

# Bywords

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English Department News  
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## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**T**wo signature events headline the Fall calendar for the English Department. Mark your calendars well in advanced for a public talk by Pulitzer Prize winner and UMD artist-in-residence **Michael Cunningham**. On Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Cunningham will lead a discussion on “The Wars at Home: From the AIDS Epidemic to 9/11” in the McKeldin Special Events Room.

Stay apprised for a national graduate student conference on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. University of Pennsylvania Professor, Amy Kaplan, author of *The Anarchy of Empire in the Making of U.S. Culture*, will headline **Rethinking Empire and Imperialism in 19<sup>th</sup> Century American Literature**. The conference, sponsored by the English Department, will feature five visiting faculty and 40 visiting graduate students. Please see the conference chair and faculty sponsor, Professor Robert Levine ([rlevine@umd.edu](mailto:rlevine@umd.edu)) for details.

**MITH's Digital Dialogues** lecture series is underway. All are welcome on September 16<sup>th</sup> when Princeton University's Stanley Katz presents on “Digital Humanities 3.0: Where We Have Come From and Where We Are Now?” Digital Dialogues is held every Tuesday at 12:30 in the MITH Conference Room. Visit <http://www.mith.umd.edu> for more details on other upcoming lectures this month.

In keeping with the College of Arts and Humanities “Semester on War,” the **Fall 2008 Theory Colloquium** will center their fall series on war and cultural theory. The colloquium kicks off on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00. Please see the department calendar for details.

Deodorant will be optional as George Washington University's Holly Dugan presents the first **Renaissance Reckonings Reading Group** of the semester on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Her paper, “*Coriolanus* and the ‘rank-scented meinie’: Smelling Rank in Early Modern London,” is now available from Professor Marshall Grossman ([msgr@umd.edu](mailto:msgr@umd.edu)). Pee-yew!

University of Michigan's Gregg Crane will present on “Law and the American Novel” to the **Local Americanists Reading Group**. This first discussion of the fall will be on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. Contact Professor Robert Levine ([rlevine@umd.edu](mailto:rlevine@umd.edu)) for more information.

**Writers Here & Now** will host its second reading of the semester on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the McKeldin Special Events room. Poet Pura López-Colomé and fiction writer Jeffrey Renard Allen will be the featured authors. Head on over to McKeldin in advance to curl up with a copy of López-Colomé's latest book of poetry *No Shelter*.

## ABOUT US

**Elizabeth Arnold's** poem, “Iraqi Boy,” is the featured poem in the September issue of *Poetry* magazine.

**Maud Casey's** review of Christine Schutt's new novel, *All Souls*, appeared in the August 31 New York Times Book Review. You can read the review at <http://www.nytimes.com>

**William Cohen** delivered the opening plenary lecture at the British Association for Victorian Studies Annual Conference at the University of

Leicester (UK) on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Cohen's lecture was entitled "Hopkins Among the Materialists."

**Verlyn Flieger** has published *Tolkien on Fairy-Stories*, a new expanded edition of J.R.R. Tolkien's seminal essay "On Fairy-Stories." Included in the edition are, which Flieger co-edited with Douglas A. Anderson, are two important early drafts, with extended commentary by the editors.

**Linda Kauffman** published "The Wake of Terror: Don DeLillo's 'In the Ruins of the Future,' 'Baader-Meinhof,' and 'FALLING MAN,'" in *Modern Fiction Studies* (Summer 2008). She also appears (with Noam Chomsky, Al Franken, Jesse Jackson and Amy Goodman) in *Split: A Divided America*, a documentary about contemporary American politics. It premiered on IFC on September 7<sup>th</sup> and will run throughout the month.

This fall **Matt Kirschenbaum** will give invited talks at the Rutgers Center for Cultural Analysis, the biennial Thomas R. Watson conference in Louisville, and the Flair Symposium at the Harry Ransom Center at the University of Texas. He will also speak at MLA as part of the Presidential Forum on Scholarly Editing in the 21st Century. With colleagues at MIT and George Mason he is co-organizing an invitational NSF-sponsored workshop on Tools for Data-Driven Scholarship.

**Michael Olmert's** 2-hour special for the Discovery Atlas series was broadcast this summer. Called "Discovery Atlas: France Revealed," it was narrated Emmy-winner Candice Bergen. You can watch a trailer by searching for the title on YouTube.

Broadview Press has just published **Laura Rosenthal's** anthology "Nightwalkers: Prostitute Narratives from the Eighteenth Century." More information is available at Broadview's website: <http://www.broadviewpress.com>

Livingston College of Rutgers University has honored **Martha Nell Smith** with a Distinguished Alumni Award. It is the highest award bestowed by Livingston College upon its alumni. Smith will be honored formally at a reception in May.

**Joshua Weiner** was recently commissioned by the Baltimore Museum of Art for a poem responding to one of the works in its permanent collection. He has new poems in *Literary Imagination*, and an essay and interview about Seamus Heaney presently live at <http://www.poetryfoundation.org>

## UPCOMING DEADLINES and DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

**Application Deadline for Graduation** is Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

**Nomination of Doctoral Dissertation Committee Forms** are due Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**MA and MFA Approved Program Forms and Nomination of Thesis Committee Forms** are due Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

The **APT meeting for Full and Associate Professors** will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:00AM in 1119 SQH

The **APT meeting for Full Professors** only will be held on October 27, 9:30-11:00AM in 1119 SQH

*It is time to start your applications for CAPA and GRB awards for 2009-10!*

**GRB Semester Award Deadline:** Please submit your proposal to Nicole Menton by 4 p.m. on Monday, October 6. Guidelines for all GRB awards may be found at:

<http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/grb/announcements.htm>

**CAPA Award Deadline:** Please submit your application to Nicole Menton by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24. Guidelines may be found at: <http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/CAPA>.

**GRB Summer Award Deadline:** Please submit your application to Nicole Menton by 4 p.m. on Monday, November 3. Guidelines may be found at: <http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/grb/announcements.htm>.

**Research Support Awards Deadline:** Please submit your application to Nicole Menton by 4 p.m. on Monday, December 8. Guidelines may be found at: <http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/grb/announcements.htm>.

## **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

The next edition of Bywords will be released on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please send us any and all updates on new publications and accomplished accomplishments by Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please also share any news regarding upcoming events happening between October 13<sup>th</sup> and Thanksgiving.

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