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Henry Barnard Distinguished Student Award

Mackenzie Hurlbert of Middlefield, CT is an English major and journalism minor with a 3.97 GPA. She is a student of the SCSU Honors College, member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, editor of Folio Art and Literary Magazine, managing editor of the Southern News, and president of the Society of Professional Journalists chapter on campus. Mackenzie has won numerous writing awards and has recently completed her thesis, a collection of feminist horror fiction. She is a resident advisor of Farnham Hall and was a tour guide for SCSU Admissions. Mackenzie also interned twice for the Development Department of the Columbus House in New Haven. This semester she is a teaching assistant in English 201 with Professor Dana Sonnenschein, and she has plans to pursue a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing.

News & Events

Opening of the newly renovated Hilton C. Buley Library - April 20, 2015

2015 SCSU Graduate English Colloquium - A day of research, inquiry, development, and celebration of professional English studies - April 18, 2015

What Can You Do With An English Major? SCSU alumna Tanya Kimball Genn and course instructor Kenna Barrett spoke about careers in the non-profit sector - Wednesday, March 25, 2015

Get Paid to Go Abroad: How to Win a Student Fulbright Fellowship - Brendan Walsh, Assistant Director of International Programs/Study Abroad - Wednesday, March 11, 2015


Dr. Alex Woloch (Stanford University), “Getting to Work: Irony and Socialism in George Orwell’s The Road to Wigan Pier” - Thursday, February 26, 2015

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Featured Alum

Tanya Kimball Genn is the Education and Youth Services Coordinator for Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) in New Haven, and graduated from SCSU in 2010 with a degree in English. Tanya visited campus on March 25th to talk to students about pursuing careers in non-profit organizations during the first installment of our new speaker series, “What Can You Do With an English Major?”

(Left to Right) Professor Bob McEachern, student Ryan Meyer, Tanya Kimball Genn, and fellow-speaker Kenna Barrett at the first “What Can You Do With an English Major?” presentation.

Interested in sharing your professional accomplishments? Write to englishinterns.scsu@gmail.com to find out more about speaking at a future series event or becoming a “Featured Alum” in our newsletter.

English Department Student Awards

We would like to congratulate the following students for their outstanding accomplishments in the categories of

ENG 307: Ms. Taylor Samatoski

Literary Studies: Ms. Charlotte Chamberlain

Professional Writing: Ms. Samantha Schwind

English Secondary Education: Ms. Christina Forgione

Creative Writing: Ms. Mackenzie Hurlbert

Chairperson’s Award for Outstanding English Major: Ms. Elisabeth English. Ms. English (pictured right) was also the recipient of a stipend granted by The Research and Scholarship Advisory Committee in support of independent undergraduate research.

Did You Know?

With current membership in the SCSU Alumni Association, you can enjoy borrowing privileges at Buley Library. New graduates are entitled to a free alumni card for one year.