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WELCOME BACK

English Department Faculty and Staff are Ready to Go

The Department of English and Modern Languages begins the fall semester with nearly 30 new English and English Education majors—and a permanent chair.

Dean Cooledge has served in an interim capacity since the retirement of the former chair, Jacqueline Brice-Finch, in December of 2015. He was officially named the leader of the department in August.



Dr. Cooledge

Photos by Jim Glovier

“These are challenging times for the humanities, but I look forward to the future as we craft a department and a major that fit the 21st century,” Dr. Cooledge said.

In one subtle update, this year the department will begin to phase out the “telecommunications” label for its communication courses in favor of a more current description of “digital media.” The change is in keeping with plans to debut a major in digital media studies once the department’s proposal, okayed last semester by the UMES Senate, receives state approval.

Students interested in media careers will find an additional digital media staff member is ready to assist them this fall. Over the summer, the department added a new member to its technical staff.



Mr. Brophy

Bill Brophy held a similar position at Youngstown State University in Ohio. In addition to his experience at the college level, Mr. Brophy has also held on-air positions in commercial radio and operated his own audio production business.

YOU'RE INVITED

DEML Plans Monthly Get Together

If you're a member of the English department family—student, alumni, staff or faculty—mark your calendar now for an hour of food and conversation at 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month during the school year.

The opportunity for English majors to get to know their professors in an informal setting is the brainchild of technical writing instructor Sandy Johnston.



Ms. Johnston

Photo by Jim Glovier

“I want us to create more of a community,”

she said. “This will offer all of us a chance to get to know each other better.”

Each month, the group will gather upstairs in Wilson Hall for a little R & R. (In this case, that's repartee and refreshments). The first event is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, in Room 2111.

Ms. Johnston and her colleague Marilyn Buerkle have promised homemade baked goods for those who attend the inaugural get together. Other faculty members are cleaning their book shelves and will offer students the opportunity to choose free books for pleasure reading.

Free food and free books—we hope to draw a crowd.

A SOLAR ECLIPSE!



Photo by Bill Robinson

(Top to bottom)
English faculty members Simeon Shoge and Dean Cooledge and senior English major Nicole Harris

EVERY DAY IS AN ADVENTURE

English Education Graduate is Teaching in Laos

By Barbara Seabrook

Editor's Note: Dr. Seabrook is coordinator of the department's English Education program.

Photo by Robin Hoffman



When I met Corey Haynes (B.A. English Education, May 2013) for lunch last May at the Washington Hotel in Princess Anne, I was surprised to see her on crutches. She had just had surgery for a previous knee injury as a result of playing volleyball.

She was back in Princess Anne from Falls Church, Virginia, to coach volleyball at UMES and Crown Sports for the [Chesapeake Region Volleyball Association](#) tournament competition.

As a member of the volleyball team and a senior at UMES, Corey began coaching high school seniors in Charlottesville, Virginia, which involved practices two times a week and college tournaments

every week in January.

After graduation from UMES, Corey continued her volleyball coaching while she taught 9th and 12th grade English as a substitute teacher at Monticello High School in Charlottesville, Virginia, a job which turned into a full-time position until she left to serve in the [Peace Corps](#). She spent two years as a teacher and trainer of volunteers in Nicaragua.

She completed the [Peace Corps' Teaching English as a Foreign Language \(TEFL\) Certificate](#) and her [M.Ed. in Social Foundations of Education](#) at the University of Virginia.

After teaching 9th grade English for a year at J.E.B. Stuart High School in Falls Church, Virginia, the call of another adventure abroad convinced Corey to apply to become a [Fulbright English Teaching Assistant](#).

She is now a teacher at the Savannakhet Teacher Training College and American Center in Savannakhet, Laos.

Her knee has healed enough to ride a bike in Laos and play some volleyball. She is currently applying to several graduate schools to complete the requirements for the doctoral degree.

Corey's life is not all volleyball, work, and studies.

When she came to UMES to speak at the Honors

Convocation last year, I had an opportunity to meet the person she has been dating, Dominique Kosh, a high school friend.

What a list of accomplishments since graduation from UMES – this Hawk is really flying!!



Ms. Haynes in Laos

Photos by Gina Beach

DON'T FORGET!

The University of Maryland Eastern Shore will celebrate its 131st birthday on Thursday, September 14, with its traditional Founders' Day convocation in the Ella Fitzgerald Performing Arts Center beginning at 10 a.m..



RETIRED & ROAD READY

Faculty Member Makes Travel His Priority

The English Department said good-bye to faculty member Ron Webster in May. He opted to retire, with plans to travel; the department responded with a going-away cake shaped like a suitcase.



*Dr. Webster
Photo by Jim Glovier*

*Suitcase Cake
Photo by Bonni Miller*



His first trip was to Morocco to visit members of his extended family. Since then, he's

purchased a motor home, and he and his dog have taken it on a test spin to upstate New York.



Dr. Webster aboard a camel in Morocco

Photo provided by Dr. Webster

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A FAMILIAR FACE

English Graduate Returns to Earn Ph.D.

Andre Walsh, Class of 2013, made a lasting impression as a UMES English major. He was selected as outstanding student in the department. He also delivered the student commencement address when he graduated summa cum laude, and he received numerous awards as a member of the university's track and field team.



Mr. Walsh in 2012

Photo by Lloydlee Heite



Princess Anne (left). If you've admired the photo, you'll now have the chance to meet Mr. Walsh on campus.

After earning a master's degree in communication at Florida State University, he has returned to UMES as a doctoral

student in the university's [organizational leadership program](#). The Division of Athletics hasn't forgotten his contributions as an undergraduate. He'll earn his Ph.D. while serving as a graduate assistant in athletics.

His accomplishments in athletics earned him a prominent place on a wall of "Hawk Pride" inside the new [M Street Grille](#) in

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST GRADUATES !



Photos by Jim Glovier



Photo by Ashley Collier

WORD PLAY: SIGN LANGUAGE

English majors can use their command of the English language to create signage and slogans for businesses. Here are some examples of actual signs that use creativity, a play on words, and humor. Can you guess the type of business where this sign was seen? (Answers on Page 5.)

1. We will heel you. We will save your sole. We will even dye for you.
2. Time wounds all heels.
3. Yesterday's Meals on Wheels
4. If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.
5. Invite us to your next blowout!
6. The best way to get back on your feet – miss a car payment.
7. No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.
8. Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!
9. We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted.
10. Don't stand there and be hungry. Come on in and get fed up.
11. Drive carefully. We'll wait.
12. Thank heaven for little grills.
13. Don't sleep with a drip.

Word Play, provided each month by Dr. Barbara Seabrook, explores the creative use of language.

ONLINE DEADLINES

Eastern Shore native Tahja Cropper is pursuing a media career here on Delmarva.



Ms. Cropper

Photo by Jim Glovier

The December 2015 English graduate started out as a part-time studio crew member at [WMDT TV](#), the ABC affiliate in nearby Salisbury, Maryland. She recently assumed new responsibilities as the station's web producer.

Ms. Cropper maintains the WMDT website, including writing and posting local news stories.

INSPIRING OTHERS

Keisha Brewer, Class of 2014, returned to campus this summer to talk about careers with local high school students in the UMES [Upward Bound](#) program.

Last year, Ms. Brewer and a friend from Towson University launched [The PR Alliance LLC](#), an entertainment driven public relations firm.



*Ms. Brewer (standing, far left) interacts with Upward Bound students
Photo by Dwayne Barnes*

BALTIMORE BOUND

Carmen Frazier, who earned her UMES English degree in 2014, is now an associate producer at [WMAR TV](#), the ABC affiliate in Baltimore, Maryland. Ms. Frazier started her career as a morning show producer at WMDT TV in Salisbury where she interned.



Ms. Frazier

Photo by Donnell Jenkins

ALMOST A LAWYER

It doesn't surprise anyone who knows Jon'mel Davenport to hear that the [Howard University law school](#) student has packed her schedule full of activities.



Ms. Davenport at her December 2015 commencement

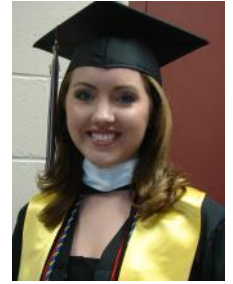
While an English major at UMES, she sang in the gospel and concert choirs, played leading roles in drama society productions, served as a tutor in the [UMES Writing Center](#), and still managed to graduate a semester early with a 3.8 GPA.

She's blazing the same trail at Howard. Ms. Davenport is a member of the moot court team, serves as a student attorney in Howard's intellectual property clinic and, over the summer, was a judicial intern in the chambers of the chief judge of the District of Columbia Appellate Courts.

She expects to earn her Juris Doctor degree in 2019.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

English graduate Heather (Molnar) Duma has been named Director of Development at [Coastal Hospice](#), a local non-profit health care organization.



Ms. Duma at her December 2008 commencement

In an announcement of her appointment, Ms. Duma said she was inspired to apply for the job after she saw the compassionate care the organization provided for her grandmother.

Prior to her move to Coastal Hospice, Ms. Duma was a local staff member for Congressman Andy Harris.

WELCOME, ZORA!

Detia (Hilliard) Cork, an English Education graduate, has a new daughter. Zora Neale Cork is 5 months old. She's named after the African-American novelist, short story writer, folklorist, and anthropologist [Zora Neale Hurston](#).

Ms. Cork studied the writer as an undergraduate and now teaches her work at [Washington High School](#) in Princess Anne.

She and her husband Aaron both graduated from UMES in 2015. He teaches history at Washington High.



*The Cork Family
Photo by Allen Cork, Sr.*

THE JOURNEY HAS BEGUN

As the semester drew to a close last May, the department held its induction ceremony for new members of [Sigma Tau Delta](#), the international English honor society. The three students, who met the organization's academic requirements and submitted successful applications, were Jessica Clatterbuck, Danielle Forehand and Richard Oakley.

Department Chair Dean Cooledge served as the keynote speaker for the event. He told the new members this was “the first step on your journey to greatness.”



(L to R) Ms. Clatterbuck, Mr. Oakley and Ms. Forehand

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Students in Amy Hagenrater-Gooding's Modern Drama class joined her for a live production last May. They traveled to Pocomoke City, Maryland to see Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" at the [Mar-Va Theater](#).



Dr. Hagenrater-Gooding (L) and students
Photo by Christina Garrett

TECHNOLOGY QUEEN

It's a loss for the English department, but a gain for the university at large.

Bonni Miller is leaving her position as a faculty member in the Department of English and Modern Languages to serve as interim director of the [UMES Center for Instructional Technology and Online Learning](#).



Ms. Miller

Photo by Jim Glovier

Ms. Miller taught the first fully online course on our campus, has always infused her classes—whether they were online or face-to-face—with the latest educational technology, and has served as a patient mentor to faculty members who are still adapting to the digital world.

Ms. Miller and her staff provide support services to faculty and students. Her office is located in the Engineering and Aviation Sciences Complex, Room 3072.

WORD PLAY ANSWERS FROM PAGE THREE:

1. Shoe Repair Store
2. Podiatrist's Office
3. Septic Tank Truck
4. Optometrist's Office
5. Tire Shop
6. Car Dealership
7. Outside a Muffler Shop
8. Veterinarian's Waiting Room
9. Electric Company
10. Restaurant Window
11. Front Yard of a Funeral Home
12. Propane Filling Station
13. Plumber's Truck

A SHOWCASE FOR PROJECTS

The English department held its sixth student symposium on May 4 in Wilson Hall. There were seven sessions scheduled including discussions of language, literature, media and culture.

This semester, scripts written by students in Cynthia Cravens' Dramatic Writing for Film and TV class were staged in the department's Black Box theater.

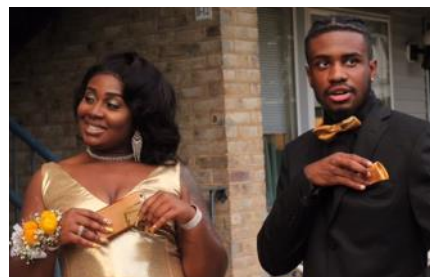
The symposium is held each semester and affords students the opportunity to polish their presentation skills.



Dr. Cravens (third from left) with members of her screenwriting class

PROM GIVEAWAY

Candyce Newbill, Class of 2016, organized an unusual contest at her alma mater, Bladensburg High School this year. She arranged for vendor donations of all the elements a deserving young woman needed to attend her senior prom.



The lucky couple
Photo by Kingy Photos

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