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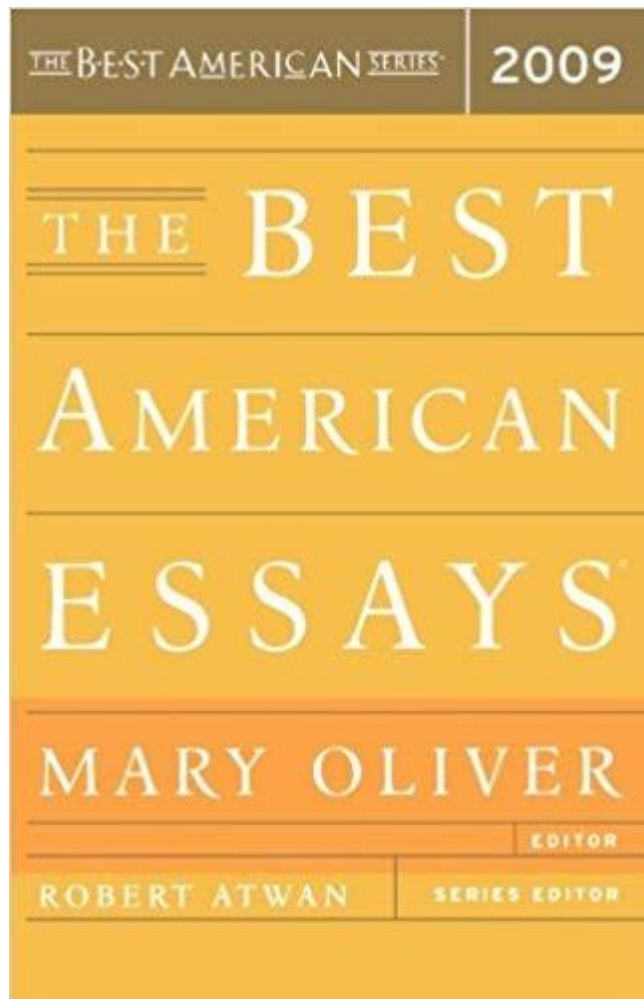
Michael Bamberg, Professor of Psychology and Adjunct Professor to the English Department, was just awarded the *Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Humanities and Social Sciences* at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, for his innovative research demonstrating his allegiance to interdisciplinary analysis as he explores the nexus between narrative and identity.



Professor Ginger Vaughan, Professor Emerita and Research Professor, participated in a podcast that was broadcast on New York station WQXR and co-sponsored by the New York Metropolitan opera. Listen to it [here!](#) Professor Vaughan also recently had her book, *Shakespeare and the Gods*, published by Bloomsbury Press.



Professor Regie Gibson Interviewed for Boston Globe
"Talking to him is like rapping with a poet" ~ Cindy Atoji Keene and Professor Gibson
discuss making a living as a poet. [Read the article here!](#)



Professor Michael Carolan is marking the 10th anniversary of the appearance of his *Atlantic Monthly* award-winning essay as a “Notable Essay” in the *The Best American Essays of 2009*, a selection of the year’s “essays of literary achievements that show an awareness of craft and forcefulness of thought.”

“Breaking Point: The Search for a Postwar Grandfather” won the *Atlantic Monthly*’s student writing award in 2007. The piece chronicles Professor Carolan’s personal journey to uncover a family mystery and unravel familial addiction, trauma and the experiences of his grandfather in the Second World War. In 2008, the essay was published in the *Massachusetts Review*. In 2009, it appeared as a “Notable Essay of 2008” in the *Best American* series, selected by Robert Atwan, series editor.

“To qualify for the volume, the essay must be a work of respectable literary quality, intended as a fully developed, independent essay on a subject of general interest, not specialized scholarship, originally written in English, or translated by the author for publication in an American periodical during the calendar year,” Atwan writes. Versions of the essay appeared later in *The Kansas City Star*, *The Daily Hampshire Gazette*, Newsworks.org (WHYY-Philadelphia) and *The Salem News*. To mark the occasion, you can listen to the author read the essay at: michaelcharlescarolan.com.



On Wednesday, January 30th, faculty from the English Department piloted a new initiative from the Dean of the Faculty called “(En)Lightning Talks: Faculty Research Decoded.” These short, 5-8 minute talks provided insight about faculty research expertise and for some, how it shapes their teaching. The program will likely be expanded as a way to highlight the research and teaching of faculty across the university in engaging, jargon-free language.

Prof. Elliott: Innocently Beguiling: Why Textual Editing?

Prof. Huang: Who Writes America?

Prof. Jones: Medical Ethics Radically Reimagined: or, Why Everyone Should
Read Speculative Fiction

Prof. Levin: Against Monocultures of Knowledge

Prof. Kasmer: Beautiful Failure: The Resistance to Romanticism

English Department Events on the Horizon



CLARK *Writes*
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Clark Writes Forum Dates

Clark Writes is a creative writing group sponsored by the English department. The forums take place at 4:30 in the Little Center's Experimental Theater. We invite everyone to attend these events and support their peers:

March 22nd

April 12th

If you'd like to submit your work, contact clarkwritesblog@gmail.com!

On The Horizon...

Join the English Department's Betsy Huang and Jennifer Plante for *Bingeworthy: A Community Conversation* to explore our love of binge watching and our indulgence in

guilty pleasures. Date TBA!

Get Involved!

The English department is seeking alumni submissions for our blog “The Next Chapter.” Our current English majors would love to hear your advice concerning your academic or career path or another topic you think may be of interest. If you would like to contribute a blog post, email us with your name, year of graduation, and your potential topic. Check out alumni Jason Feifer’s post [here](#).

We welcome alumni guest bloggers on The Next Chapter! Contact us at ga_english@clarku.edu for details.

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