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Professors Christensen and Turchi receive grant for Shakespeare Initiative

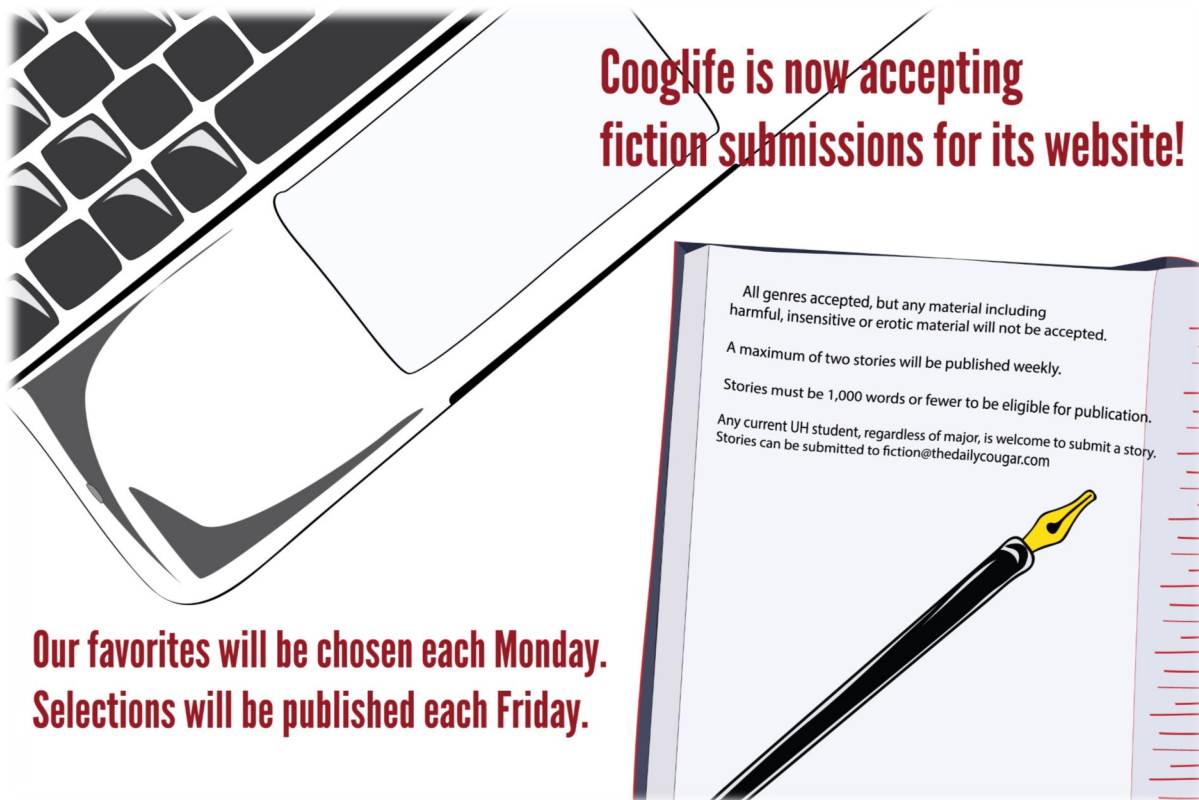
Last year, English faculty member Ann Christensen and Laura Turchi (College of Education) were awarded a small grant from the Division of Research to launch the Teaching Shakespeare in Houston (TSH) initiative, a collaboration across literature, theater, and pedagogy to enhance secondary school teaching of Shakespeare's plays and to engage the local community in the power and pleasure of relevant drama.

Funding from the grant supported three events to enhance area teachers' classroom practices and further investigators' research in Shakespeare and pedagogy: *Julius Caesar* Actor and Director Talk-back, Screening of *Romeo is Bleeding*, and an Weekend Intensive Workshop for teachers with a focus on themes of strangers and exiles.





Word On the Yard



Visit www.cooglife.com for more information!

The University of Houston is dedicated to helping any affected students during this period of recovery and assisting them in continuing their education. If you have any questions or need assistance, please visit the [Hurricane Harvey Relief](#) page for a full list of resources.

We are aware that many of our students and their families have been dramatically impacted by Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent flooding. If you are one of these students, the University has combined two processes to maximize how we can assist you financially. All affected students can request monetary assistance through the Cougar Emergency Fund and/or submit a Financial Reconsideration Appeal to potentially increase their aid with just one application. This will enable the University to connect affected students with every type of fund available. To connect with more information and the application, [click here](#).





Spring 2018 Creative Writing Portfolio Submission

MARCH 21, 2018 BY 5:00 P.M.
TO ROOM 229 ROY CULLEN BUILDING IN
THE CREATIVE WRITING OFFICE.



Spring 2018 Creative Writing Portfolios are due March 21st by 5pm.

When submitting the Portfolio, please include your *email address* on the cover page, so the Creative Writing Faculty can notify you promptly when the decisions have been made. You should also list all 3000 and 4000 level English courses that you have completed or in which you are currently enrolled, as this will be important information for the Faculty evaluators.

Before you can take 4000 level Creative Writing courses, you must submit and be admitted to the Creative Writing Concentration by portfolio. To be eligible to submit a portfolio, a student must have completed at least one 3000-level creative writing course (ENGL 3329- Intro to Creative Writing Fiction and Poetry) and be currently enrolled in or have completed a second 3000-level creative writing course (ENGL 3330 Intro to Fiction, ENGL 3331 Intro to Poetry or ENGL 3332 Intro to Non-Fiction). **If you are in your second 3000- level Creative Writing course, portfolios should have been submitted for the upcoming fall semester.**

All portfolios are to be submitted to the Creative Writing Office (R. Cullen 229).

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mr. Ashley or Ms. Cooks for clarification. Students who submitted a portfolio should expect to receive an email with the admission decisions from the Creative Writing Department.



Announcing Inaugural Faculty Advising Day!

Please plan to attend the faculty advising day event being held on Wednesday, April 4th from 12-2:00pm on the second floor of Roy Cullen. The English advisors and director of upper division studies will have a table set up in the hallway outside the main English office with fall 2018 course descriptions as well as information about research/award opportunities.

For these two hours, many of the English department faculty will be in their offices with open doors, available to talk with you about their fall courses, your research/writing interests, professional topics such as graduate school applications or jobs searches, etc.

Plan to attend! You'll get early access to fall course descriptions before your official advising appointment and the opportunity to talk with various English professors.



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4TH**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY
THE UH DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

**FACULTY
ADVISING
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12-2 PM ROY G. CULLEN BUILDING RM 205



Advisors Corner

Spring Advising Updates

Before and After you see an Advisor Form: This semester, advisors are pushing for students to become more interactive with the degree requirements and planning. Thus, this new form will be sent out through the Listserv and all English majors will have to use this form prior to their advising appointment and have it ready for the advisors to review.

Walk-in Advising Hours: Advisors will be available for walk-in every Wednesday from February 14th—May 9th from 9:30-12pm and 1:30-4pm . Walk-in appointments are for quick matters and emergencies only, and will be kept to 15 minutes. Please do not come in without an appointment and expect to register for classes or conduct a long term planning session. Students will meet with whichever advisor is available during the designated time. During the summer (and during any break when school is not in session) advisors will post their appointments or walk-in hours to the English majors' Listserv or the department's social media accounts.

General Advising Appointments: All English advising appointments are made via students' MyUH Self Service accounts. Advisors schedule 30-minute appointments outside of the posted walk-in schedule and are typically between the hours of 9 am to noon and from 1:30-4pm. You may specify an advisor or request to meet with the first person available. Advising appointments are added to the system every Friday afternoon for the following week. If you miss more than two appointments, you may need to wait longer for a third appointment .

Summer/ Fall 2018 Course Descriptions : Courses go live on the UH website March 20, 2018. Check website for updated information.

Senior and CLASS GPA Holds : Holds are now in effect to impact enrollment activity for Summer/ Fall 2018 registration.

Seniors: Anyone with 90+ credit hours is considered a senior at the University of Houston and is subject to the Senior Advising Hold which is placed around the second month of each Fall/Spring semester . This hold will prevent seniors from enrolling in any courses until they meet with their major advisors.

GPA: Students with a GPA below 2.00 will have to schedule an appointment with their advisor before enrolling in courses.

Special Accommodations: If you require special accommodations, please email your advisor directly for assistance.

Quick Tips:

Like us on Facebook at [UHEnglishMajors](#)

Follow us on Twitter [@uhenglishdept](#)

Continue to visit the English department's 'Lit Up' monthly newsletter for updates and upcoming events!

Graduation Corner

Spring 2018 Graduates

What do I do if I'm graduating Spring 2018 (completing ALL degree requirements May 2018)?

Prepare now! Review all commencement information at www.uh.edu/class/students/Commencement
For CLASS students expected to complete a degree May 2018, your commencement ceremony will take place
Thursday, May 10, 2018, 9 a.m. at [NRG Stadium](#)



Friday, February 23, 2018	Apply to graduate via myUH no later than Friday, February 23, 2018 (deadline to ensure your name is included in the program for the ceremony)
Tuesday, February 20, 2018	Attend CLASS Career Fair Tuesday, February 20, 2018 1-4 pm Student Center, Houston Room and Ballroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ RSVP: http://www.uh.edu/cougarparkway/ ✓ Employer List: http://www.uh.edu/ucs/students/events/ ✓ Dress Code: Business Professional
Tue. Feb. 20–Thur. Feb. 22	Attend the UH Grad Fair February 20th - February 22nd from 10 am- 4pm at the UH Bookstore (Lower Level) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Time to order caps, gowns, announcements, diploma frames, rings, Grad Images, UH Spirit Cords ✓ Raffle prizes: (1st place) 10 karat ring, (2nd place) Diploma frame, (3rd & 4th place) cap, gown and tassel
Thursday, May 3, 2018	(Mandatory) Pick up Stage Card - There is no rehearsal for Commencement, but each graduate is required to pick up their 'stage card' in advance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Agnes Arnold Hall, Second Floor Concourse ✓ Anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 10, 2018	Arrive at Graduate Line-up Area located inside NRG Stadium 7:30 a.m.

Don't miss this one!



Graduation Corner

Summer/Fall 2018 Graduates

What do I do if I'm graduating **Summer 2018** (completing ALL degree requirements Aug. 2018)?

Prepare now! Review all commencement information at www.uh.edu/class/students/Commencement
For CLASS students expected to complete a degree August 2018, your commencement ceremony will take place
Thursday, May 10, 2018, 9 a.m. at [NRG Stadium](#)
Summer candidates participate in Spring 2018 Commencement with no permission or petitions required.



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Fri, April 6–Fri April 13, 2018	Apply to graduate via myUH (April 6–April 13, 2018). Summer candidates who apply to graduate April 6–April 13, 2018 will have their names included in the spring program. Unfortunately, printing deadlines will not allow time for the printing of names of summer applicants applying <i>after April 13, 2018</i> .
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What if I'm graduating **December 2018** (completing ALL degree requirements December 2018)?

CLASS students expected to complete a degree December 2018 will participate in the fall-winter CLASS Commencement ceremony (end of semester, December 2018). Fall-winter ceremony information will be released approximately September 2018.

Fri, April 6– Fri Sept 28, 2018	Apply to graduate via myUH. Fall candidates who apply to graduate April 6–Sept 28, 2018 will have their names included in the fall-winter program. Unfortunately, printing deadlines will not allow time for the printing of names of fall-winter applicants applying <i>after Sept 28, 2018</i> .
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Enrollment Appointments and Open Enrollment for Summer and Fall 2018		
Student Classification	Enrollment by Appointment Begins	Open Enrollment Begins
Priority Registration	Friday, April 6	Saturday, April 7
Graduate/Optomerty/Pharmacy	Saturday, April 7	Sunday, April 8
Law (first cohort)*	Monday, April 9	Thursday, April 12
Law (second cohort)*	Tuesday, April 10	Thursday, April 12
Law (third cohort)*	Wednesday, April 11	Thursday, April 12
Senior/Post-Baccalaureate	Monday, April 9	Friday, April 13
Junior	Tuesday, April 10	Friday, April 13
Sophomore	Wednesday, April 11	Friday, April 13
Freshman	Thursday, April 12	Friday, April 13

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Before You Meet With an Advisor

UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON
COLLEGE of LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES
Department of English

Before You Meet With an Advisor

Name: _____ Major: _____ PPLSFT ID # _____
Semester Advised: Fall: _____ Spring: _____ Summer: _____

Complete these steps and bring this form with you to your Advising Session

1. Log into your **MyUH** account and check if there are any **Holds** or important messages. Take steps to clear any holds that will prevent registration unless they are specific to an advisor releasing the hold.
2. Review your degree requirements by downloading the **Degree Progress Report** and see how many classes you have left.
3. Click on **Search the Class Schedule** to access the current course listing and put together a preliminary schedule based on your schedule planner list.
 - a. Use the **Additional Search Criteria** option to narrow your selection, for example:
 - i. **Session** – Term of study during which courses are offered
 - ii. **Attribute Type** – Location, meeting days and time, instructor, class number, and instruction method.
4. Students may register online if they have been previously advised or are currently enrolled and are in good academic standing with the university.
 - a. To find instructions on how to register online, login to MyUH, click on the Student Services/ Resources tab and then the “How to Register Online” video.
 - b. Students may use any computer on campus or at home to register.
 - c. Record all course-related information in the appropriate columns below.

Class # (Needed for Online Registration)	Subj (Subject)	Crse (Course #)	Sec (Section)	Attributes (Instruction Method or Campus)	Day(s)	Time
Example: 20327	ENGL	1301	01	H=Hybrid M=Main Campus S=Sagefield O=Online	TR (Tues. & Thurs.)	8:30-10 a.m.

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Events and Important Dates

**Summer/ Fall 2018 Course Listing Available
(View Only)**

March 20, 2018

Spring 2018 Creative Writing Portfolio Submission Deadline

March 21, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Roy G. Cullen Building, Room 229

Late Spring graduation application deadline

March 23, 2018

Last day to drop with a “W”

April 3, 2018

Summer/ Fall 2018 English Course Descriptions Available

April 4, 2018

Faculty Advising Day

April 4, 2018

12-2 pm

Official Close of the Semester

May 10, 2018 (Commencement)

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