

# Footnotes

## English Department News and Notes

### A Message from Department Chair Robin Inboden

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This year, more than others, has been marked by big changes in the English Department. As many of you know, Dr. J. Arthur Faber is retiring at the end of the year after serving Wittenberg since 1966. He was celebrated at a university reception on April 20 and will be the guest of honor at a department dinner May 10. After that, it's off to writing, woodworking, and traveling. Also departing will be Belveta Jusova, who has spent two years with us in a visiting position. She will now be Director of Comparative Women's Studies in Europe for Antioch University, which will involve teaching courses in her specialties at Antioch and at several European partner locations. Jusova has brought enormous energy to the department, and we are thrilled for her to have found a position that fits so perfectly with her interests. Finally, we must bid a reluctant farewell to Lauren Proll, who, for personal, family reasons, has accepted a job at the Gann Academy in Waltham, Massachusetts. She referred to teaching at Wittenberg as her "dream job"; we only wish the dream could have gone on forever. We wish her the very best in her new position, and we will miss her very much.

On a more positive note, we also have some accomplishments and a new faculty person joining us next year. We are very proud that Carmiele Wilkerson won this year's ODK Teaching Excellence Award--congratulations! McClelland's new book, *Tattoo Blues*, has just come out; the timing of publication while perfect for summer reading, was not so conducive to the kind of welcome the book deserves here at Wittenberg. Thus, to avoid the spring rush, a fall book-signing party will be planned. And finally, a new faculty member will be joining us in the fall; some of you have already met her. Fallon, specializing in teaching creative non-fiction and journalism, will join us in the fall after a career in professional journalism, an M.F.A., and a teaching position at University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in which she received the top teaching award for the College of Arts and Sciences. I know you'll look forward to meeting and taking classes with her in the fall.

The fall issue of Footnotes will be published in September, 2004. Please send news and notes to English Department Secretary Patti Birt, at [pbirt@wittenberg.edu](mailto:pbirt@wittenberg.edu), or mail to Patti Birt, English Department, Wittenberg University, P. O. Box 720, Springfield, OH 45501.

Finally, there are some changes coming in the major itself. We expect to get final approval for changes in the major curriculum that we have been considering and developing for the last several years. All English majors in the classes of 2005, 2006, and 2007 will be receiving letters at their home addresses over the summer explaining the new changes and how they will affect them. We are excited about the new major, and think it will better integrate reading and writing in the major while offering all students more flexibility in their course planning.

Enjoy this first issue of our newsletter, and have a great summer of reading, writing, and adventure!

## English Department Writing Awards

Congratulations to the following students whose work was honored at the Department Awards Colloquium on Thursday, April 22 in Ness Auditorium. Each award recipient received a certificate and a cash prize.

Sophomore Writing Award Allison Davis

Junior Writing Award Melissa Barrett

Senior Writing Award David Ober and Heather Stansfield

Poetry Award Sarah Garrison

Playwriting Award Melissa Barrett

Fiction Award Elizabeth Powers

Non-Fiction Award A. J. Kessler

Creativity Award Sarah Garrison

Koppenhaver Award Sarah Garrison

Excellence in Literary Studies Award Anitra Drinkwine and Val Fidler

## Oral Comprehensive Examinations

The following senior English majors passed the oral comprehensive examinations with distinction: Becky Barnes, Nikki Bibler, Laura Drinkwine, Vanessa Earley, Val Fidler, Sarah Garrison, Rebekah Hackett, Frank Lasik, David Ober, Katie Preuss, Meg Richmond, Kelli Slezak, Anitra Walden, Matt Werba, and Anna Wolfe.

## Departmental Honors

The following students will graduate with Department Honors this year: Tricia Connelly, Laura Drinkwine, Vanessa Earley, Val Fidler, Alan Gustafson, Drew Heverin, Abigail Klene, David Ober, Meg Richmond, and Anna Wolf.

## New Departmental Technology Assistant

The English Department welcomes Callon Holloway as its student technology consultant for the next academic year. Callon is an English major and a Writing Center peer tutor who moderates several online bulletin board systems and maintains his own web page. He replaces Justin Eastman, who served the department admirably in this position this year.

## ODK Professor of the Year

Congratulations to Carmiele Wilkerson who received the prestigious Omicron Delta Kappa Award for outstanding teaching at the Honors Convocation April 16 in Weaver Chapel.

## Wittenberg Literary Society

The Literary Society is currently seeking individuals interested in celebrating the written word by participating in conversation, poetry readings, book circles, live performances, movie viewing, and other activities. There will be one more meeting before the end of the year to elect new officers and discuss next year's agenda. Please look for e-mails and fliers advertising this meeting, or contact Melissa Barrett (s05.mbarrett) with questions.



Kent Dixon divided his spring sabbatical between work on a novel, a collection of stories, translations, and travel.

Mimi Dixon took part in a seminar on Teaching Shakespeare on Film at this year's Shakespeare Association of America meeting in New Orleans. Her paper, "The Ear...Hathen!" From Word to Image in Two Screen Adaptations of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, compared Peter Hall's and Michael Hoffman's film versions of Shakespeare's comedy. She was awarded a \$5000 grant in creative non-fiction by the Ohio Arts Council for a group of personal essays entitled

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Cynthia Richards has recently published book reviews in *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature*, *HistoryNet*, and the *Scrib-lerian*. Her article on Mary Hays appeared this year in *Eighteenth-Century Women* and she has an article forthcoming in a collection on Mary Wollstonecraft. Richards's edition of *The Wrongs of Woman* by Mary Wollstonecraft and *Memoirs of the Author of the Vindication of the Rights of Woman* by William Godwin was published last fall to very favorable reviews. She has also received a Fulbright Award for next year.

David Savol presented a paper entitled "Walking the Green Hills of Africa: Giving Expression to Nature" at the Asso-

