



THE GLEBE STREET HACKS

NEWSLETTER OF THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON ENGLISH CLUB

NOVEMBER 2006

NEW PROFESSORS SPOTLIGHT: DR. ERICA ARTILES

Dr. Artiles attended St. Norbert College in Wisconsin for her undergraduate degree. Completing a double major in Business Administration and English, she then went on to Purdue, where she pursued a Masters in English Literature and a PhD in Renaissance Literature, her current field of research and teaching. "I started out as an undergraduate with a very practical business major, [but] I realized that I did not want to spend my life working for a corporation when I could spend it reading, studying, and teaching." While teaching was not Dr. Artiles' original career aspiration, she found that her student teaching gave her a sense of excitement and fulfillment. "No two days and no two classes are ever alike," she claims. "Apart from that, I get to spend my days discussing some of the best works of literature ever written." When she's not busy giving lectures to eager students, Dr. Artiles works on her research, which spans everything from Spenser's *The Faerie Queen* to Jane Austen. She also enjoys the culinary arts, biking, and hiking out of doors.

Dr. Artiles has some words of wisdom for students of English: "During the semester, we often get caught up in all of our work, exams, and papers, forgetting why we are doing this in the first place. It is important to take time to read good books (however you define them) at your own pace – without the pressure of reading schedules, paper topics, and looming exams."

-- Erin Wooten

ENGLISH CLUB NEWS

The English Club will offer a "round table" discussion of graduate school in which Professors Carol Ann Davis, Alison Piepmeier, Erica Artiles, and Chris Warnick and writer Eliza McGraw (PhD, Vanderbilt) will offer their opinions and take your questions about graduate school. If you have any interest in pursuing a graduate education in English (or another field), don't miss this opportunity to get "eye-witness" accounts and solid advice from our esteemed panel. **Thursday, Nov. 16 @ 5:30PM in MYBK 302.**

Thanks to everyone who has made all the club's events so far such a success! In September we hosted a bake sale and gave out buttons for Banned Book Week. For Halloween we hosted a reading of scary stories in the Cistern. Dr. Scott Peebles spooked everyone with a chilling reading of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart" and English Club President Daniel Powell read "Goblin Market" by Christina Rossetti.

The English Club meets two Thursdays a month, and new members are always welcome. Email Dr. Duvall, our faculty advisor, at duvalljm@cofc.edu to find out when our next meeting is taking place and what fun events are coming up next!

GSH Editorial Staff

Erin Walsh	Daniel Powell
Hillary Beasley	Erin Wooten
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Mike Duvall	

NEW PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT: DR. CHRIS WARNICK

This semester, the English faculty at the College of Charleston is brightened by the eclectic presence of Assistant Professor Chris Warnick. Dr. Warnick has a Bachelor's Degree in English from Ohio State along with a Masters and PhD in English from the University of Pittsburgh. At the University of Pittsburgh Dr. Warnick taught various composition classes for seven years ranging from beginning to professional. He also taught introductory literature classes and an Introduction to the English language course. Here at the College, Dr. Warnick is teaching English 101 and 305 in the fall, and in the spring he will teach English 102 and 305. He also hopes to teach a special topics course on the history and theory of the essay.

When he's not enlightening the eager minds of tomorrow, the native Midwesterner enjoys spending time at the beach and enjoys all genres of music, including the banjo, which he's now trying to teach himself (an effort which he jokingly calls "futile"). In between English and banjo lessons, Dr. Warnick takes time to watch some of Bruce Campbell's campy horror flicks. If you were to hear Dr. Warnick when he's on his soapbox, he'd be likely to talk about the unexplored and undermined importance of college student writing. Dr. Warnick encourages his students to see beyond conventions in essay writing and to embrace the essay as more than an academic endeavor. Dr. Warnick also strongly advises his students against getting a tattoo of their band's name before the name is final.

-- Hillary Beasley

Check out the new English Special Topics Courses!

Spring 2007

ENGL 350.001 - The War Literature of Hemingway, Vonnegut and O'Brien

ENGL 395.001 - 20th-Century American Women Writers

ENGL 395.002 - Late 19th-Century American Literature

Maymester 2007

ENGL 395 - The Art of the Review

Travel Courses in Italy

ENGL 360 - Humanism & the Italian Renaissance

ENGL 370 - Continuities in English and Italian Traditions

Summer 2007

Travel Courses in England

ENGL 360 & 370 - Material Place, Textual Space in Premodern and Postmodern England

WHAT IS SIGMA TAU DELTA?

Sigma Tau Delta is an international English honor society which was founded in 1924. Today, over 625 chapters exist around the world. The society is designed "to confer distinction on undergraduate students, graduate students, scholars, and professional writers who have excelled in the study or creation of literature." Sigma Tau also participates in outreach projects with the goal of promoting a love of literature and language on campus and in surrounding communities.

The Alpha Epsilon Phi chapter of Sigma Tau Delta was established at the College of Charleston in 1996. Outstanding English students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and at least four 300-level English courses are invited to join and participate. Besides the honor of being a member of this esteemed organization, students benefit from a number of other opportunities, including academic and study abroad scholarships, writing prizes, conference participation, publication in the society's journals, leadership positions, and alumni connections.

Sigma Tau Delta is happy to recognize its new officers for 2006-07: Trishna Sumal (President), Michael Cooper (Vice-President), and Stacy Boyette (Secretary).

For more information, please contact the chapter's faculty advisor, Dr. Catherine Thomas (ThomasC@cofc.edu).

To find out what some of our professors have been up to, see *English Department News*, available online at <http://www.cofc.edu/~english/news/english_news_fall2006.pdf>