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TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL
(SEPT. 29–NOV. 25, 2018)
The sights, sounds, tastes and beauty of the 16th Century come alive for eight magically-themed weekends. The festival features nearly 500 costumed performers on 17 stages; 400 shoppes including international food purveyors, unique artisans, merchants and craft vendors; human-powered rides; an abundance of strolling performers and the Royal Fireworks display at dusk. The festival is held Saturdays, Sundays and Thanksgiving Friday.

AGGIELAND HUMAN SOCIETY’S ANNUAL WIENER FEST (OCT. 14, 2018)
From Wiener Races to “Wanna Be” Wiener Races (for non-dachshund friends), a canine costume contest, vendors, a kids zone, live entertainment, a blessing of the pets, and much more - the Human Society will have a little something for everyone! This event takes place on October 14 at Wolf Pen Creek.

BRAZOS VALLEY FAIR & RODEO (OCT. 19–21, 2018)
The Brazos Valley Fair and Rodeo will offer a kids zone, live concerts, carnival attractions, livestock events, food and shop vendors, and so much more!
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FRIGHT NIGHTS IN DOWNTOWN BRYAN
Fright Nights are a haunted house at the Palace Theater in Downtown Bryan on October 20-21, October 27-28, and November 3. Admission is $10 per person. The haunted house is open from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. each day. Ticket sales start at 7 p.m.

“NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM” HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION (OCT. 28, 2018)
The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and Bryan Broadcasting present the annual “Night at the Museum” Halloween Celebration sponsored by Atkinson Toyota. The event will take place at the Bush Library and Museum on Sunday, October 28, from 3–6 p.m. Activities include trick-or-treating through the museum, carnival games, refreshments, bounce houses, face painting, a holiday photo op and a costume contest.

TRICK OR TREAT AT WEREWOLF CREEK (OCT. 31, 2018)
The City of College Station is excited to celebrate Trick or Treat at Werewolf Creek on Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 5-9 p.m. at Wolf Pen Creek Park, located at 1015 Colgate Drive. This event will feature a free trick-or-treating environment that will excite all ages! Dozens of candy booths will be providing free treats throughout the festival site, which will also feature carnival games, live entertainment, petting zoo, joy jumps, costume contest, pumpkin patch, hay maze, haunted trail, story time and much more!
THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW BY WASHINGTON IRVING
A story set in Sleepy Hollow, renowned for its ghosts and the haunting atmosphere, where Ichobod Crane competes against another man to win the heart of Katrina Van Tassel.

DRACULA BY BRAM STOKER
A vampire story that tells of Dracula's attempt to move from Transylvania to England so that he may find new blood and spread the undead curse.

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF EDGAR ALLAN POE
American writer, poet and critic Edgar Allan Poe is famous for his tales and poems of horror and mystery.

THE MONKEY'S PAW BY W.W. JACOBS
A supernatural short story about a mystical charm, a monkey's paw, that is brought into the home of the White family by Sergeant Major Morris, who has served in India.

FRANKENSTEIN BY MARY SHELLEY
A story about Victor Frankenstein, a young scientist who creates a grotesque, sapient creature in an unorthodox scientific experiment.

WAR OF THE WORLDS BY H.G. WELLS
A science-fiction story that details 12 days in which invaders from Mars attack the planet Earth.

THE STRANGE CASE OF DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE BY ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON
A mystery story about a London lawyer named Gabriel John Utterson who investigates strange occurrences between his old friend, Dr Henry Jekyll, and the evil Edward Hyde.

YOUNG GOODMAN BROWN BY NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE
A story about newly wed Goodman Brown, a religious and pious man, setting off on a journey into the forest where he meets a mysterious man.

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF H.P. LOVECRAFT
American writer H.P. Lovecraft is considered a master of fantastical horror stories. Take your pick!

MACBETH BY SHAKESPEARE
A play that follows a brave Scottish general named Macbeth after he receives a prophecy from a trio of witches.
When awful wails of ghost and spirte, and fearful sights infest the night, be afraid of the witch’s power, and don’t be seen in the midnight hour.

By Carina Licon
Where did you go to college? Why?
Washington and Lee University, a small liberal arts college in southwest Virginia. I attended because they gave me a full scholarship. As the first person in my family to go to college, the money aspect played a big role. Thank goodness it was also a great university!

What is your field of expertise?
Latina/o/x literature and literature of the African diaspora. Generally, my research looks at the role of race, gender, and ethnicity in literature and popular culture. I hope to focus some of my future research on the relationship between gaming and literature.

What other academic subjects interest you?
I really love politics and think that basically everything in life is connected to politics. I also majored in Sociology and minored in Women's Studies in undergrad, so I continue to be interested in those subjects.

How do you define good teaching?
Good teaching recognizes that students come to your classroom with lots of knowledge and life experiences. I think good teachers engage students by valuing that knowledge and experience and helping students connect it with their reading. Good teaching also makes student question the things they take for granted and recognize the power that they have to change the ideas they hold that hold them and others back from living a meaningful life.

What are some of your hobbies?
Video games (I own many old consoles and retro video games plus new ones like the Switch and PS4). I love basketball, running, board games, and reading books for fun.

What is your favorite book?
If you love reading, I’m not sure you ever have a favorite book. The one that I have gone back to dozens of times since my mom first gave it to me in 3rd grade is The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. It has something to say at each stage of life.

Are you a fan of original books or movie adaptations? Any exceptions?
Movie adaptations almost always disappoint. I only like movie adaptations when I’ve never read the book/comic they’re based on. I think my only specific exception is A Wrinkle in Time. I liked the movie more than the book.
Dr. Regina Mills and Dr. Marcela Fuentes are both new faculty members of the Department of English.

Dr. Marcela Fuentes
Assistant Professor

Where did you go to college? Why?
I’ve picked up a few degrees on my way to becoming a professor, but I’m most proud of getting an M.F.A. (Master of Fine Arts) at the University of Iowa’s Iowa Writers’ Workshop. I was very excited to be admitted to that program, and I attended because of its reputation in the field.

What is your field of expertise?
Creative Writing, especially fiction.

What other academic subjects interest you?
Latinx studies, Native American literature, and genre (horror, sci-fi). I enjoy cultural history, but I also enjoy world-building and speculative fiction.

What advice would you offer a student?
Persevere and plan ahead. Try not to procrastinate.

What are some of your hobbies?
I hang out with my dog at bookstores around town.

What is your favorite book?

Are you a fan of original books or movie adaptations? Any exceptions?
I like both adaptations and originals, depending on how good each is, because each is a distinct creation. The *Harry Potter* book series was so much better than the film series because so much had to be left out; however, the film *The Devil Wears Prada* was a thousand times more interesting than the original novel. The recent adaptation of *It*, changed the story significantly—changing the time periods from the 1950s to the 1980s, and to contemporary times. It is not a mirror image of the novel, nor should it be—and it’s a fantastic movie.
Share your story with us!

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