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MAJOR NEWS!

Office of Undergraduate Studies
Department of English

A Note From The Director...



Dear Students,

Last Tuesday **The English Club** held its **Fall 2024 Open Mic Night**. Not only were there great performers but **attendance was the largest ever**. The very next day **Anthony Terenzio**, Assistant Director of the Study Abroad Office spoke about the many opportunities for study outside the US available to English majors and minors. Then, two days later, **Professional Writing** held a **Headshot and Resume Event**. Keep reading to find out about **The English Club's** upcoming **book group**, an important environmental intervention, a **study abroad program for writers**, and information on conferences and journals looking for your writing.

We are always looking for writers and would love your feedback on how to improve the newsletter. Email us at english@uic.edu.

Sincerely,

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The English Club Update



Thank you so much to all those who attended our first **Open Mic** of AY 24-25 last Tuesday. Among our many performers, **Spencer** got a sing along going, **Julia** presented the **Open Mic's** first monologue, and **Charlie** shared a hilarious story of **worms** and the midnight shift at **Walmart!**

If you shared work, we are so proud and had a wonderful time experiencing your performance. And if you came and just listened, thank you for being a crucial audience member. We hope to see you at our next **Open Mic** in **Spring 2025**.

Our upcoming events include our very first book club meeting this **Wednesday, October 23 at 4:00 pm** in **UH 1933 (The English Lounge)**. We will discuss Part One of ***Good Night, Irene*** by the Department of English's own **Professor Luis Alberto Urrea**. Our next English Club general body meeting is on November 6 at 1:00 pm in UH 1850.

Join our [GroupMe](#) for updates on all events.



Sigma Tau Delta

Did you write an amazing paper? Do you have work of which you are especially proud. Submit it to **Sigma Tau Delta's conference** which takes place in **Pittsburgh, PA** from **March 19 - 22**. The submission period ends **October 30, 11:00 p.m.** Click [here](#) to read about one student's experience at last spring's conference.



All active **Sigma Tau Delta student members**, Sigma Kappa Delta student members, and alumni members have the opportunity to submit critical and creative papers. If you **just joined**, this means you!

Email english@uic.edu if you would like the **Office of Undergraduate Studies** to help you prepare your submission.

In Other Sigma Tau Delta News ...

Enrollment in **Sigma Tau Delta** is open until **October 31, 2024**. Those of you who are eligible for membership this semester should have received an email inviting you to join. **Inductions** will be held on **December 6, 2024 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm** in **UH 2028**. There you will receive a certificate, pin, tassels, and medallion and you should feel free to invite family and friends.

If you believe you qualify for **Sigma Tau Delta** but did not receive an email alerting you to the opening of the registration period, please contact kboulay@uic.edu asap.

Professional Writing



The Headshot/Resume event last Friday, October 11 was a big success! Thank you to the students who helped students revise cover letters and resumes! Your digital headshots will be sent to you in the next week.

Upcoming Event:

Thursday, October 31, 9:30 - 10:45 AM (via Zoom): Presentation on careers in publishing and editing with Niko Pfund, **President of Oxford University Press**. The Zoom link will be circulated before the event!

Questions? Please contact **Professor Karen Leick** at kleick@uic.edu

Help Shut Down the Great Lakes Oil Pipeline

The Freshwater Lab is excited to host past **Chairman Mike Wiggins Jr.** and **Aurora Conley** from the **Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa** for a panel discussion: **Shutting Down the Great Lakes Pipeline.**

Bad River is an **Ojibwe community** on **Lake Superior** famous for its wild rice, wetlands and sturgeon-supporting rivers. Since 2013, the tribe has been in a protracted struggle with Enbridge, a Canadian pipeline corporation, to remove a 71 year-old pipeline from the reservation and the Great Lakes watershed. **What happens at Bad River has ramifications for the entire Great Lakes region.**

Chicago is linked to the pipeline and is one of the biggest users of the oil sands that course through it. Through the event, we hope to raise awareness and engagement with the related issues. Click [here](#) to register.

THE FRESHWATER LAB AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO INVITES YOU TO A DISCUSSION PANEL AND DINNER

SHUTTING DOWN THE GREAT LAKES OIL PIPELINE WITH THE BAD RIVER BAND

MONDAY OCT 21 5:30 PM

Jane Addams Hull House
Museum Dining Hall
800 S. Halsted Street
Chicago, IL 60607

Register at go.uic.edu/BadRiveratUIC

Mike Wiggins Jr.
Past Chairman, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Site Director, Madeline Island Museum

Aurora Conley
Mashkizhizi Natural Resources Department
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

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The Freshwater Lab

Speaking of Studying Abroad ...

PORT OF ENCHANTMENT

Creative Writing in Portugal
UIC Study-Aboard Program
June 21-July 5, 2024

Want to get some feedback on your writing? Want to see one of Europe's loveliest (and hilliest) cities? Why not combine the two? **Professor Heather McShane** will lead a short study abroad in **Lisbon, Portugal** in **Summer 2025.**

Lisbon, meaning "port of enchantment," is a lovely city of tiled buildings and cobblestone streets that has inspired many to write. While in the city, you'll participate in the [Disquiet International Literary Program](#), named for **Fernando Pessoa's *The Book of Disquiet*** which mimics his Lisbon wanderings. **Undergraduate** and graduate students who participate in this study-abroad program, scheduled for **June 22-July 4, 2025**, will have the opportunity to network with and have their writing reviewed by emerging and established international writers and poets. Scholarships and financial

assistance are available to qualified students for this and most other UIC study abroad programs. To learn more, please contact [Professor Heather McShane](#).

Jobs, Internships, Careers, etc.

Career Buzz - LAS Career Development and Internships

The LAS Career Development and Internships Office supports career discovery and learning through workshops, events, and networking opportunities. They offer major exploration, career and professional development, internship search tips, career panels, and opportunities to connect with industry professionals. Visit their [website](#) for upcoming events.



Here are some of the fantastic resources you can access as an LAS student:

Major and career exploration, internship search, resume/cover letter preparation, interview preparation, earning academic credit, finding experience opportunities, job search launch, graduate school exploration, and career success course.

Career Services Events



Internship and Career Fair

Seeking internships or full-time positions? All levels and all majors are welcome. Dress for the job you want and bring resumes!

When: **October 29th, 2024, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

via https://uic.joinhandshake.com/stu/career_fairs/50779?ref=events-search

Calls for Writing

Outrageous Fortune Calls for Submissions

Outrageous Fortune, the country's first nationwide online literary magazine for and by undergraduates, is currently accepting submissions! We accept all areas of work, including digital files such as video-recorded spoken word and short films. Each semester we look for fiction, non-fiction, drama, film, art, photography, and poetry.

While we operate on a rolling submissions basis, we are accepting submissions for consideration to be included in our **Spring 2025 issue** until **March 24th, 2025**, to the email outrageousfortune@marybaldwin.edu. Please feel free to browse our [website](#) as well as our [Submission Guidelines](#). We also encourage you to follow us on Instagram ([@outrageousfortune.mag](#)) for regular updates on the magazine and content.

Mantis Seeks Submissions

Mantis is currently seeking submissions for their **2025** issue in five categories: [New Poetry](#), [Poetry in Translation](#), [The Materiality of Poetry](#), [The Formality of Poetry](#) and [DANCE-POEM-DANCE](#).

Mantis has produced 22 issues, establishing itself as an important venue for writers and readers of poetry around the world. Recent issues have featured work by Rae Armantrout, Franny Choi, Kenneth Fields, Chinua Ezenwa-Ohaeto, Laura Reece Hogan, Salgado Maranhão, Heather Dohollau, Zeynep Köylü, Ma Yan, Franca Macinelli, and many more!

More information and submission details may be found on our [Submittable](#) page. Submissions close **November 15** (New Poetry and Poetry in Translations) and **December 1** (Special Sections).

About Major News

Major News is a 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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