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Faculty News



Dean Esther Jones Delivers Keynote Address

Dean Esther Jones delivered the keynote address “African American & African Studies at 50 Years: Implications for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion & the Future of Higher Education” at The Ohio State University’s Department of African American & African Studies 50th Anniversary Symposium September 16th. Jones is an alumna of the AAAS master’s program at OSU, class of 2001.



Karen Osborn is publishing a new novel

Professor Osborn's new novel will be published in December. Stay tuned for her blog post on this topic coming soon!



Virginia Vaughan's work included in new book

Virginia Vaughan's thoughts on contemporary Shakespeare criticism are included in a new book, *Shakespeare Scholars in Conversation: Interviews with 24 Leading Experts*, edited by Michael P. Jensen for McFarland Press.

English Department Events



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
Chowder Fest

Please join us for a night of conversation and a bowl of hearty soup as part of an evening with Clark English alums! *A variety of 3 soups will be served, including a vegetarian option.*

***What can YOU do with an English Major?
Come to Chowder Fest and find out!***

Wednesday, October 23rd | 5:30
ANDERSON HOUSE, 12 HAWTHORNE ST.

***Introduction to
Clark's Career Connections Center***



Elizabeth Gittens
Associate Director of Early Career Development
Arts and Humanities Career Advisor, Clark University



Jean Dao '12, MAT '13
Program Coordinator -
Harvard's Public School Partnerships
Program



Tom Matthews '16
Marketing & Content Specialist -
Niche Hospitality Group

Alumni and Student News

- **Jin Lee '07**, had her article, titled "Postmemory's Graphic Symptom: Disembodied Voice, Repetition Compulsion, and Working through Trauma in GB Tran's *Vietnamerica*" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Literature and Trauma*.
- **Lee Gaines, '11** is a reporter for an NPR member station in Illinois -- Illinois Public Media. Earlier this year, (in May), their story produced on the lack of spending on books in Illinois prisons [won the Education Writers Association award](#) for "Best Audio Story" in a small market. (Read the story [here!](#))

Following this reporting, the Illinois Department of Corrections requested and received \$350,000 from the state's General Assembly to spend on educational materials in the current fiscal year. Their reporting revealed that the department spent just \$276 on books for more than two dozen correctional facilities in 2017.

In late May of this year, they broke a story [about the removal of 200 books](#), most about race, from a college-in-prison program's library inside an Illinois correctional facility. The story drew national attention. [They were interviewed](#) on WNYC's nationally syndicated talk show, *The Takeaway*. After they reported on this issue, the books were returned to the prison, a legislative hearing was held, and the Illinois Department of Corrections [has changed their publication review policy](#) in an attempt to prevent any future acts of arbitrary censorship in state prisons.

- **John Minigan, '81**'s full-length play *Queen of Sad Mischance* was a Gold Prize winner in the 2019 Clauder Competition for New England Playwrights, and was given a week-long workshop at Portland Stage in Maine, the host of the competition. It was also a PlayLab selection at the 2019 Great Plains Theatre Conference in Omaha. His full-length play *Noir Hamlet* was nominated for a 2019 Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding New Script. The play's 2018 production by Centastage was named a Best of Boston Theatre for 2018, and the play had a two-week run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland in August 2019.
- **Pauline B. Kaldas '83** is currently Professor of English and Creative Writing at Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia. Her fourth book, *Looking Both Ways*, which is a collection of essays, was recently published.
- **Faith Duggan, Class of 2023** has written an essay which has been published in the Washington Examiner, and reposted to our blog, read it [here!](#)
- **Steven DePaul '73** will be travelling to Vancouver in October to direct another episode of **The Good Doctor** (ABC network).
- **Nick Delaini '06** has opened a new brewery in Bloomingdale with Ethan Mikesell called the Hex and Hop. An article about their grand opening, as well as their brewery's beehive, was published in the *Adirondack Daily Enterprise*. Read about it [here!](#)
- **Monica Sager, Class of 2021** has published an article about Worcester colleges policies on vaping with the Worcester Telegram and Gazette. Read the article [here](#), or her blog post here!
- **Laura Barker '17** has recently begun a job as the Marketing and Communications Specialist at Jet Blue Technology Ventures and is researching the latest trends in travel technology.

- **Olga Malinovskaya MA '03** has been appointed a Chair of the Humanities Department and a tenured professor of the English track courses which are taught in English, such as Shakespeare in English and Critical Thinking and Academic Writing in English. She teaches within an Institute of Social Sciences at the largest Russian university RANEPA: Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration.

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