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Department News



The English Department presents Angie Cruz, author
of *Dominicana* (Flatiron Books 2019) to Clark on Wednesday, April
15.

Angie Cruz is the author of the novel *Dominicana* (Flatiron Books, 2019), a Good Morning American Book Club pick that the *New York Times* called, “lovely” and “compelling.” Her other novels are *Soledad* (Simon & Schuster 2001) and *Let It Rain Coffee* (Simon & Schuster, 2005), which was also a finalist in 2007 for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. She has published short fiction and essays in magazines and journals, including *VQR*, *Gulf Coast*, *Callaloo*, *The New York Times* and *Small Axe*. She has taught creative writing for over 15 years in academic and nontraditional settings such as the University of Pittsburgh, Texas A&M University, NYU, Metropolitan Museum of Art, and to middle schoolers for the National Book Foundation’s Bookup in Texas.



The English Department hosted a reading and workshop with poet Elizabeth Lindsey Rogers on Monday, February 24.

As part of the English Department's Readers and Writers series, Elizabeth Lindsey Rogers gave a reading from her collection *A Tilt Torn Away From the Seasons*. In her new poetry collection, *The Tilt Torn Away from the Seasons*. Additionally Rogers hosted a writing workshop called "The Bodies of Poems: Terrain and Visual Movement on the Page."

Elizabeth Lindsey Rogers uses the page as a "field" to convey ideas of climate change, space exploration, and colonialism. In this workshop, Rogers will address how to use poetic form, lineation, white space, and the field of the page to express urgent contemporary concerns. For more information, check out the event on [Facebook!](#)



Professor Carolan Has Written Two New Articles for UMass Amherst Magazine

Check out Professor **Michael Carolan**'s article in the *Magazine of the University of Massachusetts Amherst*, "Fruitful Façade: Research Duo Poised to Make Buildings Greener than Ever" -- [Read it here!](#)

He has another article about the researchers doing cutting-edge work on Stargardt disease, as well: [Read it here!](#)

English Department Events



The English Department will host a reading and workshop with poet Monica Prince on Monday, March 30.

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 hosted its first Creative Writing Forum of the Semester

Clark Writes, the official creative writing blog of the English Department, hosted its first Creative Writing Forum of the semester on February 14 in the experimental theatre in The Little Center. Clark Writes' upcoming forums will be held **March 27** and **April 24**. The forums are open to all and are a wonderful opportunity for students to share creative writing and receive feedback.

Alumni and Student News

- **Brett Iarrobino '21** will have his play "Poor Connection" (which was originally staged at Clark University Playfest) featured in NYC's "Undiscovered Works" monthly storytelling series.
 - **Tobias Dieterich '12** is teaching English and Math at Oberschule Findorff in Bremen, Germany. He works as a Lower and Upper Secondary educator, intertwining many of the texts he read here at Clark into his curriculum. This semester Dieterich is teaching a course about Jesmyn Ward and how her novels include structural racism that still occurs in Mississippi and the United States as a whole. Read more on [Facebook!](#)
 - **Sharon Aknin MA '12** reconnected with **Anousa Singhavong MA '12** at Guang Xi Waterfall in Luang Prabang, Laos. Read more on [Facebook!](#)
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