

A Word's Worth of News

Department of English
GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

CHAIR CHAT

Despite the chilly weather outside, May is around the corner, and that means students are busily finishing up final papers and beginning to study for final exams. In just a couple of weeks, this place will feel like a graveyard, as all (or almost all) of the students take off for summer jobs, internships, travel opportunities, etc. You've probably often heard about how the college years are the "best years of your lives," and how you should make the most of this opportunity. Of course, that's good advice, but you know what? In a few years, when you've entered the work-force, you're going to be wishing you could have another "summer break." Those of you who are graduating are probably already in shock at the thought of not having the summer to yourself.

So my advice to those of you who will be returning next fall is to make the most of your summer. Earn some money; maybe even save some money. Get some interesting work experience. Go abroad and practice communicating in another language. Reconnect with friends or family you don't get to see often. Read a book that no one has required you to read. Climb a mountain (or a really big hill). Give your time and labor to some person or group that could really use your help. And then come back to Gettysburg with lots of stories for those of us who have spent the summer here amid tourists and reenactors.

Congratulations to all our graduating senior English and Writing majors and minors. We hope you'll keep in touch!

Suzanne Flynn Acting Chair, Department of English

GOOD LUCK!

- **Spring Honors Day**
Sat, May 16 1:00 PM Christ Chapel
- **English Department Senior Reception**
Sat, May 16 2:00 PM Lawn between Briedenbaugh and Weidensall
- **Baccalaureate**
Sat, May 16 4:00 PM Christ Chapel
- **Commencement**
SPEAKER: MAJOR GENERAL CHARLES F. BOLDEN JR., THE 12TH ADMINISTRATOR OF NASA
EVENT HELD RAIN OR SHINE
Sun, May 17 11:00 AM Beachem Portico

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FACULTY NEWS

So Long to Hugh Martin



Professor Hugh Martin is currently wrapping up his one-year position as the Department of English's 2014-2015 Emerging Writer Lecturer. While at Gettysburg, Hugh has taught introductory creative writing classes, topics in writing classes, as well as a class focusing on writing about place. In September, the campus community was able to attend a reading by Hugh. Hugh has recently published a book of poetry, *The Stick Soldiers*, which is out now.

Congratulations to McKinley Melton



In addition to the Career Enhancement Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Professor Melton has also been awarded a postdoctoral fellowship from the Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry at Emory University. He will spend the 2015-16 year in residence at Emory, working on his book project, *Along Their Own Way: Spiritual Foundations of Black Diasporan Literature*. The project considers the layered relationship between spiritual and religious traditions and 20th Century African, African American, and Afro-Caribbean literature. Aside from the time spent in devotion to his manuscript, Mckinley is also looking forward to the opportunity to spend more time with his family, as he returns to his hometown of Marietta, GA.

See You Soon, Rob Garnett



Professor Rob Garnett will spend the next year studying the lives and works of Emily Bronte, Emily Dickinson and Flannery O'Connor. Seeing the similarities in their short lives, he is looking forwards to delving into their unconventional and quirky imaginations and traveling to their home territories in Milledgeville, Georgia, and Yorkshire.

The English Department and all its students would like to thank Hugh Martin for his time in the Department, as well as wish Professors Leebron, Rhett, Garnett, and Melton the best of luck!

HONORS PRESENTATIONS

Senior honors theses were presented by the Department of English Tuesday, April 7, in the Lyceum. Friends and family of the presenting seniors, all English majors and minors, and the entire campus community were welcome to attend the celebration.

The road to presenting a research or creative writing thesis includes conducting research for, writing, and then producing the thesis, which comprises 50-100 pages.

- **Sarah Connelly**
“I am a woman... When I think, I must speak”: Gendered Humor at Play in Shakespeare’s Comedies
- **Alexandra Czajkowski**
The Witch King
- **Danielle Dattolo**
Pariah
- **Jeffrey Horvath**
A Savage Journey to the Heart of Literary Freedom: Gonzo Journalism as a Vehicle for Social Criticism in the Literary Nonfiction of Hunter S. Thompson
- **Jacqueline Marotto**
Expectations
- **Victoria Reynolds**
Fiori e Febbre
- **Darren Spirk**
“For the Blink of an Eyelid”: Expanding the Focus of Daniel Defoe’s Narratives through J.M. Coetzee’s *Foe*
- **Megan Valentine**
Redefining the Contemporary Bildungsroman: Blending the Modernist and Postmodernist Critical Lenses with the Fantastic in J.K. Rowling’s *Harry Potter* and Philip Pullman’s *His Dark Materials*

SIGMA TAU DELTA NEWS

The Department of English at Gettysburg College is home to the Alpha Pi Nu chapter of the Sigma Tau Delta English honor society. Since its inception, more than 160 students have joined the Alpha Pi Nu chapter of the organization. Professors McKinley Melton and Christopher D’Addario serve as the faculty advisors. We are proud to welcome our newest members and graduates!:

Adriana Alecci
Taylor Andrews
Peter Barrett
Isabella Baxter
Drew Ciminera
Nancy Clark

Sarah Connelly
Danielle Dattolo
Erin Gallagher
Morgan Marianelli
Jacki Marotto
Kris McCormick

Nicole Rokicki
Victoria Reynolds
Dayna Seeger
Amanda Sreere
Janelle Thomson
Maureen Weidman
Mila Whiteley

ALUMNI NEWS



Kate Landis '14

*English major,
Middle East & Islamic
Studies minor*

After a frantic postgraduate employment search, Landis landed a job at a digital marketing agency where she worked in SEO (search engine optimization). It was a great learning experience but, lacking both a burning passion for marketing in general and SEO in particular, Landis quickly realized it wasn't the right fit for her. So, after the Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf took office, Landis was offered and accepted the position of Deputy Digital Director in the Governor's Office.

Landis believes that her Gettysburg College English degree has been invaluable, both as she sought to secure her first "real job" and as she decided it was time to move on. The writing and critical thinking skills that she learned and honed as an undergraduate are, without a doubt, her greatest professional assets. Although Landis does continually struggle to squeeze her verbosity into 140 characters, (she says she's not entirely sure she can blame that one on the English Department!), she knows that she shines out as a confident and capable component to any employer.

FUTURE ALUMS!

To all those graduating we at the English Department would like to wish you the best of luck with all of your future endeavors! We would love to hear what you have planned for after graduation, whether it be an exciting new job, an internship, or off to Graduate school, we would love to keep in touch. Write to your favorite professor or to Jody Rosensteel (jrosenst@gettysburg.edu) and let us know what you've been up to!

We're all very excited to see where your life takes you!

Good luck!