Welcome back, Aggies!

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Introducing the new English Department professors!

**Erin N. Bistline**: completed her PhD at Texas Tech University and her MA at the University of Toledo. She has taught developmental English, composition, and literature courses at institutions in Ohio and Texas. Her research is in 19th Century British and American literature, book history, and literature of social justice and the environment, and she is currently working as a co-editor on a collection about games in nineteenth century literature and culture.

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**Spring Break In LONDON**

Exploring:
- Globe Theatre
- Tower of London
- Hampton Court Palace
- All Shakespeare sites!

**March 8-18, 2018**
**Dr. Nada Perry**
**ENGL 412: Shakespeare**
(ENGLISH MAJORS ONLY)

Infomationals: Thurs. Sept. 28th & Fri. Sept. 29th
LAAH 357 10:30am 3:00pm

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All English majors can be teachers but not all teachers are English majors. It’s often a misconception that all English majors are born to be teachers, but people don’t know that an English or Creative Writing degree can get them so much further than that. Don’t let the naysayers discourage you! Writing is a creative field, and because of this, it will open so many doors for you.

**Public Relations and Marketing**
Who says business and writing isn’t an iconic peanut butter and jelly duo. The Public Relations writer is primarily a writer of content effective for promotion, which includes technical writing work. They prepare exclusive matter for the company websites (email campaigns, articles, press releases, mailers, and banners) to help them boost their rankings and avoid infringement of copyright or plagiarism issues.

**Advertising**
Do you want to put your creative catchphrases to good use? Advertising is one field that employs English majors. Selling is a form of persuasion and values the skillful use of the language. This often means working as a website developer, social media manager, or corporate/content blogger. Companies are always on the lookout for people who possess good verbal and communication skills.

**Journalism**
Journalism takes many characters and many of which include communication skills. Most positions are freelance and a full-time job may take a little more effort to score. Always keep in mind that internships are important!

- **Magazine Journalist:** If you love doing interviews, research and creative writing, then this is the job for you. Your job will consist of generating new ideas for features and future stories that would interest the magazine readers, interview sources, attend relevant events, meeting and communicating a teamwork experience with designers, photographers, etc.
- **Newspaper Journalist:** These news professionals conduct research, gather information, and write news pieces about various topics, such as world events, crime, politics, etc. If you’re not assigned a daily project by your news editor, you will most likely have the freedom to pitch in your own stories! Move over Bridget Jones!
- **Reporter:** Broadcasting! News reporters and correspondents gather news and information to keep the public informed about worldwide important events. But conducting interviews is not the only work they do. Their job also requires reporting and editing. A large portion of their day is spent investigating current events before turning it into a story. Who knows, maybe the 8 o’clock news will be your big break!
And as imagination bodies forth
The forms of things unknown, the poet’s pen
Turns them to shapes and gives to airy nothing
A local habitation and a name. - William Shakespeare

Bookselling and Publishing
Maybe you are the next Kelsey Peters in the publishing industry! If you love to read and write books, why not work with people who publish them? There are a variety of positions available, such as editing, proof-reading, and marketing.

Writer
Becoming a professional writer does not only mean producing a best-selling novel. You have many job titles you can aim for, such as becoming a poet, travel writer, blogger, a screenwriter for the next Hollywood hit movie, produce scripts for the new Holzman play, or a speech writer and writing the next inauguration speech for our next president.

Teaching
But wait, isn’t teaching what we are trying to avoid here? Partly, yes. Although becoming a teacher is your stereotypical profession, that does not necessarily mean you have to become your hometown mighty mascot all over again. Becoming a scholarly instructor sometimes means teaching English as a foreign language. Just think about it, English is the one of the most powerful languages in the world and people are seeking to learn it. Whether it be working with children or college students, you become a valuable asset for their educational system. Plus you get to travel.

Let me tell you a little secret, even if none of these jobs are right for you, you can still use your English degree to do almost anything you want! The world is your oyster, take your pick, but always remember to love what you do.
Welcome to the Team!

Jacob McKeever - Academic Advisor
New to Aggieland, Jacob has a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and a Master’s degree in English from the University of Texas-Arlington. All the way from the Dallas area, McKeever brings to College Station his love for utopian and dystopian fiction. As *The Giver*, written by Lois Lowry, is his favorite book, he tells us he spent a whole summer on an archeological dig in Central America that completely changed his perspective on life! His advice to students: “In terms of your academic career, it’s better to do it right than to do it fast [and always have a backup plan]. Don’t be afraid to reach a bit and try things that may seem a little unrealistic on the surface...give yourself a chance.”

Sarah Coppedge - Administrative Associate
This Sugarland, Texas native has graduated Texas A&M University twice! With a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, this English Aggie’s favorite book is Jane Austen’s own *Pride and Prejudice*. With a double copy in her hands, Coppedge tells us she loves being part of the Aggie family so much because she feels right at home. There aren’t any other people she would want to live life with than beside a passionate and positive community like the 12th man. Her advice to students: “Get involved. There really is no other university like this one and you should experience as much of it as possible...you will understand why people are so passionate about the Aggie family.”

Ashley Salas - Student Intern
Straight from the border, this chinchilla-owning-dog-loving person is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in English. But most importantly she is the loudest and proudest member of the Fightin’ Texas Aggie class of 2018. A-Whoop! Ashley believes in the magic of Aggieland and is happy enough to call this place her second home. When she’s not studying, she spends her time organizing creative photography shoots. Salas’ go-to book is Charlotte Bronte’s *Jane Eyre*, for the sole reason that Jane is her spirit animal. Her advice to students: “If there’s something i’ve learned during my last three years is that there’s time for everything. It’s okay not to have your life planned out right now, just make sure you’re doing something that will eventually help you reach your goal.”
Wishing you had more opportunities to use those excellent essays, creative fiction, and poetry that are languishing on your hard drive or in the back of your mind? Like “Texas A&M English Undergraduates” on Facebook and follow @TheEnglishAggie on Twitter to stay informed about contests, magazines, and journals to which you can submit your work. Email your work to EnglishAggieStories@gmail.com and you could end up published in The English Aggie!

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