## Alumni News and Information for Future Newsletters

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Letter from the Chair

It has been an honor to serve my first year as Chair of the English Department. To introduce myself to English News readers, let me note that I have been a faculty member in the Department since 1985 — my entire career. My areas of research and teaching are Linguistics and Rhetoric/Composition, and my specialization is discourse analysis, a research method for working on connected units of language (for example, the communication during a medical appointment). In the Department, I previously served as Director of Composition (2007-2010), and I have been a member of every Department committee multiple times. When I spoke to the faculty in the course of the search for a new Chair, I praised the productive intellectual environment for faculty and students in the English Department at Wayne State, an environment I hope to foster as Chair.

It has been an exciting first year, with many highlights. The Department hired three new tenure-track Assistant Professors. Two of our new colleagues are in Film Studies. Chera Kee (Ph.D. 2011, University of Southern California) joins us as a specialist in Asian film and in Hollywood films that explore ideas about death and dying – her dissertation traced the historical figure of the zombie! Elizabeth Reich (Ph.D. 2011, Rutgers University) is a specialist in African-American Hollywood films, from World War II propaganda films to blacksploitation films of the Vietnam era (think Shaft). Stephen Yeager (Ph.D. 2009, University of Toronto) is our new colleague in Medieval Literature and Culture. Stephen works on the relationships between legal and literary texts in Old and Middle English, a time when the line between law and literature was much more indistinct than in modern eras.

The Department also received the good news that two of our colleagues – Sarika Chandra and Caroline Maun – have been tenured and promoted to Associate Professor. In the Department office, our Undergraduate Advisor Royanne Smith has been promoted from Academic Services Officer level II to level III. (See the articles about these colleagues in this issue.)

Another highlight was the news that the English Department won funds for a departmental enhancement in a university-wide competition. The competition requested proposals that would improve instruction in high-enrollment General Education courses in the University – such as our ENG 1020, Introductory College Writing – by adding more full-time faculty. Through the enhancement, we received over $200,000 in permanent funding to hire five new Lecturers to teach ENG 1020. These new Lecturers will also participate in curriculum development and continuous assessment in the Composition Program, working with Gwen Gorzelsky, our Director of Composition. We expect that the enhancement will improve the consistency and quality of our freshman composition course in teaching students how to write successfully in college. Joining us as a Senior Lecturer is Thomas Trimble (Ph.D. 2010, Wayne State) along with four Lecturers: Jared Grogan (Ph.D. expected 2011, Wayne State), LaToya Faulk (M.A. 2009, Michigan State), Nicole Varty (M.A. 2009, Eastern Michigan University), and Adrienne Jankens (M.A. 2006, Central Michigan University).

Along with new arrivals, there have been some departures from the English Department. Five of our faculty and staff colleagues found the university retirement incentive programs too tempting to resist. We celebrated the December retirement of Professor Elizabeth Sklar (Medieval Literature) in the spring. Professors William Harris (Creative Writing) and Renata Wasserman (Comparative Literature) retired this summer, although Renata will be back to teach two classes in the Fall term. We’ll celebrate with Bill and Renata this winter.

Our two senior staff members also announced their retirements. Kathy Zamora and Margaret Maday have both worked at Wayne State for their entire careers, over 40 years in both cases. In what must surely be a record, Kathy has worked with a total of thirteen Chairs over the years (but who’s counting?). In another record, Margaret has scheduled and staffed a total of 78 (!) terms in the English Department. Together Kathy and Margaret take over 80 years
Focus on Graduates, 2010-2011
by Robert Aguirre, Associate Chair

Each year Wayne State University English majors distinguish themselves in a variety of ways – graduating with high honors, winning prizes, giving readings of their creative works, speaking at conferences, gaining admission to top graduate and professional schools, and laying the foundation for meaningful careers in the wider world. It is always difficult to select from the many achievements attained by our talented students, but this year a few stand out as particularly noteworthy.

Joel Benge achieved both English and University Honors, and was selected as the undergraduate speaker at the December 2010 commencement.

Mario Passera, who graduated with a lofty 3.93 GPA, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and received the English Department’s Distinguished Graduating Senior award; he is off this fall to the WSU graduate program in Library and Information Sciences.

Choosing the path of a legal career, Lauren Saad will enroll this fall at Wayne State Law School on a full scholarship. As an undergraduate, Lauren was a Presidential Scholar, achieved English Honors, election to Phi Beta Kappa, and graduated with a 3.85 GPA.

Her classmate Aran Ruth, who received a Yelda Endowed Merit Scholarship in the English Department in 2009-10, garnered the prize for best essay this year in a 5000 level class, which she wrote for Michael Scrivener’s course in Irish Literature. Aran double-majored in French, wrote an honors thesis in the English department, and graduated with a 3.97 GPA. She received offers from the Ph.D. programs in English Literature at Penn, Rutgers, and the University of Michigan, and will begin her graduate studies in Ann Arbor this fall on a full fellowship.

Wayne State English majors also continue to combine their humanistic studies with training for the medical sciences. Syed Ahmed Ali joins a growing list of WSU English graduates who are using a preparation in the liberal arts as a foundation for launching careers as physicians. From his first moments on campus Syed has excelled. A Presidential Scholar, he made the Dean’s list several times and graduated with a 3.89 GPA overall, which includes both his courses in English and his pre-med curriculum. Syed twice received undergraduate research grants and presented at the WSU Undergraduate Research Conference in 2009 and 2010. Winner of the English Department’s Service Achievement Award, Syed found time amidst his busy academic schedule to give extensively of his time and talents: he volunteered at the Red Cross Disaster Action Team, the St. Patrick’s Senior Center, the Children’s Hospital of Michigan, and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. On campus, he served as an undergraduate science tutor and a financial advisor for the group buildOnWSU. At graduation, Syed received the WSU Howard Donnelly Award for excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service. He has been accepted to the Ohio State University Medical School, where he began his studies this fall.

The achievements of Syed and his distinguished cohort vividly remind us of the enormous potential of our students and the versatility of the English undergraduate degree for a variety of professions. We are fortunate to have such talented students in our midst.
Letter from the Chair

of institutional know-how with them, and they will be sorely missed. We celebrated with Kathy in the late spring and plan to celebrate with Margaret in the fall.

Our best wishes go to Professor Janet Langlois (Folklore), who has gone on long-term disability leave while she receives treatment for cancer. We're happy to report that she has been responding well to treatment this past year.

Two of our Assistant Professors have resigned to move to Wisconsin this summer: James Brown (Rhetoric and Composition) has accepted a position at University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Nicholas Fleisher (Linguistics) has joined the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Sadly, our colleague Professor Kathryne Lindberg (American and African-American Literature) disappeared last December, an apparent suicide. She will be missed by many colleagues, students, and friends. The Department held a memorial service for Kathryne on Friday, September 9 in the McGregor Conference Center on campus.

I owe thanks to many people who helped me learn the Chair’s job this first year, starting with our former Chairs – Martha Ratliff, Arthur Marotti, Richard Grusin, and Les Brill – and continuing with current and former Associate Chairs, Directors of Graduate Studies, and Directors of Composition over the past few years – Robert Aguirre, Elizabeth Sklar, Ken Jackson, Ross Pudaloff, Gwen Gorzelsky, and Richard Marback. I also wish to thank my many faculty colleagues, who were more than patient with a new Chair, especially on committees. I owe more than thanks to the English Department senior staff – Kathy Zamora, Margaret Maday, and Royanne Smith – who spent the last year training me. And I also would like to thank the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Robert Thomas, and Associate Dean Don Haase, whom I called at least once a week this past year.

Getting to know our alumni and donors was another enjoyable part of my first year, and this issue of English News features a few introductions to people who have supported the English Department over the past years. As always, we welcome our readers, especially alumni, to visit the English Department and Wayne State University. You will find a vibrant campus and an exciting Department.
Graduate Program News

Graduate Degree Recipients

English M.A. Degree Recipients – 2010-2011

Fall 2010
Erin Dawkins
Susan Krott
Cindy Mooty-Hoffman
Thomas Record

Winter 2011
John Joseph Coates
Benjamin Martin
Sukanya Mondal

English Ph.D. Degree Recipients – Fall 2010 – Summer 2011

Tara Hayes
September 7, 2010 defense
“Jonson and Women; or, How One Man’s Insistence on His Own Artistic Theory Challenges Dramatic Practices and Views of His Own Gender Representations on the Elizabethan Stage”
Advisor: Arthur Marotti

Thomas Trimble
December 15, 2010 defense
“Rhetorical Outcomes: A Genre Analysis of Student Service-Learning Writing”
Advisor: Gwen Gorzelsky

Kim Lacey
March 20, 2011 defense
“Making Memory: Technē, Technology and the Refashioning of Contemporary Memory”
Advisor: Richard Marbach

Emine Selmin Kara
June 20, 2011 defense
“Reassembling Documentary: From Actuality to Virtuality”
Advisor: Richard Grusin

Jill Morris
August 2, 2011 defense
“Gender and Race, Online Communities, and Composition Classrooms”
Advisor: Richard Marbach

Graduate Degree Recipients

Congratulations

Robert Aguirre
• College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Teaching Award

Sarika Chandra
• Tenured and promoted to Associate Professor

Lara Cohen
• American Antiquarian Society Fellowship, Worcester, MA, Fall, 2011

Robert Diaz
• WSU Humanities Center Fellowship, 2011-12
• University Research Grant, Summer, 2011

Jonathan Flatley
• WSU Humanities Center Fellowship, 2011-12

Jaime Goodrich
• WSU Sabbatical Leave, Fall, 2011
• Department of English Keal Faculty Fellowship, Winter, 2012

Gwen Gorzelsky
• Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award, 2011

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• WSU Sabbatical Leave, Winter, 2012

Robert Aguirre with Provost Brown

Julie Klein
• Mellon Visiting Fellow in Digital Humanities, Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan, Fall, 2011

Michael Liebler
• President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2011

Lisa Maruca
• Department of English Keal Faculty Fellowship, Summer, 2011

Caroline Maun
• Tenured and promoted to Associate Professor

Frances Ranney
• WSU Sabbatical Leave, Winter, 2012

Scott Richmond
• University Research Grant, Summer, 2011

Kirsten Thompson
• WSU Humanities Center Open Competition Grant

Chris Tysh
• Kresge Artist Fellowship in the Literary and Performing Arts, 2010

Anca Vlasopolos
• WSU Sabbatical Leave, Winter, 2012

M.L. Liebler with Provost Brown

Prof. Gorzelsky with Provost Brown

Bill Harris
• Board of Governors Faculty Recognition Award for Birth of a Nation (Wayne State University Press, 2010)
• Kresge Eminent Scholar Award, 2011

Lisa Maruca with Provost Brown

M.L. Liebler with Provost Brown

Prof. Gorzelsky with Provost Brown

Bill Harris with Provost Brown
**Faculty News**

**Two New Associate Professors**
Two members of the Department were tenured and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in 2011 — Caroline Maun and Sarika Chandra.

Caroline Maun specializes in twentieth century American literature. Her book on four modernist women poets (forthcoming from the University of South Carolina Press) is *Mosaic of Fire: The Work of Lola Ridge, Evelyn Scott, Charlotte Wilder, and Kay Boyle*. Caroline’s work combines textual editing, biography, and literary criticism as she brings to light the intertwined lives and work of these four women poets. Caroline is also an accomplished creative writer with several published chapbooks.


The Department gains scholarly strength as well as dedicated teaching and service from our two newly promoted colleagues.

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**Creative Writing News**

**@Noon Reading Series**
by Caroline Maun

The @Noon Reading Series, a creative performance venue hosted by the faculty in Creative Writing and the Department of English, was inaugurated during the winter semester of 2010. In general, the series presents a featured writer from the wider local or national community paired with a WSU student creative writer. Scheduled for one Monday a month at the noon hour during the Winter semester, the events have attracted a regular audience of students, faculty, staff, and community members.

In January, audiences enjoyed a reading from New York poet Barry Wallenstein. He performed with Detroit musician Jef Reynolds, who accompanied him on the upright bass. Also performing on that afternoon was WSU student Nicholas Klaus, the online editor for the *Wayne Literary Review*.

In February, Detroit poet David Blair performed music and poetry, and he was joined by WSU creative writing student Tom Mason, who read a portion of his current memoir project.

In March, Brooklyn poet Brenda Iijima, editor of Portable Press at Yo-Yo Labs, read from various works. She was joined by WSU Ph.D. candidate and poet Brad Flis.

In April, University of Michigan poet Khaled Mattawa read with 2010 Kresge Artist Fellow Rachel Harkai.

The events are publicized through the University calendar, through campus-wide emails, fliers distributed in and around the Department, and on the website for Creative Writing: [http://www.clas.wayne.edu/creativewriting](http://www.clas.wayne.edu/creativewriting).
Congratulations

English Department Scholarships and Awards, 2011

Creative Writing Awards and Scholarships

John Clare Award in Poetry
Molly Gail Shannon

Phillip Lawson Hatch, Jr. Memorial Award
Aricka Foreman (First Place-Poetry)
Daniel Xu (Second Place-Fiction)

Loughead-Eldredge Endowed Scholarship in Creative Writing
Melissa Humphrey
Amy Wynne
Daniel Xu

Judith Siegel Pearson Award
Evan Guilford-Blake

Tompkins Awards
Peter Pompa (Drama)
Clayton Walker (First Place-Essay)
Aran Ruth (Second Place-Essay)
Molly Gail Shannon (Third Place-Essay)
Shelley Wettergren (First Place-Fiction)
Joshua Pippin (Second Place-Fiction)
Alan Dennis Harris (Third Place-Fiction)
Douglas Craig (First Place-Poetry)
Molly Gail Shannon (Second Place-Essay)

Stephen H. Tudor Memorial Scholarship in Creative Writing
Alan Dennis Harris

Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards

Gilbert R. & Patricia K. Davis Endowed Merit Scholarship
Dawn Taylor
Zeina Rammal

The Albert Feigenson Scholarship
Adina Shuttari

The Dustin Rose Memorial Scholarship
Simone Fabiilli

The Doretta Burke Sheill Endowed Memorial Scholarship
Zeina Rammal

The Pearl A. Warn Endowed Scholarship in English
Melissa Humphrey

Joseph J. & Mary E. Yelda Endowed Merit Scholarship for English
Nicole Hayden
Eric Lennemann
Caitlin Litz
Molly Gail Shannon
Amy Wynne
Brendon Zatirka

Special Undergraduate Awards

Essay Award
Aran Ruth

Distinguished Graduating Senior Award
Mario Passera

Service Achievement Award
Syed Ahmed Ali
Nicole Hayden

Phi Beta Kappa
Kathleen M. Lusk
Laura Mary Northerner

Graduate Scholarships

The Albert Feigenson Scholarship
Virginia Owens
Andrea Silva

The Thomas R. Jasina Endowed Scholarship in English
Derek Risse

The Terrance King Memorial Fellowship in English
Andrew Engel

The Doretta Burke Sheill Endowed Memorial Scholarship
Vincent Haddad
Susan Muecke
Aaron Pellerin

Film Studies Scholarship
The Dennis Turner Memorial Scholarship in Film Studies
Caitlin Litz
Aaron Pellerin

Congratulations English Department Scholarships and Awards, 2011

Yelda Awards

King Memorial Recipient

The Albert Feigenson Scholarship
Virginia Owens
Andrea Silva

The Thomas R. Jasina Endowed Scholarship in English
Derek Risse

The Terrance King Memorial Fellowship in English
Andrew Engel

The Doretta Burke Sheill Endowed Memorial Scholarship
Vincent Haddad
Susan Muecke
Aaron Pellerin

The Pearl A. Warn Endowed Scholarship in English
Jane Asher

The Dennis Turner Memorial Scholarship in Film Studies
Caitlin Litz
Aaron Pellerin

Turner Awards
Alumni News

- Nicole L. Wilson (Ph.D. 2010) was chosen by the Children’s Literature Association to organize its sponsored panel for the 2013 MLA convention. Nicole has proposed a panel on Children and Fame.
- Ellen Aubrey (B.A. English, 1996, B.S Nursing 1997) is now an Assistant Manager in the Behavioral Health Unit at St. John Hospital. She is newly board certified in Holistic Nursing (2009) and plans to return to Wayne State for her Master’s degree this coming year.
- Helen I. Watts-Thomason (M.A. 1983) retired in 1993 after 22 years of teaching Language Arts in the Detroit Public Schools. She continues to read and write about the novels of Toni Morrison, recently self-publishing a book-length essay entitled “The Image ‘War Kills Softly and Leaves No Bodies’: Language and Meaning in Toni Morrison’s Paradise.”
- Barbara J. Kraft (B.A. English 1969, M.A. English 1973, J.D. Law 1978) was appointed in May 2010 to be Regional Director of the Federal Labor Relations Authority in Washington D.C. Previously, she was a labor lawyer in private practice in Washington D.C.
- Harriet C. Frazier (Ph.D., 1967) is Professor Emerita in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri. Her most recent book, Lynching in Missouri, 1803-1981 (McFarland, 2009), is the first book-length study of the history of lynching in the state of Missouri.

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Alumnus William Arnold ("Arnie") Johnston Retires from Western Michigan University

Professor William Arnold ("Arnie") Johnson retired as Professor and Chair Emeritus from the Department of English at Western Michigan University in 2008. Arnie was a member of the first graduating class from Monteith College at Wayne State, earning the degree of Ph.B. (Bachelor of Philosophy) in 1963. During his undergraduate years, he also completed a College of Liberal Arts English major as well as a teaching certification from the College of Education. Arnie subsequently earned his M.A. (1965) and Ph.D. (1970) degrees in English from the University of Delaware.

Arnie had a long career in the English Department at Western Michigan University, receiving the WMU Alumni Association’s Teaching Excellence Award in 1990. He was a founding member of the English Department’s programs in creative writing, and he served ten years as the Chair of the Department (1997-2008). Arnie has had a prolific career in creative writing, winning multiple awards for his poetry, translations, and original plays, many of which have been produced in New York, Chicago, and elsewhere. His scholarly and creative interests merged in one of his works — The Witching Voice: A Novel from the Life of Robert Burns — which was published by the Western Michigan Press in 1973, and then re-issued by the Wings Press in 2009, the 250th anniversary of Robert Burns’ birth. Arnie also has had a notable career on stage, including many performances of his translations of songs by the Belgian singer-songwriter Jacques Brel.

Thanks to the Yelda Family

In September 2010, the English Department installed a plaque to recognize and thank the Yelda family for their continued support of the Joseph J. and Mary E. Yelda Endowed Merit Scholarship for English. This competitive scholarship began distributing funds to undergraduate English majors at Wayne State in 1998-99 and now assists 5-6 students per year to attend Wayne State as full-time students. The criteria for a Yelda Scholarship include academic excellence and financial need.

Mr. Joseph J. Yelda earned his B.A. (1937) and M.A. (1939) in English at Wayne State University, and he taught as an Instructor in the English Department at Wayne State in the late 1930s. He was a long-time high school English teacher in the Detroit Public Schools. Mr. Yelda died in December 2010, at 101 years of age.

Mrs. Mary E. Yelda received her B.A. from Keene State College (1947), and received an M.A. in French from Middleton College (1958). She taught foreign languages in the Detroit Public Schools for many years. She was an instructor for the Department of Greek and Latin at Wayne State in the early 1990s. Mrs. Yelda currently resides in San Diego, California.

The plaque was designed by Margaret Maday, our Academic Services Officer IV, who has worked with the Yelda family for many years.
Alumni News
Alumna Visits Wayne State

Carol Burns (B.A. 1965) has been one of our generous donors over the years, providing funds for undergraduate scholarships in the English Department.

After receiving her B.A. in English Honors from Wayne State, Carol went on to earn an M.A. from San Francisco State (1969) and Ph.D. from SUNY Binghamton (1970). She was a Visiting Assistant Professor of English at Southern Illinois University for seven years and then worked for almost twenty years as an Editor and Managing Editor for the Southern Illinois University Press. She points back to her B.A. in English as the “invaluable” backbone to her education and career, saying that in the English Department she was “encouraged to be the best she could be.” She recalls the seminar-style teaching of the English Honors program, a model we still follow in the Department today with our Senior Seminar. Carol remembers Alfred Schwarz, in particular, as a “wonderful, wonderful teacher.” Of the University, Carol says that she “loved being an undergraduate at Wayne State,” which she found to be “an incredibly liberating experience.”

Carol visited Wayne State recently for a most interesting reason: her son, Tristan Kraft, M.D., and daughter-in-law, Shelly Jo Kraft, Ph.D., have new positions at the Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State respectively. Tristan is a Pediatric Resident at Children’s Hospital of Michigan. Shelly Jo joined Wayne State as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Her current research focuses on the biological and behavioral genetics of stuttering, autism, and hearing loss. Shelly Jo is scheduled to give a talk on her work in the Linguistics Program in Winter 2012; the Linguistics Colloquium Series takes place in the English Department conference room.

Of her visit, Carol says, “When I arrived at Wayne State, I first got my bearings when I saw State Hall. I was delighted to see how Wayne State has grown.” We cordially invite all of our alumnae to visit Wayne State’s beautiful urban campus. While you are here, please stop in the English Department, which is on the 9th floor of the classic 5057 Woodward building. 5057 is the tallest building on the main campus, just north of Warren. We’ll hope to see you.

WSU Alumnus Selected United States Poet Laureate

By M.L. Liebler

In October of 2006, Wayne State University graduate (CLAS 1950, M.CLAS 1955, Honorary Ph.D. 1993) and award-winning poet Philip Levine made a rare and wonderful visit to our campus to read and talk with our students. Phil came back to visit WSU as part of the annual Bernard Firestone Tribute to Labor Arts event that fall. In addition to giving a standing-room-only reading at Bernath Auditorium on campus, he spent over two hours talking with our students and answering questions during a unique afternoon visit to the English Department.

Phil packed the English Department’s 10th floor conference room in 5057 Woodward. He openly spoke about his career, his fond memories of his years at “Wayne University,” and what growing up in Detroit meant to him. He also gave our writing students tips on how to publish and what to be aware of in the literary world of the 21st century. Marwil’s Bookstore sold many copies of Phil’s award-winning books at both the talk and the evening reading, and Phil commented that he very much enjoyed his visit with us.

It was during that visit that I told him he would soon become our U.S. Poet Laureate. He scoffed at the idea saying he was “too old and too non-traditional.” When he received word late this summer that he had been selected, Phil told the press that he was “shocked and surprised” by the announcement. Many of us in the literary world wondered what took so long. Philip Levine will make a great U.S. Poet Laureate, and I am sure he will help shine a major spotlight on Detroit, Wayne State University, and the working class in America.
Special thanks to our friends and supporters...

Cornerstone Society ($50,000–$99,999)
Joseph J. and Mary E. Yelda

Dean’s Club ($1,000–$4,999)
Ellen L. Barton, Ph.D.
Carol A. Burns, Ph.D.
Kathleen A. Connor
Paul and Marion J. Gordon
Pamela J. Hobbs
Harold and Barbara Marko
Professors James and Pauline Papke
John R. Reed, Ph.D.

Green and Gold Club ($500–$999)
Paul M. and Barbara A. Couture, Ph.D.
Erika M. Herczeg, Ph.D.
Edith Seros

Century Club ($100–$499)
James E. Allen
John Bolden
Kathleen N. Bohan
Patrick Bohan
Robert W. Brown
Sandra A. Buchanan
Joanne M. Cantoni
Norman Cary
Frank Castronova and Gayle Tischler
Frank P. DeBenedictis
Suzanne C. Dewsbury
Marcus and Nancy Diamond
Alan Y. Droz
Nadine Dyer, Ph.D.
Julianne Newmark
Engberg, Ph.D.
Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Judith Rae Gant
Dr. and Mrs. James M. Garavaglia
Lucia M. Gettier
Julie A. Gipprich
Christopher J. Giroux
Michael H. Gold
Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Groen
Thomas H. Haug
Dr. R. Thomas and Mrs. Rosalie Anne Hunter
Mary A. Jackson
William A. Johnston
Major Moses Jones, Jr.
Dr. Lester and Mrs. Sheila L. Kalisher
Edna Mae Koss
Barbara J. Kraft
Professor Jacob and Mrs. Phillis B. Lassner
Marie C. Libby
Margaret M. Maday
Caroline Maun, Ph.D.
Lisa H. McNelliey, Ph.D.
John A. Penner
Ross J. Pudaloff, Ph.D.
Mr. Mark and Susan L. Richardson, Ph.D.
Marion K. Ringe
Judith Kay Rumohr
Joyce Sherman
Donald J. Shoemaker
Dorie Shwedel
Jennifer R. Sparrow, Ph.D.
Jamie L. Stanesa
Thomas A. Tenaglia, Jr.
Angeline K. Thornor
Julie E. Towell, Ph.D.
Edward D. Trowbridge, Jr.
Donald L. Wing, Ph.D.
Arthur E. Zaske

English Club ($1–$99)
Robert D. Aguirre, Ph.D.
Scott Bridges
Alan J. Chaffee
Lawrence Chominski, Jr.
Patrick A. Connor
Dr. Dayton G. Cook
Dr. Clifford O. Davidson
Betty J. DeRamus
Laura A. Dewey
Marvin M. Fisher
Leah Fortin
Theresa M. Girard, Ph.D.
Barry Gold
William S. Granger
Peggy Haddad
Clara E. Howell
John J. Jablonski, Ph.D.
Jennifer Ann Kania
Gilda B. Keith
Dr. and Mrs. George F. Keith
Melvin and Bette E. Kettelhut
Mr. and Mrs. Partick M. Kinney
Jean LaViolette
Linda Mercer Learman, Ph.D.
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lewin
Dr. and Mrs. James J. MacKillop
Lisa M. Maruca, Ph.D.
Lynn M. McAndrews
Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. McNamara
John V. Murphy
Christine H. Nasso
Stephen James G. Pepper
Paul J. Petrie
Sara Pfaff
Robert W. Raz
Melvin T. and Merrie-Lee Rebillot
James M. Reidy
Linda Tarter Rex
Francine B. Rosenberg
Grant C. Ruttinger
Beatrice J. Salem
Dr. and Mrs. David H. Sanford
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. Sauls
M. Joyce Savale
Gary Schneider, Ph.D.
Janet L. Seagram
Rev. John and Mrs. Margaret A. Stake
Romayne Stapleton
Helen I. Thomason
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James L. Von Hatten, Ph.D.
Torita N. Walls
Geraldine West
Mary M. Zaman

The faculty, staff, and students of the English Department would like to express our gratitude to the following people who have supported us with financial contributions during the period of June 2010 through May 2011. Gifts made after this period will be acknowledged in the next newsletter. These generous gifts go to one of our named gift funds or into our unrestricted English gift account. Most gifts to the Department are used to help our undergraduate and graduate students in the form of scholarships, awards, and research support. Thank you all very much!

Every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list. If an error or omission has occurred, please send an email to Royanne Smith at ad2073@wayne.edu.
**Graduate Program News**

**Graduate Student Fellows, 2011–2012**

Six students have been awarded fellowships for graduate study in the English Department next year. Three are current students whose fellowships will support their dissertation work, and three are new students who joined us this fall.

Jane Asher – WSU Rumble Fellowship (dissertation)
Marie Buck – WSU Rumble Fellowship (dissertation)

Andrew Engel – WSU Rumble Fellowship (dissertation)
Marcus Merritt – University Graduate Research Fellowship (B.A. University of South Dakota 2006, M.A. University of San Francisco 2009)
Shandi Wagner – Dean’s Diversity Fellowship (B.A. University of St. Thomas 2009).

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**Undergraduate Program News**

**Undergraduate Degree Recipients**

**English B.A. – 2010-2011**

**Summer 2010**

B.A. in English

Nasryn Abou-Arabi
Sonali Bhalod
Katherine Blair
Catherine Caufield
Keisha Days
Jeremy Gentile
Ginnay Greene
Tahreem Kalam
Yekaterina Kashuba
Phil Kwon
Angel Miller
René Mrech
Laanna Pringles
Ayeshia Qureshi
Raymond Trabulsy

**Second Major in English**

Mary Kefallinos (1st major Classics)

**B.A. in English Honors**

Scott DeGregoris
Martyna Mackiewicz

**Fall 2010**

B.A. in English

Gregory Baise
Amani Bazzi
Kurt Berger

Irina Cotfas
Erik Ertzbischoff
Kelly Fryfogle
Mallory Kallabat
Sheila Kamath
Nicholas Klaus
Andrew Kumar
Bonnie Lopez
Kathleen Lusk
Caitlin McCormick
Fernando Montero
Nina Nunlee
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