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FALL SEMESTER UNDERWAY

Department Welcomes New Students and Faculty

There are lots of new faces in Wilson Hall. The Department of English and Modern Languages welcomes more than 30 new English majors this semester. They are nearly evenly split between the English and English Education degree programs.

There are also several new full-time faculty members in the department, including an Egyptian scholar-in-residence sponsored by the U.S. State Department's prestigious [Fulbright Program](#).

Dalal Mahmoud ElGemei, is the chair of the Faculty of Humanities at



Dr. ElGemei

[Al Azhar University in Cairo](#). She also teaches Arabic as a Foreign Language at [American University in Cairo](#). While at UMES, Dr. ElGemei will teach Arabic language courses, assist in curriculum development and provide opportunities to promote understanding of the Arab culture.

Daniela Raducanu is a new full-time language professor. She earned her Ph.D. in Spanish literature from the [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#). Dr. Raducanu also holds two master's degrees from [Auburn University](#) and a third from the [National School for](#)



Dr. Raducanu

[Political and Administrative Studies in Bucharest, Romania](#).

Archana Gupta is joining the department as a visiting lecturer to teach courses in English composition.

Ms. Gupta earned two master's degrees from [Mohanal Sukhadia University](#) in Udaipur, India and taught English for over 20 years in various government colleges in India. Most recently, she was an adjunct instructor at [Mercer County Community College](#) in New Jersey.

As this newsletter was being posted, arrangements were being finalized to hire a second full-time visiting lecturer who will teach composition courses. She will be introduced in the October issue of Insights.

FLIC HAS A NEW HOME

Foreign Language Instructional Center Moves to Douglass Library

This summer, the university's [Foreign Language Instructional Center](#), a [Title III](#) supported program under the auspices of the Department of English and Modern Languages, moved its offices and language classroom to the basement of the Frederick Douglass Library.



its clearly marked entrance directly in front of them as they exit the library elevator on the basement level.

The room provides a more spacious locale for FLIC's high tech tools.

Tammy Gharbi is FLIC's program coordinator.

"Our state-of-the-art classroom gives learners every possible

technical advantage in the quest for foreign language proficiency," she said.



Students whose language classes are scheduled in the FLIC classroom will see

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Senior Capstone Students Find Their Voice

“What do we even DO in ENGL 490?”

“Do we HAVE to take it?”

These were the kinds of questions and attitudes expressed by students enrolling in the Senior Capstone course, ENGL 490, when Amy Hagenrater-Gooding began teaching it in the fall of 2014. Dr.

Hagenrater-Gooding worked on moving beyond testing and essay writing and incorporated more hands-on workplace assignments in the course.

“In the department we often tout that writing and speaking are foundational skills that every job employs. I wanted to make sure that students were seeing that, and seeing how work done in the classroom can translate to marketable skills on one’s resume,” she said.

Dr. Hagenrater-Gooding requires her students to present at the Department of English and Modern Languages Student Symposium, a venue which showcases the best work produced by the department’s English students.



Dr. Hagenrater-Gooding

Students in ENGL 490 select a subject they are interested in and spend a portion of the course producing an expert-led vision of the topic. The seniors visit other English classes to share their work, gradually improving their research and presentation skills before the symposium.

“Most of our students write a paper for a course and forget about it. These students are forced to write, rewrite, present, present again, and again, and realize the work is in the process, not the grade at the end,” Dr. Hagenrater-Gooding said.

Reinforcing that notion led her to connect with Susan Parker, an editor at [The Daily Times](#) in Salisbury, Ms. Parker came to speak with the students enrolled in the spring 2015 course about publication, voice and current events. Students selected their own areas of interest and began the process of research, writing and revising an essay for the paper’s opinion page.

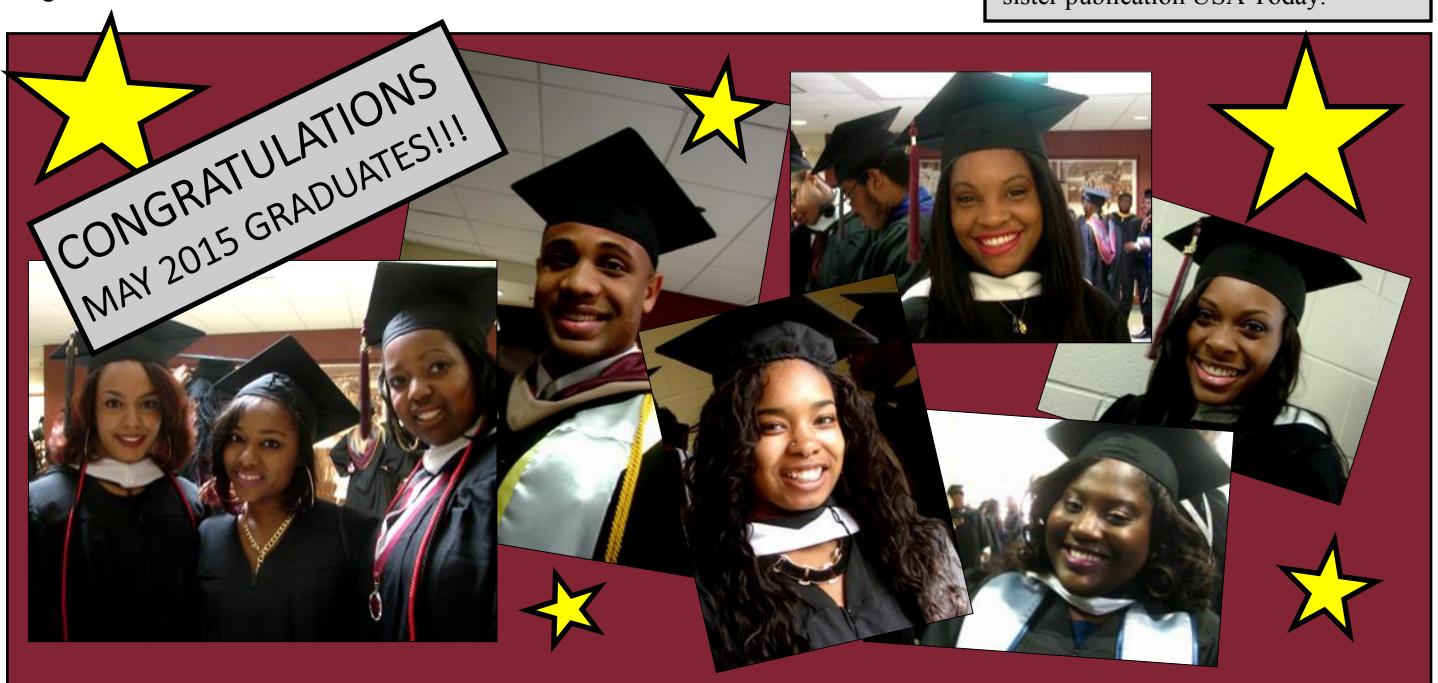
“Students were able to see the importance of what they had to say and the importance of working with deadlines. It also gave them a chance to see their name in lights, so to speak,” Dr. Hagenrater-Gooding said. “I had one student’s grandmother effusively thank me for enabling her daughter to see value in her words. That was one of the best parts of this project.”

SAVE THE DATE:
THE NEXT DEPARTMENT
OF ENGLISH AND
MODERN LANGUAGES
STUDENT
SYMPOSIUM WILL BE
THURSDAY
DECEMBER 3

Social media can be unbearably brutal



Class of '15 Briyana Hubbard's opinion essay about Monica Lewinsky, social media and Hillary Clinton's campaign which first appeared in *The Daily Times* was reprinted nationally in the *Times's* sister publication *USA Today*.



ALUMNI UPDATE



Corey Haynes, Class of 2013, was named outstanding student in the English department during her senior year and was a member of the UMES volleyball team. Now she's a [Peace Corps](#) volunteer in Nicaragua, and she's convinced some of her colleagues to join her in her efforts to raise \$5,000 for the [St. Baldrick's Foundation](#) to combat pediatric cancer. The group will be shaving their heads on December 2 in Managua. You can make a donation by [clicking here](#) or by calling (888) 899-2253.



Shauna-Kaye Jones, who was also named outstanding student in the department when she was a senior in 2014, begins a [TESOL \(Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages\)](#) master's program at Salisbury University this month. While pursuing her degree, she will also serve as a teaching assistant in S.U.'s English department.

Photos of Ms. Haynes and Ms. Jones by Jim Glover



Cherish McMillan, who graduated in December of 2010, earned a master's in journalism at [Syracuse University](#), but became a middle school English teacher and, later, a high school literacy coach. In June, she returned to her roots and accepted a position as a digital journalist in the social media department of [WITN](#), a cable television station operated by the Wilmington, Delaware City Council.

Photo by Lorena Wooten



Congratulations are in order for Brittany Peterson, Class of 2011, who began her new job as Coordinator of Marketing and Communications at [Baltimore City Community College](#) in August. After completing her English degree at UMES, Ms. Peterson earned a master's degree in [Telecommunications & Mass Media Management](#) at Morgan State University.



Kelsey Tate, who graduated in May, begins work on a master's degree in [strategic communication](#) at American University this semester, but she didn't remain idle this summer. Ms. Tate served as an intern in the Public Affairs Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's [Risk Management Agency](#).

Photo provided by Ms. Tate

DEADLINE APPROACHES

Federal Money Available for Study Abroad

Students who seek a [Benjamin Gilman scholarship](#) to study abroad this spring must submit their application by October 6. The program provides federal funds for international education to Pell Grant recipients.

The October deadline marks the last chance for students who seek funds for the spring 2016 semester, but officials will also be reviewing early summer

applications.

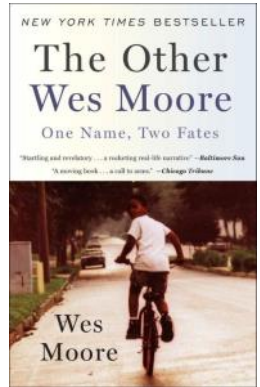
Spanish language instructor Carole Champagne

serves as the certifying advisor for the program on the UMES campus. She points out that 25 percent of the students who apply receive an award.



READING TOGETHER

Continuing the tradition of the Just One Book program begun last year by two members of the English faculty, this year the UMES campus will read "[The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates](#)."



It's a non-fiction story of two black men who grew up in Baltimore and, by coincidence, shared the same name. They didn't know each other, and while their lives began similarly, they are now dramatically different. The author is a Rhodes Scholar, a White House Fellow and a decorated combat veteran; the other Wes Moore is in prison, convicted of murder.

The book will be required reading for the freshmen enrolled in First Year Experience classes.

ELECTION RESULTS

English faculty member Dean Cooledge is part of the leadership team of the UMES Faculty Assembly for the 2015-2016 academic year.

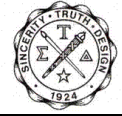


Dr. Cooledge

Photo by Ben Cooledge

Dr. Cooledge was elected to serve as treasurer of the organization. He'll be joined by LaKeisha Harris from the Department of Rehabilitation who will serve as chair. Donna Satterlee from the Department of Human Ecology was elected secretary, and librarian Joseph Bree is the Assembly's parliamentarian.

I'VE BEEN THINKING



By Amy Hagenrater-Gooding

Editor's Note:

Dr. Hagenrater-Gooding serves as one of two advisors to the UMES chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society.



One of the best parts of my job is serving as co-advisor for [Sigma Tau Delta](#), the English honor society here at UMES. From attending conferences like [NCTE](#) in D.C. to hearing the family of [Henrietta Lacks](#) speak in Salisbury, we do some neat stuff!

Many of our members have published in [The Daily Times](#), Salisbury's daily newspaper, most notably our current vice-president, Jessica Land. Other members participate in presentations where they share their individual research. Current President Liz Ranger presented "Lessons

from the Trenches: What I Learned From Working at the [University Writing Center](#)" at the English department's second student symposium. Last semester, we inducted two new members: Kira Baran and Kelli Green.

This year, Sigma Tau Delta will be attending the [Brown Box Theatre](#) performance of "The Taming of the Shrew" at the [Teackle Mansion](#) in Princess Anne on September 8. We also hope to engage in some literacy initiatives to give back to the community. Expect a workshop as well. Riding on the success of "Do You Want Fries With That, or What You Can Do With a B.A. In English," the organization will likely invite English alumni to share their professional successes and provide current students with possible career options and networking opportunities.

In the spring semester, we may attend [NEMLA](#), the [Split This Rock Poetry Festival](#) in D.C., the performance of "The Glass Menagerie" at the [Ford's Theatre](#),

and/or [John Irving](#)'s reading at [Stevenson University](#).

The best part of this organization is that it is driven by student interest; we can really facilitate opportunities based on available events and the generous support of the English department.

At the risk of sounding like a really bad advertisement, I would encourage all English majors in their sophomore year to consider applying for membership. The [application is available on the English department webpage](#) under DEML Honors. We anticipate holding our next induction ceremony on Thursday, November 19. Applications are due Friday, November 6. Don't miss out!

"I've Been Thinking" is a monthly column written by members of UMES's Psi Mu chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society. Throughout the academic year, the column explores a variety of topics of interest to the campus community.

DEPARTMENT PROVIDES LEADERSHIP

English Faculty and Students Active in Phi Kappa Phi

The Department of English and Modern Languages has strong ties to the [UMES chapter of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi](#).

The current president, Terry Smith, is a member of the English faculty, and the immediate past president, Jacqueline Brice-Finch, is chair of the department—and that's not all. Three other English faculty members, Amy Hagenrater-Gooding, Courtney Harned and Melissa Moore, will hold leadership roles in the chapter during the coming academic year.

Dr. Hagenrater-Gooding will serve as scholarship and awards coordinator; Ms. Harned will be the group's webmaster; and Ms. Moore is the incoming activities coordinator.

Literature professor Dean Cooledge and English professor emeritus Della Dameron Johnson are also members of the campus chapter.

Additionally, the department is represented in the ranks of the group's student leadership. Three English majors serve as student vice presidents. They include Jon'mel Davenport, Colleen Hendrickson and Liz Ranger.

Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest, most selective and most prestigious all-discipline honor society. Membership is by invitation only to UMES's top 7.5 percent of second-semester juniors and top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students. UMES has 255 members; the local chapter was chartered in 2010.

Over the summer, 50 Phi Kappa Phi leaders from some 400 chapters around the country were invited to attend workshops in Snowbird, Utah as guests of the group. Ms. Hendrickson and Dr. Smith represented UMES.



(L to R) Ms. Hendrickson and Dr. Smith atop Snowbird Mountain in Utah

Photo provided by Dr. Smith



TRIBUTE TO N.Y. BRIDGE

Faculty Member's Film on the Festival Circuit

MEDICAL SPANISH

Public speaking instructor Will Rose continues to travel the film festival circuit with "My Bridge," his short film tribute to New York City's Brooklyn Bridge.



Mr. Rose on the red carpet in Harlem

Photo by Louise Fleming

This summer the film was shown at the fourth annual [People's Film Festival](#) in New York City. Mr. Rose attended the screening at the [Maysles Documentary Center](#) in Harlem. Also this summer, "My Bridge" was



accepted for presentation by film festivals in England and Portugal.

Earlier this year it won an Award of Merit in the experimental category as part of the

[Accolade Global Film Competition](#). It also won a Gold Award in Indonesia's [Documentary & Short International Movie Award Competition](#).

"My Bridge" was shot in 2008 and completed in 2013. It was previously screened at the 2014 [Capital City Black Film Festival](#) in Austin, Texas.

Spanish language professor Carole Champagne attended the 2015 Conference on Second Languages and Cultures: Theory, Practice, and Instructional Strategies in Cincinnati, Ohio, in June.



Dr. Champagne

Photo provided by Dr. Champagne

Her presentation was titled "Medical Spanish Courses Address the Needs of the Health Care Community."

Dr. Champagne has been instrumental in assisting students in the [UMES School of Pharmacy and Health Professions](#) study health specific terminology in Spanish.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

English Faculty Member Wins Advising Award

Service above and beyond the call of duty is clearly what English faculty member Courtney Harned provides as an academic advisor. Just ask English major Jessica Land.

"Ms. Harned is more than an advisor. She is a hero ... She gave me all the tools I needed to succeed as a student, taught me how to navigate the undergraduate system, helped me edit and kick start a new literary magazine, and pulled me through one of the most ... devastating periods of my life."

That's just a portion of the praise Land supplied when she nominated her advisor for the inaugural Aundra' C. Roberts Award for Excellence in Honors Student Advisement.

The award, named for a recently retired [UMES Honors Program](#) staff member,



(L to R) Ms. Land, Ms. Roberts and Ms. Harned

Photo by Nick Donchak

seeks to recognize one faculty or staff member who has most significantly and positively impacted the performance and professional development of an honors program student.

THE UMES WRITING CENTER OPENS TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8.

Tutors will be available Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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