

English News

What English Graduate Students Need To Know

Creative Writing: English Authors

The first meeting of English Authors — the Creative Writing group for English Graduate Students at Marquette — was held on September 10. The writers were Marcia Eppich-Harris and Kristen Mekemson. The next meeting for English Authors will be Wednesday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m. Contributing writers for October will be Carrie Wadman and Josh Steffey. If you are interested in joining English Authors or would like more information about the group, email Marcia Eppich-Harris at: marcia_epo5@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Talks for Writers of Non-Fiction

October 2, 7:00 p.m. in Todd Wehr 100 Peter Brazaitis will speak on "Crocodiles in Paradise: Heritage or Handbags?" The man-eating saltwater crocodiles that inhabit the waters around Palau have the most valued skin in the crocodile trade. Palau wants to preserve their populations because they are part of the culture, and the Paulauans have lived with crocodiles for generations. Peter has some fascinating stories to tell about working with these fierce creatures.

October 3, 3:30 p.m. in Todd Wehr 100 Myrna Watanabe will speak on "From Cat Vomit to Nanotubes: The Varied Life of a Science Writer." A former Marquette faculty member who turned to science writing, Myrna writes for excellent publications, and she, too, has great stories to tell.

Conferences? What Conferences?

If you are desperately in need of some professional experience but have no idea where to get information about upcoming conferences, consider subscribing to the UPenn Call For Papers list. This list details the calls for papers for many conferences on American and British Literature, as well as Rhetoric and Composition and Creative Writing

throughout the country. For more information, visit <http://www.english.upenn.edu/>.

Readings:

Charles Baxter will be reading from his new novel *Saul and Patsy* at the Downer Harry Schwartz on Monday, September 29 at 7 p.m.

Several readings are scheduled throughout October at the Barnes and Noble at Mayfair mall, including authors Sylvia Brown, Jane Dyer, Mel Lawrence, Steve Hagan, and Dave Ramsey. Call Barnes and Noble at 405-4575 for more information.

Preparing Future Faculty

Colloquia: September 22 — Hiring Process for a Tenure Track Position. Dr. Madeline Wake, MU Provost. October 13, Securing Funding.

Workshops: October 9 — Qualities of a Good Teacher, Teaching Modalities, and Keeping Student Interest. Dr. Thomas Taft, School of Dentistry. October 23 — CV and Cover Letter Construction. Dr. Chris Renaud and Dr. Greg Baer, Carthage College.

Presentation at UWM:

"How Do Students Learn?" Connie Schroeder, Ph.D., Assistant Director at the Center for Instructional and Professional Development (CIPD) Friday October 3, 2003 12:00PM-1:00PM Business 440.

All colloquia, unless otherwise announced will be held in EC 111 from 4-5 p.m. Also, workshops, series, and cluster visits usually have limited space so you need to contact PFF via email in order to register: mupff@mu.edu

Women's Mentoring

Women's Mentoring meetings will be held this semester on September 26, October 24, and November 21 from 3-4 p.m. All meetings will take place in the English Department conference

room. Email Dr. Hoeveler for more information at diane.hoeveler@mu.edu.

PhD Job Search Session

Are you worried about how to seek a job, once you are finished with your PhD? Uncertain about what steps and what documents you need to assemble in order to be ready for the interviewing process?

Dr. Machan and Dr. Bates have offered to present for PhD students some insights on how to go on the job market on Tuesday, September 30, at 3:30 p.m. They will provide a brief run-through of a timetable, tasks, and general advice on how to enter the job market and proceed with the search. This will be followed by a Q&A session and discussion of specifics or any details not already covered.

This timely presentation comes shortly after the job listings are posted on September 20, and before the usual deadline for submissions, which is November 1. Please join us for this valuable session, and bring your questions. (For more information, contact Nancy Metzger at nametzger@juno.com)

Speaking of Jobs. . .

Ever wonder what happened to recent PhD graduates?

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<http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/lore/djuncts/content.htm?ba02> and <http://www.rapidintellect.com/AEQweb/choice1z.htm>

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