



# Anthos



## Expand Your Horizons!

**Study Abroad programs give students a great way to see the world and learn about new cultures. The benefits will last a lifetime.**

Our department is fortunate to have a number of dedicated faculty hosting students on study abroad programs this summer and offering courses in literature, art, language, and cultural studies. Study abroad is an invaluable experience in a student's education. Foreign language students are able to achieve a level of fluency unattainable in the traditional classroom. Bilingualism translates to a **5-20% increase** in pay in a growing number of professions!! Not only do students increase their marketability in the workforce and for graduate programs by studying abroad, but they also develop personally in countless ways. They increase their understanding of other cultures and thus develop interpersonal skills and form lifelong friendships across the globe. Perhaps most importantly, by stepping outside their comfort zone and into new domains, students discover their own inner strength, resilience, and adaptability, which will serve them in every aspect of life.

### Faculty-Led Trips: Summer 2019



France: Contact **Dr. Kölzow**

Spain: Contact **Dr. Gómez Sobrino** or **Dr. Fehskens**

Japan: Contact Prof. **Tezuka-Arnold**

## From the Chair

I am honored to be Chair of such an exciting group of people! **The Department of Literature and Language** resembles a complex and rich novel. It includes layers and textures through the study of English and world writing, language and literature and the study of gender and sexuality. But more importantly, it is the people that breathe life into our novel unit. Our department is peopled by passionate students and dedicated instructors. The aim of this newsletter is to highlight the accomplishments of our students, our alumni, and our instructors. To feature all their accomplishments is impossible. This newsletter would turn into a novel! By selecting a few, we provide a sample of the diversity and excellence of those that make up Literature and Language.

—**Dr. Katherine Weiss**

We invite you to contact us should you need further information about the ETSU Department of Literature and Language.

For general questions about the Department of Literature and Language, you may contact our main office by phoning 423-439-4339 or by **sending us an e-mail.**

# English

ETSU's ninth annual **Southern Appalachian Student Conference on Literature** (SASCOL) was held recently, on the rolling hills of King University's campus. The conference presented an astounding 41 undergraduate and graduate student papers from 5 separate institutions. With panels ranging from Classical and Renaissance Literature to Modern and Contemporary Irish Drama, there was something for everyone to ponder and enjoy. Keynote speaker, Dr. Emily Dotson, presented her research on "Victorian Daughters and Domestic Care Labor" to a full crowd of presenters and guests. To top off the day, ETSU graduate student, Scottie Garber, and undergraduate student, Emily Price, took home the Achievement in Essay awards.

The fourth annual **Creative Writing Festival** was held in the Reece Museum in early April and featured spirited workshops and lectures by fiction writer Monic Ductan, poet Jonathan Johnson, and Tom Chiarella as well as the keynote Jack Higgs reader Silas House. Readings and interviews from ETSU professor Isabel Gómez Sobrino and ETSU English B.A. graduate Abby Lewis were also a highlight of this year's festival as well as the presentation of the 2019 *Mockingbird*, ETSU's creative writing journal, by *Mockingbird* editor Matthew Gilbert.

## Walking the Hills: The Literature of the Appalachian Trail



**Dr. Scott Honeycutt** will teach ENGL 4956 in the Pre-Summer term beginning in May (5/18-6/5), Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-3:30. The course will include readings about The Appalachian Trail and hikes along the actual trail. The literature has served to inspire people to attempt this modern day pilgrimage, and it has become

a hardy sub-genre in American literature. This course will study several texts about the Appalachian Trail: *Walking with Spring* (Shaffer), *A Walk in the Woods* (Bryson), *The Appalachian Trail Reader* (Emblidge), and *Grandma Gatewood's Walk* (Montgomery).

**Dr. Ashley Rattner**, Post-Doctoral Assistant, has been awarded the 2019-2020 **short-term research fellowship** at the Winterthur Museum, Garden, & Library in Delaware.



*Congratulations Ashley!*

Need a class for the Summer of Fall? check ***The Clarion!***

**Dr. Phyllis Thompson** gave the keynote address this year at the South Central Eighteenth-Century Studies Association conference in Dallas, TX. Her talk was titled "Scribbled Recipes, Tattered Pages, and Absent Affections: Bearing Witness and the Stuff of Archives."

Hats off to **Dr. Alan Holmes**, Professor of English and Associate Dean for Curriculum and Interdisciplinary Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences!! Dr. Holmes completed a second B.A. in Women's Studies and a minor in Appalachian Studies in December 2018.



## Arthurian Literature



This fall, **Dr. Thomas Crofts** will teach Arthurian Literature, ENGL 4957/5957, which will include readings in translation of French, German, Spanish and Italian texts as well as Latin and Greek ones.

*Anthos* is Greek for bloom, blossom, flower, peak, or brilliance. This issue of the Department of Literature and Language newsletter seeks to highlight the many ways our students, faculty, and alumni are flourishing.

# Film Studies & More

The Department of Literature and Language welcomed **Dr. Chelsea Wessels** and **Dr. Matt Holtmeier** as Assistant Professors of English and co-directors of the **Film Studies Minor** in fall 2019. They have been hard at work this year developing and strengthening this popular program by offering new courses, upgrading screening facilities, and holding events on campus.

In April 2019, they hosted award-winning filmmakers Mila Zuo from Oregon State University and William Brown from Roehampton University in London for a screening of *The Benefit of Doubt* and *Carnal Orient*. Dr. Holtmeier's book, *Contemporary Political Cinema*, also came out in January 2019.

They are currently developing new opportunities that will build film culture in East Tennessee, such as screenings of Appalachian silent cinema with live Old-Time/Bluegrass accompaniment and collaborating with local filmmakers to develop a film festival in Johnson City. Drs. Holtmeier and Wessels look forward to meeting more film students and alumni as they continue to settle in at ETSU.

## Katlyn Powell Wins Grand Prize



Japanese minor Katlyn Powell won the grand prize at the annual Tennessee Area Japanese Speech Contest hosted at MTSU on Saturday April 6! The grand prize included \$600 and a round-trip ticket to Japan, which will be of great assistance to Katlyn, who is enrolled in the study abroad program to Japan this summer with Japanese lecturer Junko Tezuka. Katlyn's win is particularly remarkable given that she has not yet traveled to Japan, and yet she was

competing against students who have lived in Japan for a year.

*Congratulations, Katlyn!!!*

*Anthos* is published twice yearly and includes news about **The Department of Literature and Language** at **East Tennessee State University**. The editorial team includes Dr. Katrina Heil, Dr. Josh Reid, and Dr. Michael Briggs.

## Sprachbad: A German Immersion Weekend

Dr. Ted Thomas from Milligan College organized Sprachbad 2019 as a German language immersion weekend. Five students from ETSU attended, including Marianne Perkins, Haley Bradshaw, Allison Robbins, Garrett Jones, and Gabe Anderson. Despite the rainy weather, the students enjoyed hiking, German food, and practicing their German.



## Alumni News

ETSU soccer player and **Spanish alum Lucy Goffe** has combined her two passions in life, soccer and Spanish, into a rewarding career! Lucy is now working as a translator for the Valencia Real Soccer Club in Valencia, Spain.



*Felicidades, Lucy!*

# Women's Studies



ROAD TRIP TO APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY TO HEAR DR HILARY MALATINO GIVE GUEST LECTURE ON THEIR NEW BOOK, [QUEER EMBODIMENT](#).

## SexEdWorks

Jessie Birkeland, a student in Dr. Phyllis Thompson's WMST 3410: Gender and Violence class and WMST minor, is doing her semester action-research project on Healthy Relationships. She will be giving a workshop at the Main Street Theatre that is free and open to the public. To be qualified to do this workshop, she has received TIC training in her WMST 3410 class and Healthy Relationships training with RISE.



ETSU WOMEN'S STUDIES DROVE IN A 15 PASSENGER VAN TO OLE MISS TO THE SOUTHEASTERN WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE. ALL GAVE PRESENTATIONS ON THEIR RESEARCH. TWO OF OUR STUDENTS WON SEWSA TRAVEL GRANTS.

## April is Sexual Assault Awareness month

Infographics related to confidential and non-confidential resources available on the campus of ETSU in response to Sexual Assault are being displayed in dorms and classroom buildings this month. The infographics are framed and will be on permanent display as part of the work produced by a \$10,000 Avon Foundation Grant that the Women's Studies Program received.



You can also learn more about Sexual Assault Awareness month at [RAINN](#).



SPRING OPEN HOUSE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! WMST PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS WERE THERE TO TALK WITH MANY POTENTIAL ETSU STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES/PARENTS/GUARDIANS.