

Hello/Hola/Salut/こんにちは from the Department of Language, Literature, & Cultural Studies!

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1) STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Our December 2025 End-Of-Semester Celebration honored the following students for their accomplishments during the Fall 2025 semester:

Graduating Students

Sherena Willford – Master of Arts in English
Berellyn Alberca – Bachelor of Arts in English
Bryanna Hurst – Bachelor of Arts in English
Skyy Jefferson – Bachelor of Arts in English
Mary Roberts – Bachelor of Arts in English

Sigma Tau Delta - the International English Honor Society - Inductees

Berellyn Alberca
Mikala Barber
Ranesia Duval
Raquel Lee
Kevin Lopez-Cruz
Lynn Obianwua

Writing Award Recipients

Outstanding Expository Writing Essay: **Luisen Asanji Meshiri**
Outstanding Argument & Research Essay: **Javon Thompson**
Outstanding Technical & Professional Writing: **Summer Berry**
Outstanding Technical Writing for Computer Science & Computer Technology: **Victoria Stiles**

Outstanding Creative Writing: **Taylor Johnson**

Outstanding Literature Essay: **Taylor Johnson**

Outstanding Critical Theory Essay: **Kevin Lopez-Cruz**

2) FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Horacio Sierra was elected Second Vice President of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAML A), a role that positions him to assume the presidency in 2028, when SAML A will host its 100th Annual Conference.

3) ALPHA CHI HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY



The Maryland Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society at Bowie State University held its annual new members induction ceremony on December 6. Its faculty advisor, **Professor Angela Burrus**, invited **Professor Shelagh Johnson** to deliver the event's keynote address, "Sowing the Seeds of Scholarship: Celebrating Academic Excellence and Growth."

4) SPRING 2026 COURSES

Contact your Academic Advisor ASAP so you can register for your Spring courses.

ENGL 210: Intro to English Grammar	T/R 11:00	Dr. Basena
ENGL 210: Intro to English Grammar	T/R 12:30	Dr. Basena
ENGL 256: Intro to Creative Writing	MWF 10:00	Prof. Glover
ENGL 302: British Lit II	MWF 11:00	Dr. Kaloustian
ENGL 317: American Lit II	T/R 9:30	Prof. Johnson
ENGL 325: African-American Lit II	T/R 11:00	Dr. Walker
ENGL 357: Creative Writing III: Fiction	MWF 12:00	Prof. Johnson
ENGL 380: Identity & Social Media	MWF 2:00	Dr. Uddin *Hybrid*
ENGL 408: Shakespeare & Film	MWF 10:00	Dr. Kaloustian
ENGL 437: Literary Criticism & Theory	MWF 12:00	Dr. Evelyn *Hybrid*
ENGL 438: Senior Seminar	MWF 1:00	Dr. Evelyn *2ND Seven Weeks, Hybrid*

As always, we are also offering a variety of SPAN, FREN, and JAPN courses.

5) RUTGERS UNIVERSITY REDI PROGRAM – DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 6

The [application](#) for the 2026 Rutgers English Diversity Institute (REDI) is now open and accepting applications from advanced undergraduates and recent graduates who have excelled in English. As you know, this program is designed to encourage students from underrepresented backgrounds to consider graduate study in Literatures in English.

REDI will be held at the flagship New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University and will run Saturday May 30 to Friday June 5, 2026. Students accepted to the institute will spend their days in intensive study across a range of established and emerging subfields in English and American literature from Rutgers faculty who are field leaders. 2026 instructors include Imani Owens, Ricardo Montez, Dana Luciano, Sarah Novacich, Ryan Kernan, Leah Price, and Tajah Ebrams. Current graduate students also support REDI, offering daily contact, academic counsel, and practical insight to the graduate school experience. REDI covers travel and living expenses for the duration of the program and provides a \$750 stipend to each participating student.

Further details about the program and an application can be found online at redi.rutgers.edu.

6) SCHOMBURG-MELLON HUMANITIES SUMMER INSTITUTE – DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 6

The Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute is a four-week fellowship program is open to rising college seniors who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. The program will take place from June 1–26, 2026. The in-person summer institute will provide archival research at the Schomburg Center in New York City, dormitory housing, meals each day, and a stipend for 10 rising college seniors. There is no virtual format offered.

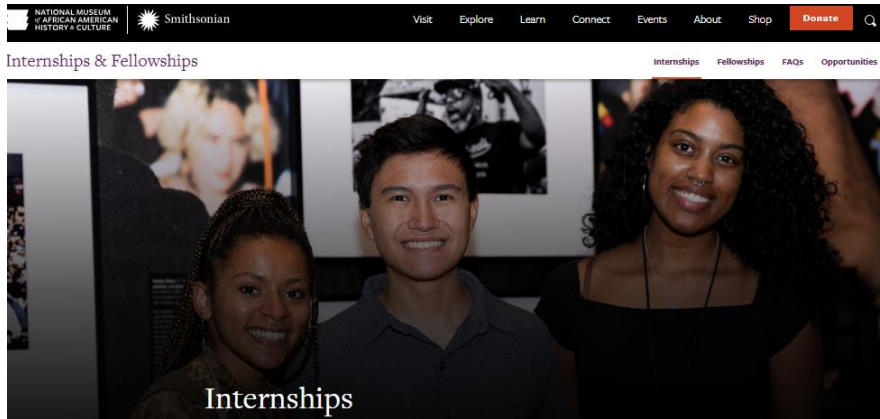
The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation created the Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute to encourage students of color and others with interests in African-American, African, and African Diaspora Studies to pursue PhDs in the humanities.

Program Details

- Full-day sessions with breaks
- All sessions are mandatory
- Seminars led by distinguished scholars
- Mentorship from emerging scholars
- Assigned readings
- Archival research
- Trips to local cultural institutions
- Most out-of-state transportation costs covered
- Free housing and daily meal plan for four weeks
- \$4,500 stipend.

Click here for more information: <https://www.nypl.org/about/fellowships-institutes/schomburg-mellon-humanities-summer-institute>

7) PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY: SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY – FEBRUARY 15 DEADLINE



Internships at the National Museum of African American History and Culture offer undergraduate and graduate students, recent graduates and career changers opportunities to work closely with professionals and scholars in the museum field. The museum provides a dynamic learning environment and access to supportive mentors that help interns reach their educational and professional goals. Interns can gain practical museum skills and program development experience in a variety of traditional and non-traditional museum careers.

The museum offers internships in the following areas:

Office of Advancement (Fundraising, Donor Relations, Annual Giving)

Office of Curatorial Affairs (Curatorial, Collections, Archives, Digitization)

Office of the Deputy Director (Education, Publications)

Office of Digital Strategy and Engagement (Searchable Museum, Oral History)

Office of the Director

Office of External Affairs (Marketing and Communications, Public Programs, Special Events, Visitor Services)

Office of Operations (Finance, Facilities Planning & Business Programs, Human Resources, IT)

Office of Project Management and Planning (Project Management, Exhibition Design, Design & Production)

Office of Strategic Partnerships

Internships are available as full-time (30-40 hours per week) or part-time (20 hours or less) positions from 10 to 13 weeks throughout the year with the possibility for an extension. Start dates and duration may be flexible and arranged with approval from the mentor. Summer Internships (June-August): February 15th Application Deadline. Click here for more information: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/connect/internships-fellowships/internships>

8) SIGMA TAU DELTA



Sigma Tau Delta welcomes new members.

Membership Requirements:

- Candidates for undergraduate membership must have completed a minimum of two college courses in English language or literature beyond the usual requirements in freshman English. The candidate must have a minimum of a B or equivalent average in English and in general scholarship and must have completed at least three semesters or five quarters of college course work. Candidates for undergraduate membership need not be majoring or minoring in the discipline of English.

- Candidates for graduate membership who did not hold undergraduate membership must be enrolled in a graduate program in English or one of its specializations, have completed six semester hours of graduate work or the equivalent, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale.

- Lifetime Membership Fee: \$80. \$40 goes to the Nu Nu chapter, which will bestow you with Honor Cords and a Medallion at your Induction Ceremony that you can wear during graduation. The other \$40 goes to Sigma Tau Delta's national office, which will supply you with your Sigma Tau Delta society pin and certificate. **LLCS can help pay for your membership fees.**

Email Dr. Kim Evelyn for more information: kevelyn@bowiestate.edu

To learn more about Membership Benefits, please click here: <https://english.org/join-us/membership-benefits/>