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Department News

WORCESTER TELEGRAM & GAZETTE

Seven Clark students in Professor of Practice Michael Carolan's Creative Writing course published essays in the May 2 and May 9 editorial pages, in print and online, of the Worcester Telegram & Gazette.

The essays were composed for "Creative Writing: Nonfiction — Climate Change and the Environment," a collaborative, one of many that are part of the campus-

wide A new Earth Conversation (NEC) and the Council on the Uncertain Human Future (CUHF). The NEC is a campus-wide initiative which includes learning experiences based on a CUHF; in these, students explore climate realities, the root causes of the crisis, face implications, lean into loss and uncertainty, and feel out possibilities for individual and collective behavior around how we might live now, given what we are coming to know. The CUHF is also an international network.

Sunday May 2, 2020 Editorial Page

[Cason Lee '23](#)

[Marlee Faranetta '21](#)

[Nate Mattera '22](#)

[James Sadowsky '20](#)

Sunday May 9, 2020 Editorial Page

[Connor Rulnick '23](#)

[Nina Nguyen '23](#)

Chloe Carleton, '23 published in print only



Dean Esther Jones published a short article with The Conversation titled [“Science Fiction builds mental resilience in young readers.”](#)

Dean Jones explains the article argues that “reading well-crafted literature, including science fiction—which tends, stereotypically, NOT to be regarded as well-written literature—is good for your (young people’s, especially) mental health, something that is particularly important during these challenging times.”



The 2020 recipients of the President's Achievement Awards for Inclusive Excellence, clockwise from top left: Asha Best, Hayley Haywood, Eunice Dollette, Inonge Kaloustian, Biko Gayman, Ahila Watson, MiKayla Dotson, Dani Black, and Josh Podolsky.

Newly declared English minor Eunice Dollete '21 and Creative Writing minor Danie Black '21 were recognized with the inaugural President's Achievement Award for Inclusive Excellence.

[The President's Achievement Awards for Inclusive Excellence \(PAAIE\)](#), recognizes individuals, units, or programs for their exemplary contributions to advancing equity, inclusion, and diversity at Clark or in the Worcester community.

Dollete was nominated by students at Clark and states, "It is incredibly humbling to be recognized by the Clark community with this award," Dollete said. "I am grateful for the mentorship and guidance I have received from the MFGSS and Diversity and Inclusion offices throughout my time at Clark, as well as the persistence of student activists and organizations in striving to make Clark a community where people's sense of belonging is valued."

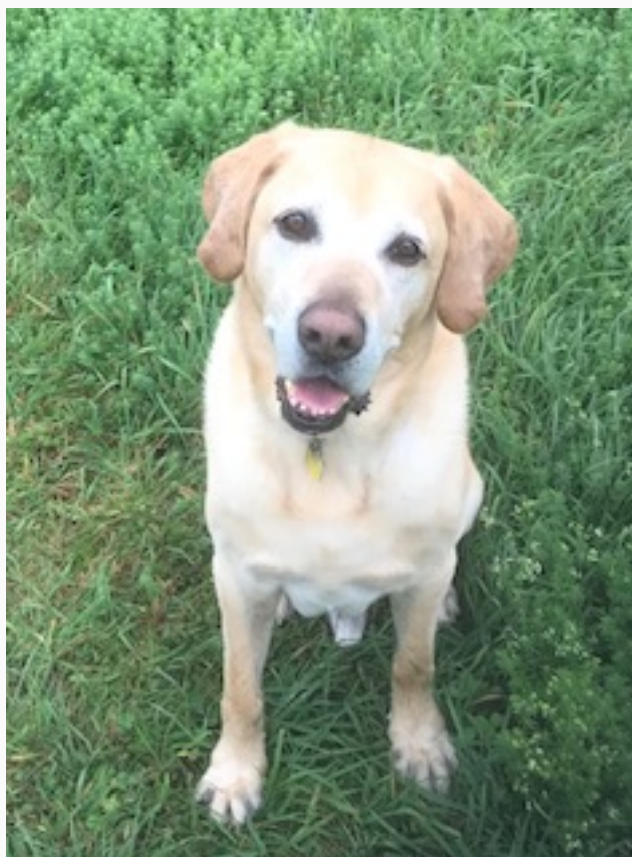
Black was nominated as one of the leaders of the Clark Athletics Inclusion Coalition and states, "Having the courage to speak up and to learn means that I can support others to do the same," Black explained, "and to not let fear or discomfort

prevent them from expressing what a lot of other people are experiencing as well.”



English Senior and Front Office Assistant Olivia Simonds Reflects on COVID-19 in Brooklyn in Her New Blog Post

The Next Chapter's newest blog post was written by Olivia Simonds '20 and
contemplates spring in New York City during the COVID-19 pandemic. Read
"April Paintings" [here](#).



Join us in saying good-bye to Sam, our former English Department therapy dog. Almost 13, Sam recently passed away. He was a good boy until the end!



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Writes

Clark Writes Announces Their New Editorial Board

Clark Writes is excited to welcome its new editorial board for the 2020-2021 school year. The board members for the upcoming year are Erlend Lane (Editor in Chief), Brett Iarrobino, Tiffany Vo, Kat Miele, and Jessie Garbell.

English Department Events



THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

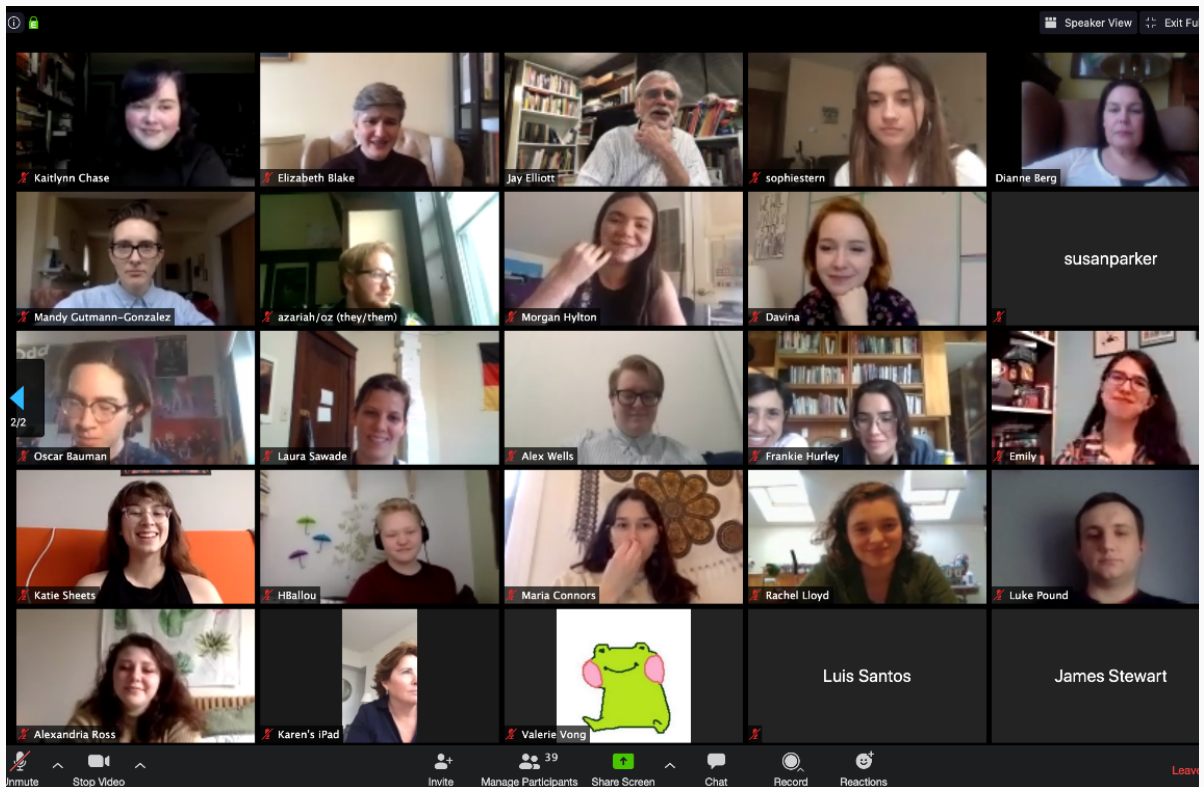
VIRTUAL
COMMENCEMENT
RECEPTION

MAY 24, 2020 • 2PM (EST)

TO JOIN THE EVENT, CONTACT:
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The English Department will Host a Virtual Commencement Reception

The English Department is excited to announce our virtual Commencement Reception. Our virtual version will feature slideshows of photos and videos of graduates, as well as a chance to connect with professors and friends. We will host the event via Zoom on May 24 at 2 pm.



The English Department Hosted Virtual Spring Fling

We had a great time at our virtual Spring Fling last month in which we announced the winners of our contests and heard readings of the winning entries! We also inducted the new members of our national Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta. Professor Lisa Kasmer, Chair, who spearheaded the event, was thrilled the English Department was able to celebrate outstanding members of our community during this time apart.

Alumni and Student News

- **Pauline B Kaldas '83** is currently a Professor of English and Creative Writing at Hollins University in Roanoke, VA. Her co-edited anthology, *Beyond Memory: An Anthology of Contemporary Arab American Creative Nonfiction*, has just been published by the University of Arkansas Press. Her other books include *Looking Both Ways*, *The Time Between Places*, *Letters from Cairo*, and *Egyptian Compass*.
- **Steven DePaul '73** wrapped up directing two episodes of “The Good Doctor” (ABC) before the COVID shut down.
- **Emrys Keevan '20** has been accepted to Simmons University Masters of Library and Information Science program for Fall 2020.
- **Emma Siemasko '10**, founder of Stories By Us, provides business writing services to tech companies. This year, she gave a writing workshop at Altitude Summit on how to write for business with fellow Clark Alum Hannah (Perlmutter) Richards (2010). Now based in San Jose, CA, she welcomed her son, Julian, last July.
- **Amelia Ayres '16** is graduating from Boston University with an M.Ed in Elementary Education. She plans to teach upper elementary grades (fourth or fifth grade) starting in the fall.
- **Kaylee Armida '23's** essay, "COVID-19 Perspective of a College Softball Player," which was written for the course Introduction to Creative Writing, with Karen Osborn, was published in [The Hudson Valley Times](#).

- **Amy Cates (née Nickens) '06** was promoted to Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions, in the mechanical science and engineering department(#5 in the US, just behind Caltech), at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. During her promotion process, she realized that HR is missing out on great candidates. She is working with central HR to have English added as a preferred major for applicable academic professional positions.
 - **Monica Sager**, a self-designed Journalism major, Psychology major, and English minor, won the James Bogdanoff Fellowship awarded annually to an undergraduate student who shows demonstrated interest in journalism or television journalism as well as exemplary character and integrity.
 - A special thank you to **Davina Tomlin '20** for their hard work on The English Times for the past two years. Good luck in the future, Davina!
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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!