Guggenheim Fellows

We can now boast about having FOUR Guggenheim Fellows within our own department. This spring, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation awarded Cate Marvin and Joshua Mehigan fellowships for poetry. Professors Marvin and Mehigan join Patricia Smith and Sarah Schulman in receiving this esteemed award within the arts. Professor Marvin’s most recent book of poems, Oracle, was released this March by W.W. Norton and Company. Her other critically acclaimed works are Fragment of the Head of the Queen and World’s Tallest Disaster. Farrar, Straus and Giroux published Joshua Mehigan’s second book, Accepting the Disaster, in 2014. Congratulations!

Retirement News

Professor John Peter Miller has decided to retire after nearly 40 years of service to CUNY and the College of Staten Island. He received his BA from Amherst College and MA from New York University. Professor Miller served on numerous committees and was a vital part of the Writing Program. He was one of the first faculty members to incorporate technology in the classroom, and teach hybrid and online courses. He will be missed by all. Happy Retirement!
2015 Undergraduate Conference on Research, Scholarship, and Performance

On April 30th, we had a record number of English majors present papers at this year’s Undergraduate Conference. Below is a list of the faculty mentors, the majors, and their paper presentation titles. Congratulations to all of presenters and faculty members.

Professor Maria Bellamy:
Michael Abenante: “The Impact of Femininity upon the Formation, Distortion and Redemption of Masculine Identity”
Sophia Jordan: “Sympathy”

Professor Jason Bishop:
Juliana Colon and Nicole DiMeglio: “Autism Spectrum Traits Predict the Perception of Linguistic Prosody in Neurotypical Adults”
Nawal Doleh and Erin Moreno: “A Linguistic Analysis of Rhythm in English Writing by Non-Experts”
Julissa Peralta: “Linguistic and Social Factors in the Use of 'Spanglish’”
Nadia Zaki: “The Role of Executive Function in Predicting Linguistic Prosody”

Professor Ellen Goldner:
Melissa Meyers: “The Benefits of Neurodiversity for Creative Expression in Poetry”

Professor Sharifa Hampton
Nicole Adamo: “Comical Misogyny: The Degradation of Women in the American Superhero Genre”
Professor Cate Marvin:
Medine Kovacevic: “A Crack in Creativity, a Loss of Identity: An Analysis of Esther Greenwood in Sylvia Plath’s *The Bell Jar*

Professor Lara Saguisag:
Meryandree Luna: “The Instabilities of Teenagers Depicted in Young Adult Literature”
Jamie Sterner (The Verrazano Honors College): “The Fault in Our Discourse: Defending the Young Adult Novel”

Professor Michael Schuyler
Menat Aly: “Incestuous Behaviors in *The Castle of Otranto*”
Elissa Como: “Game of Dress-Up Gone Wrong?: The Influence of 19th Century Class Divisions on Characters and Relationships in Jane Austen's *Emma*”
Yara Edrees: "A Woman with Agency in *The Winter's Tale*”
Elizabeth Leigh: “Moll Flanders As an Empowering Deviant and Early Feminist”
Kristen Mastrangelo: “*Evelina*: A Story of How Ownership to a Name Affects a Young Lady's Acceptance into Society”
Joseph Palumbo: “British Imperialist Ideals in *Robinson Crusoe*”
Jonathan Velez: “*Evelina* and the Zone of Proximal Development”

Professor Christina Tortora:
Steven Arriaga, Frances Blanchette, and Teresa O'Neill: “Variation in Appalachian Verb Forms: Evidence for a General Past”
Steven Arriaga, Juliana Colon, Julia Correale, and William Quilty: “Dialect Leveling: The Case of Non-Rhoticity in Staten Island English”
Nawal Doleh, Angelica Mannino, Erin Moreno, and Natalie Palladino: “Do you really know?: Variation in the use of 'yanno' in NYC English”
Medine Kovacevic, Melynda Kuppler, and Dana Melendez: “A Corpus-based Analysis of 'spurious have' in English”
Steven Arriaga was selected as the winner of the Student Government Academic Departmental Scholarship for being an outstanding student in the Department of English for 2014-2015. He was awarded a generous gift of $1500 to go towards his Spring 2015 tuition.

Yara Edrees, one of our English majors, presented a paper titled "The Struggle to Maintain Culture in Fantasia: An Algerian Cavalcade" at the PCA/ACA National Conference in New Orleans in April.

Bridgette Lowerre, recent graduate, is attending the MFA program at the New School this fall.

Tayla Lugo received the CSI Association Student Government Study Abroad Scholarship, the Frank and Margaret Ricciardi Scholarship, and the Verrazano Scholarship to study abroad in Florence, Italy for the month of June.

James McGowan was awarded an internship for the summer with BOOKENDS, LLC-- a literary agency.

Melissa Meyers presented, "Popcorn and Plath," a Women's Center sponsored discussion of the later poetry of Sylvia Plath in April.

James Nichols, Class of 2015, has accepted a PR/Marketing position with the New York Islanders. As an undergraduate, James dreamed of becoming a sportswriter; he is thrilled to be working for a team he loves. This will bring him one step closer to achieving his dream.

Andrew Simontacchi, Class of 2015, earned a New York State Associated Press Outstanding Spot News Reporting award for his coverage of the Eric Garner grand jury decision.

Jessica Spensieri was awarded a $1,000 Undergraduate Research Fellowship (from the Dean’s Office) to work in the Speech Lab. She was also awarded a $500 Research Study Grant (through the Verrazano School) to work in the Speech Lab.

Nadia Zaki, a Linguistics concentrator, was awarded a $500 Honors Undergraduate Research Stipend (through the Provost's Office) to work in the Speech Lab.

Our Sigma Tau Delta International Honors Society chapter: Alpha Phi Eta inducted seniors Menat Aly, Jean Baak, Yara Edrees, Nikki Gross, Brittany Kitchen, Lyndell Matteo, Michael Santiago, Jamie Sterner, Anna Tam, and Kristen Vasquez in May.
Study Abroad

English majors Tayla Lugo, Kevin Mione, and Mallory Scerbo spent the month of June in Florence, Italy with other CSI students studying SLS 302: Medieval and Early Modern Culture. The course was led by Professor Gerry Milligan from the World Languages and Literatures department.

BUON VIAGGIO!
And this, our life, exempt from public haunt, finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything.— William Shakespeare

Condolences

It is with great sadness that we share the news of one of our departed faculty members. Professor Charlotte Anne Alexander, teacher and poet, died November 27, 2014. She received her undergraduate and doctoral degrees from Indiana University. She devoted her life to teaching poetry and literature in our department for 45 years before retiring at the age of 80. She established the Ruth and Carson Alexander Memorial Scholarship Fund, in honor of her parents; each year, this scholarship is awarded to a worthy graduate. Professor Alexander was the editor of the literary magazine *The Outerbridge* from 1975 to the year 2000. Her own poetry was published in numerous journals; an anthology of her work, *The Girl on the Trapeze*, was published in 2001. Her poet works have won prizes from The Poetry Society of America and Shenandoah Writers Conference. She will be missed by her students and peers.

Schwerner Writer’s Series

This has been another successful year for the Schwerner Writer’s Series, hosted by the English Department. The series brings writers and performers to our campus—introducing our students and collective college community to the works and talents of these artists. Among the visitors this semester were Adrian Matejka, Veronica Golos, Sinéad Morrissey, Ruth Irupé Sanabria, Jane Springer, Gregory Tate and Gregory Thomas, Hoa Nguyen, and Sean Singer.
NEW FACULTY

The English Department welcomed Professor Ray in the fall of 2014. Assistant Professor Ray received his Ph.D. in English from Kent State University. His research interests include post-colonial and queer theory, neoliberalism and globalization, contemporary South Asian literature and culture, and interconnections between race and sexuality. Professor Ray is one of our Faculty Sponsors for the Alpha Phi Eta chapter of the Sigma Tau Delta International Honors Society in our department.

Greg Johnson is a Post-Doctorate Research Fellow in the English Department at CSI and the CUNY Graduate Center under the direction of Christina Tortora. He works on both the AAPCAppName project and the Variation in Appalachian Verb Forms project. He specializes in syntax, morphology, and variation. He is interested in the effects of, and constraints on, variation at the syntax/morphology interface. Greg Johnson completed his Ph.D. at Michigan State University under the direction of Alan Munn in the summer of 2014. He is a native of south central Appalachia in eastern Kentucky.

Adjunct Faculty Publications and News

Professors Gloria Gianoulis and Susan Rocco: presented on the teaching in the hybrid format at the BronxEd Tech Conference with Professor William Bernhardt.

Professor Abriana Jette: her recent anthology *The Best Emerging Poets of 2014* will be released this month. Earlier in the year, her collection, *50 Whispers: Poems by Extraordinary Women*, debuted as a #1 best seller on Amazon. This summer, her poetry is forthcoming in *PLUME, The Journal of Compressed Creative Arts*, and *The Tishman Review*.


Professor Kristin Pitanza: inducted into the National Teachers Association of the Kappa Delta Pi Chapter.

Professor Barry Sheinkopf: his new chapter book *What There Was: New Poems* was just released. Also, Full Court Press, his boutique self-publishing company, now has 185 titles in print; they are available through Amazon, BN, and bookstores worldwide. He is working on a reprint of his international detective thriller *The Ivory Kitten*, which will be available in the fall.

Everything I've ever done, in the writing world, has been to expand articulation, rather than to close it.

Toni Morrison

Sigma Tau Delta: Alpha Phi Eta Chapter

This year, our department was granted a chapter in the Sigma Tau Delta International Honor Society. The Alpha Phi Eta chapter inducted its first members this May. Faculty Sponsors for the chapter are Professor Sohmjjit Ray, Lee Papa, and Senior Academic Advisor Jennifer Durando. Students who are offered memberships are strong representatives of excellence in English studies proven by their academic successes.
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- Eating Wildly
- Moonchild
- Accepting the Disaster
- James Baldwin and the Queer Imagination
- Geography of Shame
- Surprise
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Commencement Awards

John Conway Memorial Award - Jamie Sterner
Grace & Thomas Feola Commencement Award- Lyndell Matteo
Earl Jacobs Memorial Award - Alixandra Petersen
Ely Stock Memorial Award - Marie Amato
CSI Auxiliary Service Corporation Award - Anthony Bongiorno
Clara and Arleigh B. Williamson Award - Sophia Jordan
English Department Linguistics Award – Medine Kovacevic & Melynda Kuppler
English Department Literature Award - Stephanie Layburn
Rehberg Memorial Award - Danielle Fletcher
Creative Writing - Michael Santiago
Charlotte Alexander Memorial Award - Michael Velotta
MA Award in English - Laura D’Anna
The CSI-CUNY Speech Laboratory was featured in last semester’s CUNY Research Newsletter! Under the direct supervision of Professor Bishop, the lab opened in Fall 2014 and has already received several notable achievements. Thanks to donations made to the Speech Laboratory Fund, the Speech Lab awarded Jessica Spensieri (a linguistic concentrator; pictured below) the **Speech Science Research Award**! This award was for $1,000 stipend support for summer research. Jessica received this award at the 2015 Honors Convocation. Professor Bishop was awarded $10,000 by the Provost’s office, to be used to integrate CSI undergraduate students and CUNY Graduate Center students into prosody research in the Speech Laboratory. Students Juliana Colon and Nicole DiMeglio presented linguistics research at a major international conference in May--the annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science. Great job!

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**ALUMNI NEWS**

**Jenna Jankowski**, Class of 2014, will be attending Drexel University School of Law this fall. She received a full scholarship. Jenna will continue to make us proud! Congratulations on your acceptance!
Lectures, Conferences, Grants, and Other News

**Professor Frank Battaglia:** presented “‘Haunted by gender’: *Beowulf’s* disciplinary discourse,” Manhood in Anglo-Saxon England Conference, University of Manchester Centre for Anglo-Saxon Studies, April 2015 and “Scandinavian Gold D-bracteates and the origin of *Beowulf;*” Stories and Storytelling in the Medieval World, Early Medieval Interdisciplinary Conference, University College and Kings College, University of London, April 2015.

**Professor Maria Bellamy:** presented "Haunting the African Diaspora: Responsibility and Remaining in Caryl Phillips’ *Crossing the River*" at the Institute for Research on the African Diaspora in the Americas and the Caribbean (IRADAC) at the CUNY Grad Center. She won a PSC-CUNY summer research grant to work on chapter tentatively entitled “Cross-Dressing and the Quest for Freedom in James McBride’s *The Good Lord Bird*” which she expects to be a part of her next book project. Finally, Professor Bellamy advised three students who presented papers on Contemporary Literature for a panel at the 2015 Conference on Undergraduate Research.

**Professor Jason Bishop:** **INVITED TALKS:** “Prosodic structure and individual differences in focus projection: evidence from cross-modal priming”. Talk presented to the Phonetics and Experimental Phonology Laboratory, Linguistics Department, New York University, 21 November 2014. “Examining the role of subvocal prosody in sentence comprehension in reading”. Talk presented at Haskins Laboratories (Yale University), 2 October 2014. **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:** “Individual differences in prosodic strategies to sentence parsing”. To be presented at The 18th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences, Glasgow, Scotland, 10 – 14 August 2015. (with Adam Chong and Sun-Ah Jun, UCLA). “Prosodic phrasing and individual differences in relative clause attachment”. Presented at *Experimental and Theoretical Advances in Prosody (ETAP)* 3, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 28-30 May 2015. (with Adam Chong and Sun-Ah Jun, UCLA). “Autistic traits predict prosody perception in neurotypical adults”. Poster to be presented at *The 27th Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science*, New York City, 21-24 May 2015. (with Juliana Colon and Nicole DiMeglio, CSI-CUNY). Explicit prosodic phrasing and individual differences in relative clause attachment”. Poster to be presented at the 28th Annual CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, University of Southern California, 19-21 March 2015. (with Adam Chong and Sun-Ah Jun, UCLA). “Explicit prosodic phrasing in relative clause attachment”. Presented at *The 89th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America*, Portland, OR, 8-11 January 2015. (with Adam Chong and Sun-Ah Jun, UCLA). **GRANTS:** was awarded a PSC-CUNY Enhanced Grant (for the second year in a row), for $11,966 for a research collaboration between Linguistics at CSI and the Speech, Language, and Hearing program at the CUNY Graduate Center. **WORKSHOPS:** With Dean Susan Holak and Prof. Christina Tortora, Professor Bishop presented at the March 2015
"Integrating Research into the Curriculum" workshop at Trinity Washington University, organized by the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR).

Professor Ava Chin: *Eating Wildly: Foraging for Life, Love, and the Perfect Meal* won 1st Prize in the 2015 MFK Fisher Book Awards—a prestigious culinary writing award. It is named by Library Journal as one of the “Best Books of 2014,” was a semifinalist in the Goodreads Choice Awards. Professor Chin published personal essays in *Marie Claire* and *Eating Well* magazines, and was featured on PBS’ *Victory Garden* and Refinery29. She gave numerous lectures at Iowa State, the University of Northern Colorado, and Binghamton University and did podcasts for Yale University and CUNY Matters.


Professor Frederick Kaufman: *VICE* report: You Don't Know Sh*t: The Future of Human Waste Management can be found on YouTube.

Professor Dalia Kandiyoti: gave talks on return to lost homelands, genetic ancestry narratives, and Muslim-Jewish relations in literature at the University of Chicago, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and the Latina/o Literature Conference at John Jay College and in summer 2015 at a Spanish literature and cinema conference in Soria, Spain. Professor Kandiyoti is also preparing a book manuscript and articles on these topics.

Professor Lee Papa: presented “Theatre vs. Business: Plays of the Contemporary Workers’ Theatre” at the Comparative Drama Conference in Baltimore, MD. He also gave a talk on modern liberalism to the Rotary Club of Rayne, Louisiana.

Professor Lara Saguisag: participated in CUNY’s Faculty Fellowship Publication Program in Spring 2015. She received a PSC-CUNY Trad A grant for her project "Crossing the Color Line: Representations of Black and 'Blackened' Children in Progressive Era Comic Strips." She currently serves on the Diversity Committee of the Children’s Literature Association.

Professor Sarah Schulman: **CONSULTANCIES:** served on Admission Panel to US Fulbright Fellows Program, the Advisory Board for Jewish Voice for Peace, Lambda Literary Awards, and LGBT Nonfiction Chair. **HONORS:** Residencies at Yaddo and MacDowell. **LECTURES:** New York Times Talks, Pitzer College, Palestine Festival of Literature- London, Open Hillel Conference- Harvard University, LGBT Film Festival-Tokyo Japan, AIDS Community Center- Tokyo Japan, New Themes in Palestine Studies - Harvard University, Marxist-Feminist Conference- Berlin, Universitet Kunst - Berlin, San Francisco State University, Fiction reading with Colm Toibin for Saint
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Patrick’s Day, Jewish Voice for Peace National Conference, Brown University Middle East Politics Conference, Tufts University, Manchester University- UK, and Association of HIV Nurses- LA. **FILM:** "Jason and Shirley" (World premiere, Brooklyn Academy of Music BAMFEST) **PLAYS:** Workshops: "The Lady Hamlet" - Berkshire Theater Festival. Readings: "Trust" - Rattlestick Theater, NYC.

**Professor Ira Shor:** gave a keynote address to the Opt-Out United Conference in Fort Lauderdale in January. OOU is the leading national organizing advocating parental refusal of PARCC and SBAC standardized testing. New York State led the nation this past year in the number of parents refusing the tests on behalf of their kids in public schools.

**Professor Patricia Smith:** was awarded 2014 Rebekah Johnson Bobbitt National Prize for Poetry for her book *Shoulda Been Jimi Savannah*. The award is given by the Library of Congress for "the most distinguished book of poetry published in the preceding two years."

MEET A MAJOR: LINGUISTICS: Steven Arriaga

Steven Arriaga is a rising star within our department. He confesses that he wasn't always a great student, having graduated high school with a 73 average. He feels honored to be a student at CSI, as he is passionate about language and studying linguistics. He has a minor in French, and will be pursuing minors in Spanish and photography. He is spending his summer traveling in Europe. But Steven’s priority is linguistics. Steven loves being an English major. He says the best part of being a major "would have to be the fact that I feel like I hit the lottery by being able to work with professors like Tortora and Bishop. I truly believe that I wouldn't have the same amount of support from any other department nor the same inspiration to continue excelling anywhere else." His favorite class thus far has been Phonetics taught by Professor Jason Bishop. Steven boasts: "It made me think about languages in an entirely different way. What I love about it though is how amazed people are when I explain to them the basics of sound articulation and how it’s not just a random system."

Steven has received seven scholarships since he began at CSI: Academy of Retired Professors Scholarship, CSI Student Government Academic Departmental Scholarship for the Dept. of English, CSI Student Government Scholarship, CUNY SIROCS Scholarship, Dr. Michael A. Nakao & Catherine O’Donnell Scholarship, Lion’s Club of Staten Island Scholarship, and the Professor Carl Cuttita Memorial Scholarship. He is proud to have been on the Dean’s List, received the 2015 Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award and CSI Student Government Travel Assistance Fund. He has been accepted into the Verrazano School for Fall 2015.

He will be the first male in his family to earn a college degree. After graduating in 2017, he hopes to get into a PhD program, outside of New York, to continue studying syntax. However, he plans on applying and getting a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to teach abroad for a year in South America. "There's no doubt in my mind that this is possible. I have studied abroad twice, in France and Italy, and will be applying for a Gilman scholarship to study in Europe again come fall 2016." We don't have any doubts either!

Steven believes that he has never taken a useless course since he has been influenced, if not by the material, by the professors. "I can still do derivatives that were taught by Professor Talafha, I can write amazing essays and speeches because of Professor Peter Conti, French Language is still one of my biggest passions from taking professor Chapman Wing’s class, and Professor Emily Rice inspired me to continue learning about astrophysics as a hobby. As an aspiring professor, the inspiration I’ve received by countless professors has been amazing and I’m extremely excited about what my final two years of college have in store for me." We are pretty excited too—we are certain Steven will continue to excel academically and make his mark on our world.
Publications: Books, Articles, Chapters, etc.

**Professor Maria Bellamy:** published an article in *African American Review* titled "Haunting the African Diaspora: Responsibility and Remaining in Caryl Phillips' Crossing the River." *African American Review* 47.1 (2014): 129-144. Her book *Bridges to Memory* is under contract with the University of Virginia Press and is in production. It should be released in January 2016.


**Professor Maryann Feola:** *Geography of Shame: A Fictionalized Memoir* was published this April by Full Court Press.

**Professor Cate Marvin:** Cate Marvin’s third book of poems, *Oracle*, was published W.W. Norton and Company in March 2015.

**Professor Christopher Miller:** *Surprise: The Poetics of the Unexpected from Milton to Austen* from Cornell University Press, 2015

**Professor Lara Saguisag:** Her article, "Family Amusements: Buster Brown and the Place of Humor in the Early Twentieth-Century Home" appeared in *Children's Literature Association Quarterly* 40.2 (Summer 2015).


The Department of ENGLISH proudly presents its CLASS of 2015
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*Honors in the Major
Year In Review

This has been an incredible year for our department. Our faculty members have received prestigious awards and recognition for their contributions to their fields, our department, and our students. The generous scholarships and awards given to our students reflect their present and future academic successes.

Our major has grown exponentially—the number of students in the Linguistics Program has doubled in one year’s time. The Speech Laboratory has been instrumental in fostering this growth and the successes of the students within the program.

Fall 2014 was an eventful time! In collaboration with the Center for Advising and Academic Success (CAAS), our department hosted a Career for English Majors event; a panel of alumni spoke about their respective careers and how their English degrees helped them achieve their career goals. At the Meet Your Major event, Professor Bardsley and Jen Durando were able to introduce the major and its concentrations to undeclared undergraduates—resulting in many new majors/minors. Our advisor held various workshops for our majors such as Graduation 101 and Academic Advisement: Understanding our Tools. We held our first Book Swap in December, receiving over 400 books to swap; at the end of the three day event, we had a few dozen books left. That same month, our majors collected toys, stockings, coloring books, and crayons to donate to the Bertha Harris Women’s Center’s annual Holiday toy drive; during winter break, our majors dropped off shoes to be donated to a women’s shelter. Their generosity continues to amaze us.

During the spring semester, our majors were preparing for graduation, summer internships, and study abroad opportunities. Our department was granted a chapter in the Sigma Tau Delta International Honors Society. The Alpha Phi Eta chapter inducted its first members in May—the graduating members proudly wore their honors stoles and cords at commencement. Our proud graduate, Rose Zrake, who completed her degree at the age of 87, was celebrated by President Fritz at Commencement and media coverage; she received a standing ovation at the college and departmental ceremonies. We held our second Commencement Celebration immediately after the ceremony; our graduates and their proud families shared in the festivities. It was the perfect ending to a great academic year.
Attention:
Faculty, Students, Alumni, Friends

We would like to hear from you!
Send us any interesting news you would like to share with us. We are able to continue our work teaching, learning, and growing because of your support. We hope that you will be able to join us for some of our department’s sponsored events in the future.
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