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Hi all,

We invite you to stay connected to the English Department with our current *English Times*! As we all deal with the challenges that COVID-19 presents, know that you can still connect with our community for information, companionship and solace.

All of the faculty in the English Department are also working tirelessly to maintain the high quality of our courses now that we are offering them remotely. We know how difficult it is to adapt to this new format, but we are here to help. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Be well and stay safe.

Best,
Lisa Kasmer
Associate Professor and Chair

Department News



Meredith Neuman Quoted in Clark Now Article

Meredith Neuman was featured in an article for Clark Now featuring professorial advice for students adjusting to distance learning. Read it [here!](#)



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Department will be Featuring Clips and Quotes of Students
Favorite Memories of the Department on Facebook

As part of the Department's continuing commitment to building community throughout the COVID-19 crisis, we have launched a project to feature short video clips of students remembering their favorite memories of the English Department.

Check it out [here!](#)



Karen Osborn Publishes New Novel

Karen Osborn is publishing her new novel "The Music Book" this May. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the publicity and marketing for the novel will be digital. Stay tuned for more information on where and how to learn about, buy, and support

this work.



Kourtney Senquiz Defended her Dissertation

Kourtney Senquiz defended her dissertation, *The African American Gothic Double*, and earned her Ph.D. from the W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies at UMass Amherst. Read more about it [here!](#)



Michael Carolan Published an Essay with *Irish Central*

On a recent genealogical trip to Ireland, Michael Carolan learned about his family's

ancestors and reconnected with his native Ireland. Read his essay about the experience [here!](#)

English Department Events



Reading and Workshop with Monica Prince has been Postponed Until the Fall Semester

In accordance with Clark's move to distance learning to combat COVID19, all English Department in-person events have been cancelled, however the poetry reading and workshop with Monica Prince has only been cancelled for the time being, and will take place next semester.

As part of the English Department Readers and Writers series, we will be hosting a reading of Monica Prince's poetry from her collection *Instructions for Temporary Survival*. Additionally, Prince will host a writing workshop called "Say It With Your Chest: Poetry, Performance, and Purpose."

In her poetry, Prince examines paths from suffering to healing, dealing with issues such as racism, historical trauma, rape, and depression. During this workshop, Rogers will teach the art of writing performance poetry and engage its power to illuminate a poet's purpose on stage. For more information, check out the event on [Facebook!](#)



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Writes

Clark Writes is Hoping to Host a Digital Forum in April, Date
TBD

The Clark Writes board is hard at work putting together our first digital forum. We hope to have more news to come soon. We continue to post student work even when we are not physically together to meet. Follow our [blog!](#)

Alumni and Student News

- **John Minigan '81** has had his play *Queen of Sad Mischance* named one of four national winners of the 2020 New American Voices Festival at Landing Theatre in Houston. It will be presented there in April. Additionally, his short play *Closing Doors* was named winner of the 2020 Honegger Prize at the Firehouse Center for the Arts in Newburyport, MA and Best Play at the 2019 North Park Playwrights Festival in San Diego.
- **Azariah Kurlantzick '20** presented “Dybbuks and Destruction: Explorations into a Yiddish Gothic” at the Northeast Modern Language Association, Boston, through the Undergraduate Forum and won the Best Visual Presentation award.
- **Kaitlynn Chase (MA)** presented “‘Why Do You Always Make It About Gender?’ A Reflection” at the Northeast Modern Language Association, Boston.
- **Milena Germon '21** returned home. The Worcester Telegram recently published an article about American students stranded in Morocco. The article was written by Gari De Ramos and featured the experiences of two Clark students, one of whom, Milena Germon, works with us at the English Department. We are happy to say both of these students are home safe. Read the article [here!](#)

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If you have any news to share with us, please write a couple of lines about it and send it to [Davina Tomlin](#) and [Sophie Stern](#) /or to Professor [Lisa Kasmer](#), Chair. Also please remember to send us photos along with the text/post. Now that we are on Facebook, we try to share photos with every post!

