



# ENGLISH TIMES

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## Graduating Seniors



### ENGLISH MAJORS

- Kareen Bar-Akiva
- Jessica Bartlett
- Sara Bassick
- Ellen Belford
- Jessica Courtney
- Jason Covitz
- Elizabeth Derwin
- \* Megan Dexter
- Brian Festa
- Ralph Gifford IV
- Lincoln Godfrey
- Christopher Graeff
- Lyndsey Hamilton
- Rebecca Kusinitz
- James MacKay
- Heather Mahony
- \* Kelly McCarthy
- Rebecca Mitchell
- Pamela Mulready
- \* Virginia Penta Munro
- Stephen Ostendorff
- Jesse Paddock
- Rachel Rosenblum
- \* Mason Sand
- \* Daniel St.Louis
- Guy Taylor
- Kerry Walker
- Sally Welch
- Edward Williams

### ENGLISH MINORS

- Beth Bennett
- Nicholas Pieri
- Judith Quinlan
- Douglas Shea
- Lauren Tolk
- John Yeaton

\* Recipient of departmental Honors

### "Mosaics 2000"

Megan Dexter recently attended the first part of an international conference in Luxembourg. The conference was hosted by the Clark European Center in Luxembourg (CECIL) and The Ancient Studies Seminar of the Centre Universitaire (SEMANT). Megan received CECIL's *Conference Award for Students* and was invited to attend the conference

by Professor Gertz of the English Department and Professor Shatzberg of the German Department, co-chairs of CECIL.

The second part of this international conference will be held at the Worcester Art Museum here in Worcester. **Stacie Swoboda** who also received CECIL's *Conference Award for Students*, has been invited to attend Worcester's conference November 17-19.

## Academic Spree Day

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2000  
1:00-5:00 P.M.

### ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

#### LURIE CONFERENCE ROOM

1:00-2:20

#### MASON SAND

"Gertrude & Hamlet"

#### KELLY MCCARTHY

"*Othello's* Other Tragic Hero"

#### SCOTT PEZZA

"Gender, (In)justice, and Absurdity in *Hamlet* & *Titus Andronicus*"

#### VIRGINIA PENTA MUNRO

"A Reframing of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*"

(Sponsor Virginia Vaughan)

2:20-3:30

#### CHRISTOPHER GRAEFF, SHAMITA CARRIMAN, JASON COVITZ, RALPH GIFFORD, AND VANESSA OLIVEIRA

"Public Speaking About Controversial Issues"

(Sponsor Fern Johnson)

## Writing Contest Winners

### Prentiss Cheney Hoyt Poetry Contest

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Christina Rizzo: "A Crowded Market," "Memory Calls us..," "This Morning"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lisa Guerriero: "Summer Birds," "Tale of Luisa the Maid," "Says Alice About that Summer with Calvin"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jesse Paddock: "On the Death of Allen Ginsberg"

### Short Story Contest

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Rebecca Giordano "The Things You Need to Know"
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Helena Gaffin: "View from Below"
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Marguerite LaCroix: "A Bodhisattva in the Works"

### Loring Holmes & Ruth Dodd Drama Contest

Virginia Penta Munro: "His Study of the Mind"

### Leroy Allston Ames Prize

No prize awarded for 2000

## "Susquehanna 4"

Mason Sand, Kelly McCarthy, Scott Pezza, and Virginia Penta Munro presented their papers at the fifth annual Undergraduate Shakespeare Conference at Susquehanna University in Selingsgrove, PA, on April 14 and 15. They joined students from all over the country in exploring the topic of women in Shakespeare.

Professor Vaughan provided transportation and moral support and also moderated three sessions.

Stop by the Lurie Conference Room 1:00-2:20 on Academic Spree Day to see these presentations here at Clark.

## English Department Faculty

### Charles S. Blinderman, Ph.D.

Professor of English, Adjunct Professor of Biology. Professor Blinderman's major research areas are in Victorian literature, especially the influence of Darwinism.

### John J. Conron, Ph.D.

Professor of English, Adjunct Professor of Visual Arts. Professor Conron researches and teaches twentieth century American literature, comparative arts and relations between art and culture.

### James P. Elliott, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of English. Trained as textual editor in the field of American literature, Professor Elliott has been associated with the Edition of the Writings of James Fenimore Cooper for twenty years.

### SunHee Kim Gertz, Ph.D.

Professor of English. Professor Gertz's research and publications are concerned with semiotics and western European literature in the late Middle Ages.

### Serena S. Hilsinger, Ph.D.

Professor of English.  
Department Chair  
Professor Hilsinger teaches modernist literature, mythopoetic literature, and literature by women writers.

### Fern L. Johnson, Ph.D.

(Sabbatical - AY 2000-01)

Professor of English. Professor Johnson is a sociolinguist specializing in the study of gender, race, and culture in language and is also Director of the Communication and Culture program.

### Winston Napier, Ph.D.

E. Franklin Frazier Professor of English, Assistant Professor of English. Professor Napier specializes in critical theory, 20th century African American literary culture and African American philosophy.

### Heather Roberts, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of English. Professor Roberts specializes in the study of pre-1865 American literature, history and culture. Her research explores the role of fiction in cultural production.

### Stanley Sultan, Ph.D.

Professor of English. Until recently, Professor Sultan's scholarly interest was largely in the poetry, fiction, and drama of modernist writers. In the past few years he has devoted more attention to critical theory, literary history, and theoretical issues in literary history.

### Virginia Mason Vaughan, Ph.D.

Professor of English. Professor Vaughan specializes in literature of the English Renaissance, particularly Shakespeare.

Professor Johnson will be on sabbatical next academic year and professors Elliott and Gertz will be returning.

### A Fond Farewell to Professor Hilsinger

who is retiring after 37 years of teaching here at Clark. She has served as either acting chair or chair of the English Department for 13 years.

### Best Wishes to Professor Gertz

who will be stepping in as Chair of the English Department beginning Fall 2000.

### Congratulations to Brian Bates & Jenny Kearny

who have been accepted in the Ph. D. program at the University of Denver, Colorado.

### Julia Haungs

### Fulbright Scholar

will be joining us in the fall as one of our incoming graduate students. The German-American Fulbright Commission is a binational agency funded by the U.S. and German governments serving to promote academic and cultural exchange between Germany and the U.S.A. Their grantees are scholars of high achievement and have been selected to make valuable academic and cultural contributions to their American host institutions.

### Bernd Elzer

### Exchange Student

### from Trier, Germany

Bernd will also be joining us in the fall as one of our incoming graduate students. He is coming to us through a new graduate student exchange program between Universitat Trier and Clark University.

# Have A Great Summer!

