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MAJOR NEWS!

Office of Undergraduate Studies
Department of English

A note from the director...



Dear Students:

Welcome back to campus! How did your first week of in-person instruction go? We feel we all deserve a huge pat on the back for braving the frigid temperatures and the snow. The nice thing about spring semester is it only gets better. Eventually.

Keep reading to find out more about opportunities for writers and fellowships. If you are looking for inspiration, check out Chasitivity Garland's feature on **Marlem Juarez**.

Are you interested in becoming a writer? Or, do you have writing you would like to share? UGS is looking for writers. If you would like to write for us, email at kboulay@gmail.com.

We wish you all the best for the coming semester!

Sincerely,

Prof. Robin Reames, Director of Undergraduate Studies
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Student of the Week

Marlem Juarez

By Chasitivity Garland

Do you have a passion for teaching English? Have you always wondered what it is like to

have a positive impact on students? Have you ever found yourself eager to learn about grammar, editing, or reading literature in English? **Marlem Juarez**, an undergraduate majoring in **Teaching of English**, shares why she chose English to be a part of her career path and why UIC is the best place for her academic journey.

Juarez grew up in Little Village where she mostly spoke Spanish. Stepping out of her comfort zone and wanting to learn more, Juarez knew she could do this by attending college. Juarez also found herself interested in the Korean language and knew she wanted a school that offered courses in it. This led her to choose UIC. As Juarez started to tour the campus and noticed UIC's diversity and knew it would be an easy commute, she knew this was the best place for her.

Attending UIC, Juarez stayed true to her career goals by making sure she could continue to study English and also learn more about Korean culture. Juarez expressed, "I consider English to be one of my strongest assets. I know I have a natural gift, and every piece of writing I turned in got a good score. I am proud of that." Juarez knew she wanted to teach Reading and Writing and a focus on ESL, English as a second language, so she can share her experience with people like her and with those whose first language is not English.

Juarez is currently a part of KASA, The Korean American Student Association, whose purpose is to promote and expand the interest of Korean culture and to help establish an understanding of the diversity between both American and Korean cultures. Juarez explained she first joined the group by attending the meetings and now she has been promoted to an Executive Board position.

Last words from Juarez, she expresses what UIC has taught her, "Keep an open mind. Be open to different possibilities." Juarez knows that even though she is dedicated to becoming an English teacher, she knows it could change anytime. Juarez is grateful that UIC has taught her to accept that her future career could change, adapt to it, and be willing to remember to do what you love.



Calls for Writers, etc.

Black Lawrence Press' Big Moose Prize

Each year Black Lawrence Press will award **The Big Moose Prize** for an unpublished novel. The prize is open to new, emerging, and established writers. The winner of this contest will receive book publication, a \$1,000 cash award, and ten copies of the book. Prizes will be awarded on publication.

The annual deadline is **January 31, 2022**. Click [here](#) to submit.

Invictus Prep Spring 2022 Writing Competition



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CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Poetry & Short Stories
Send all submissions to info@invictus-prep.org

OR SUBMIT HERE



invictus-prep.org/writing-contest

The poster features a red typewriter, a stack of books, and a small figure of a person standing next to the books. The text is in a mix of purple, black, and white fonts. A QR code is provided for easy access to the contest page.

Lambda Literary Awards



SPECIAL PRIZES

- THE JEANNE CORDOVA PRIZE FOR LESBIAN/QUEER NONFICTION \$2,500
- THE JUDITH A. MARKOWITZ AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL NEW LGBTQ WRITERS \$1,500
- THE J. MICHAEL SAMUEL PRIZE FOR EMERGING WRITERS OVER 50 \$1,000
- THE JIM DUGGINS, PHD OUTSTANDING MID-CAREER NOVELIST PRIZE \$5,000
- THE RANDALL KENAN PRIZE FOR BLACK LGBTQ FICTION \$3,000

SUBMISSIONS OPEN JAN 14-FEB 15

LAMBDA LITERARY.ORG/AWARDS

The poster has a purple and pink geometric pattern background. It lists five special prizes with their respective award amounts. The submission period is clearly marked as January 14 to February 15.

Lambda Literary invites submissions for a number of special awards for **LGBTQ** writers. For more information or to submit, go to Lambda Literary

Fellowships, Internships, Scholarships, and Other Opportunities

Fellowships

Exciting News for Students Interested Classical Studies

Chasitivity Garland

The University of Pennsylvania's [Post-Baccalaureate Program in Classical Studies](#) offers students **two fellowships** that support post-baccalaureate students, providing each recipient tuition and fees for one academic year at a rate of two courses per semester, as well as \$20,000 toward living expenses.

The Elsie Phare Fellowship is endowed by Classical Studies Professor Emily Wilson and was ~~established~~ established in 2021. Wilson named the fund after her grandmother, Elsie Phare, who would have been unable to attend college without the generous financial help of a scholarship.

The Masciantonio Fellowship honors Dr. Rudolph Masciantonio, who earned his master's degree in classical studies from Penn and made a significant impact by bringing Latin and Greek instruction to students from underserved populations in Philadelphia school districts before he retired in 1994.

We particularly invite applications from students belonging to underrepresented minority groups. This includes students from racial and ethnic groups that are underrepresented in fields relating to the study of the ancient world, individuals from low-income households, and first-generation college students.

Penn's Post-Baccalaureate Program in Classical Studies has been in existence since 1984 and prepares students for graduate-level studies in classical studies, archaeology, ancient history, and related fields. Penn's extraordinary resources include a leading classical studies department with world-class faculty, the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, and the Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books, and Manuscripts.

The [application deadline](#) for the 2022 Classical Studies post-baccalaureate program is April 15, 2022, with rolling admissions thereafter. The application deadline for both fellowships is April 15, 2022.

About Major News

Major News is an occasional newsletter for undergraduates and faculty of UIC's **Department of English**. If you have an event or issue of interest to our community that you would like us to consider including, please email details to english@uic.edu. The deadline for inclusion in the current week's issue is **Wednesday at noon**. All materials received after this time and deemed acceptable for inclusion in **Major News** will appear in the following week's edition.

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