on Food Representation in Literature, Film, and the Other Arts  
21-23 February, 2008, Univ. of Texas-San Antonio  
Abstract Deadline: 15 September, 2007  
Inquiries: Santiago Daydi-Tolson ([convivium@utsa.edu](mailto:convivium@utsa.edu))  
[http://flan.utsa.edu/foodconf](http://flan.utsa.edu/foodconf)

New College Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Studies  
6-8 March, 2008, New College, Sarasota, FL  
Abstract Deadline: 15 September, 2007  
Inquiries: Nova Myhill ([nmyhill@ncf.edu](mailto:nmyhill@ncf.edu))  
[http://faculty.ncf.edu/MedievalStudies](http://faculty.ncf.edu/MedievalStudies)

Northeast Modern Language Association  
10-13 April, 2008, Buffalo, NY  
Abstract Deadline: 15 September, 2007  
Inquiries: Elizabeth Abele ([Northeast.MLA@gmail.com](mailto:Northeast.MLA@gmail.com))  
[http://www.nemla.org](http://www.nemla.org)

Florida College English Association  
8-9 November, 2007  
Indian River Community College, Ft. Pierce, FL  
Abstract Deadline: 5 October, 2007  

Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies: Law and Sovereignty in the Middle Ages and Renaissance  
14-16 February, 2008, Tempe, AZ  
Abstract Deadline: 15 October, 2007  
Inquiries: acmrs@asu.edu  
[http://link.library.utoronto.ca/acmrs/conference/](http://link.library.utoronto.ca/acmrs/conference/)

International Conference on Narrative Literature  
1-4 May, 2008, University of Texas-Austin  
Abstract Deadline: 15 October, 2007  
Inquiries: Adam Zachary Newton ([adam.zach@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:adam.zach@mail.utexas.edu))  

29th International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts  
19-23 March, 2008, Orlando, FL  
Abstract Deadline: 31 October, 2007  
[http://www.iafa.org](http://www.iafa.org)
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