

INSIGHTS

Department of English and Modern Languages
SCHOOL of EDUCATION, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS
DIVISION of ACADEMIC AFFAIRS


U M E S
November 2018
Volume 32 Issue 3

IN SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY *English Department is Well Represented On and Off Campus*

The month of October offered numerous opportunities for members of the Department of English and Modern Languages to showcase their talents and brag about our department.

Nearly 300 students attended a midterm study session held on October 10 by the [Center for Access & Academic Success](#). Two English majors, Kia Proctor and Jessica Clatterback, who serve as peer tutors in the [UMES Writing Center](#), were kept busy assisting students who wanted help polishing their written assignments.

Later in the month, Department Chair Dean Cooledge traveled to Bowie, Maryland, for a recruitment event hosted by Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis area alumni. He joined President Heidi Anderson as she led a contingent of faculty, students and alumni to Destination UMES on October 24. Over 200 interested high school students and their parents were able to quiz UMES representatives about the institution's academic programs and campus climate.

*Writing center tutors (right) work with students attending the midterm study session.
Photo by Keith Garner*

The following evening, senior English major Joshua Dacres had the opportunity to say a public thank you to a large contingent of UMES donors.

Each year, the President's Donor Reception provides the campus community the opportunity to meet and network with generous alumni and other donors whose contributions provide student scholarships

and support the university's mission. Five current students, including Mr. Dacres, were invited to speak during the evening's program. "I am truly grateful to the many who have helped me along the way by investing in my future and a brighter tomorrow," he told the group.



*Mr. Dacres addresses donors (above).
Photo by Janay McIntosh*



*Dr. Cooledge (left) at Destination UMES
Photos by Jim Glover*

DON'T FORGET, YOU'RE INVITED

English majors and minors are invited to the department's monthly social on the first Wednesday of each month during the academic year. This month, join us from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room 2111 in Wilson Hall on Wednesday, November 7.

HOMEMADE TREATS & PRIZES!



LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

English Professor's Honors Seminar is Filled With Life Lessons

English faculty member Amy Hagenrater-Gooding is teaching HONR101, the freshmen honors seminar, Selves and Others, for the [UMES Honors Program](#).

In conjunction with the director of the program, Michael Lane, Dr. Hagenrater-Gooding has crafted some unique experiences for her students.

Among other things, assignments in the course include performing random acts of kindness. To explore the concept, Dr. Hagenrater-Gooding invited Grace Murdoch to visit her class. The retired public school teacher has



Grace Murdoch offers a lesson in kindness.

made nurturing kindness locally her personal mission. Some of the seminar students plan to join Ms. Murdoch for the annual flash mob [Dance for Kindness](#) in Salisbury on Sunday, November 11.

The class is also required to lead on-air discussions on [Hawk Radio](#), the student-managed internet radio station. "I wanted to give them an

opportunity to see how their voices matter," she said. We spent the first part of the semester talking about oppression and problems with identity and identity struggles. As we finish up the semester, I want them to see what they can do to move, as Audre Lorde says, from silence into action."

Perhaps the most difficult



Students hold signs that spell out George Armwood's name and the date of his murder.

Photo by Vanessa Calling

lesson occurred on October 17, the anniversary of the 1933 lynching of [George Armwood](#) in Princess Anne. The seminar students headed downtown to see where Armwood, an African American man accused of assaulting a white woman, was beaten by a mob who dragged him down the city streets and hung him, ultimately immolating his body.

Word Play: Tom Swifty

A Tom Swifty is a special kind of pun that comes from the Tom Swift series of books, similar in many ways to the better-known Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew series. This science fiction/adventure series has sold more than 30 million copies worldwide. A Tom Swifty incorporates a speaker attribution (using an adjective, adverb, or verb) that puns on the quoted statement. Examples: "The doctor had to **remove my left ventricle**," said Tom **half-heartedly**. "That's the last time I **stick my arm into a lion's mouth**," Tom said **off-handedly**.

Fill in the blanks below with one of the following words to create a Tom Swifty:

cryptically **icily** **ruefully** **marbled** **peevishly** **crabbily** **croaked** **gushed**

1. "It's freezing," Tom muttered _____.
2. "I might as well be dead," Tom _____.
3. "Pass me the shellfish," said Tom _____.
4. "I'd like to stop by the mausoleum," Tom said _____.
5. This limestone has metamorphosed!" Tom _____.
6. "I've eaten too much white sauce," said Tom _____.
7. "Who left the toilet seat down?" Tom asked _____.
8. "We just struck oil!" Tom _____.

Word Play is provided each month by Dr. Barbara Seabrook

Answers on Page 5

CAN'T AFFORD TO STUDY ABROAD ?

Federal Money Provides Scholarship and Fellowship Opportunities

The UMES [Foreign Language Instructional Center](#) (FLIC) hosted a recent campus visit by Washington D.C. Boren Award Representative Michael Saffle.



Mr. Saffle

Photo provided by FLIC

[Boren awards](#) provide federal funds to support the study of foreign language and culture, focusing on those languages the U.S. State Department has designated “critical” in areas of the world considered “under represented” in study abroad programs.

It was Mr. Saffle’s first visit to UMES. He spent the day talking to students and faculty about study abroad and language study. He visited several foreign language classes and met with faculty members to talk about the benefits of the Boren Award scholarship.



During a session open to the campus community, Mr. Saffle highlighted how a Boren Award helps students develop a global perspective through language study and multicultural education abroad. He emphasized that a Boren Award scholarship can equip students with the ability to communicate readily and across cultures with people who speak other languages and to understand, sympathetically as well as intellectually, their ways of thinking and reacting.

Mr. Saffle has worked for the [Institute of International Education](#) (IIE) for the last

14 years. He has been involved with a variety of IIE administered programs over that time, including small programs like [CEAIE Teach in China](#) and [Japan IMF](#) and much larger programs like the [Fulbright Association Visiting Scholars](#).

Mr. Saffle taught in Fukushima, Japan as part of the [JET program](#) following the completion of his [master’s degree in American Studies](#) from the University of Maryland.

“Mr. Saffle enjoyed his visit to UMES and hopes to visit again in the near future to encourage students to take advantage of this lucrative scholarship for study abroad and the acquisition of a foreign language,” said FLIC Director Phillip Broussard.

Applications are currently being accepted for Boren awards to fund study abroad during the summer of 2019.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Applications for the U.S. Department of State’s [Critical Language Scholarship Program](#) are due November 27.

The CLS Program is a fully-funded intensive overseas language and cultural immersion program for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities.

Students spend eight to ten weeks abroad studying one of 15 critical languages: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu.

UMES Language professor Carole Champagne is the CLS campus advisor. She also serves as a member of the scholarship selection panel.

BLACK BOX THEATER

“I and You” Will Be Performed This Month

The UMES Department of English and Modern Languages invites the campus community to its production of “[I and You](#),” a two character play by [Lauren Gunderson](#).

The production, directed by faculty member Amy Hagenrater-Gooding, will be staged November 8, 9 and 10, at 7:30 p.m., in the Black Box theater on the second floor of Wilson Hall. Tickets must be pre-ordered at [umestickets.com](#). Students with a valid ID may attend for free, but they must still reserve a ticket in advance. Admission is \$5 for others.

The play is the story of two high school students, one who is confined to home by illness and the other who arrives unexpectedly with a homework



(L to R) Dakota Ferraro and Shakuria Davis rehearse their roles in the Black Box theater.

Photo by Dr. Hagenrater-Gooding

assignment. An unlikely friendship develops, and the pair’s hopes and dreams are revealed.

A [Washington Post review](#) describes it as a “crafty drama” that is sharp and funny.

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. UMES prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, religion, national origin, disability, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. Inquiries regarding the application of federal laws and non-discrimination policies to university programs and activities may be referred to the Office of Equity & Compliance/Title IX Coordinator by telephone at (410) 651-7848 or by email at titleix@umes.edu.

CONFERENCE PROPOSALS SOUGHT

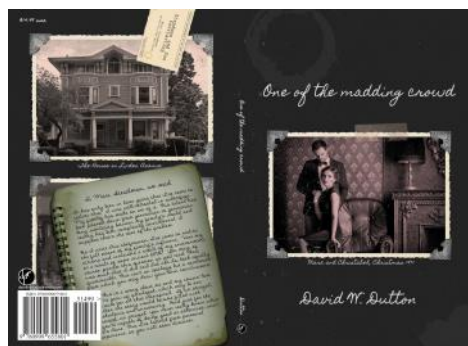
The College English Association: Middle-Atlantic Group seeks paper, panel and flash presentation proposal submissions for its 61st annual spring conference scheduled for **Saturday, March 9, at Bowie State University.**

The 2019 conference, “The Post-Disciplinary Academy,” features a broad theme which will “question, problematize, radicalize, negotiate, or otherwise investigate the nature of disciplinarity ... in English, Modern Languages, the Humanities and STEM subjects, the Social Sciences, and beyond.”

BUZZ IS BUILDING

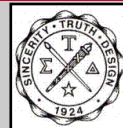
Adjunct composition instructor Dianne Pearce is happy to report that the first novel released by her publishing company, Devil’s Party Press, is receiving media attention.

Author David Dutton was invited to discuss “One of the Madding Crowd” on WBOC TV’s local talk show “Delmarva Life.” Mr. Dutton will also read from his book November 2 at 6 p.m. at the library in Milton, Delaware.



Cover art provided by Ms. Pearce

HONOR SOCIETY APPLICATIONS



UMES’s Psi Mu chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society, is accepting membership applications.

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.3. New members will be welcomed at an official induction ceremony to be held during the spring 2019 semester.

The international organization was founded in 1924 to “confer distinction for high achievement in English language, literature, and writing.” The UMES chapter was chartered in 1974.

REVITALIZING THE MIDDLE CLASS

Scholars Gather to Discuss Public Policy at the University of Delaware

Language professor Carole Champagne joined other scholars at the recent Campus Compact Mid-Atlantic Civic Engagement Challenge Conference, held at the Biden Institute on the campus of the University of Delaware, to discuss how to revitalize America’s middle class.

Last year former Vice President Joe Biden, the founding chair of the Biden Institute, encouraged educators and university administrators to help students become—and remain—engaged in public policy and public service. He also issued what is now being called “The Biden Challenge,” urging academic scholars to propose policy solutions to ensure a growing, thriving, relevant middle class.

The recent conference, attended by Dr. Champagne, combined the two goals. There were presentations and policy discussions in response to the former vice president’s challenge, and many students participated in the program as



Dr. Champagne chats with former Vice President Joe Biden.

Photo by Signe Bell

conference leaders.

“I was impressed with the active participation of students as well as the expertise of internationally renowned public policy scholars,” Dr. Champagne said. “The event was notably non-partisan.”

The Challenge Conference was designed to offer policy makers potential solutions to the economic and educational challenges of socially and economically disenfranchised citizens with a focus on education and participation in the democratic process.

One of the conference participants was Valerie Biden Owens, the former vice president’s sister and a resident fellow at Harvard University’s Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

“I was most impressed by the wisdom of history professor Dr. Valerie Biden Owens,” Dr. Champagne said. “Her dynamism permeates her commitment to grassroots activism as well as her outstanding teaching and scholarship as she mentors the next generation of engaged citizens.”

HAWK PRIDE!

UMES Connections are All Around You

It must have been UMES Appreciation Day at [WTTG TV, FOX 5](#) in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, October 10.

The university's social sciences professor Joshua Wright was a guest on the station's morning show, Good Day DC, to discuss his new book, "[Empire and Black Images in Popular Culture](#)."

Little did he know that the producer who books guests for the show's interview segments is Justin Stewart who earned his UMES English degree in 2010. Mr. Stewart maintains a close connection with his alma mater and has returned to discuss his career with the university's digital media students.

Dr. Wright was equally surprised to learn



(L to R) Ms. Harrison, Dr. Wright and Mr. Stewart

Photo provided by Dr. Wright

that a guest Mr. Stewart had booked for another segment on the same program was also a UMES graduate. Lachelle Harrison works for [Events DC](#), the official convention and sports authority for the District of Columbia; she earned her UMES English degree in 2006.



BAKE SALE

FRIDAY, NOV. 2
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the
EASC LOBBY



Faculty member Marilyn Buerkle (seated) welcomed a busload of high school students from Amityville, New York, who toured the UMES digital media facilities as part of a recent HBCU road trip.

Photo by Rob Johnson

FINDING YOUR VOICE

ENGL 101 Students Encouraged to Publish

Students in Amy Hagenrater-Gooding's ENGL 101 Honors class are seeing their names in print in Salisbury's newspaper, The Daily Times.

Each student is writing an opinion piece for the editorial section of the paper and its online outlet, [Delmarva Now](#). The publication encourages young people in the community to express their thoughts, concerns and observations on topics of the day.

Each of Dr. Hagenrater-Gooding's students is responsible for the content, photography and editing of their piece. "I'm super proud of all of them," she said. "They all are getting involved, putting

themselves out there and amazing me every day. I feel very fortunate to be their teacher."

The first student in the class to have his work featured was aviation major Collin Zook, who wrote [Technology is Changing the Way We Interact](#).

"The rate at which we can obtain new items is faster than ever before ... This is a prime example of instant gratification," he wrote. "Young adults grow up in a world where instant gratification can change their perception of life. When these teenagers grow up and want something, they will not have the patience required to get there."

WORD PLAY ANSWERS:

1. icily
2. croaked
3. crabbily
4. cryptically
5. marbled
6. ruefully
7. peevishly
8. gushed

Insights is published monthly during the academic year. It is written and edited, except as noted, by communications instructor Marilyn Buerkle. Copy is proofread by composition instructor Sandy Johnston. Photos are by Marilyn Buerkle, except as noted. If you have information you would like to appear in this publication, contact our editor at 410-651-8349 or email her at mlbuerkle@umes.edu.