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The SCSU English Department's Bi-Annual Newsletter

Spotlight On:

Ryan Coogan

The English Department had the honor of hosting an exchange student from Liverpool, England. Ryan Coogan, who came to work on his graduate thesis, is a Ph.D. English Literature student and graduate teaching assistant at Liverpool John Moores University.

On November 15, he gave a presentation on his current research titled, "The Toy / Become the Aesthetic Archetype: Mina Loy and the Material World," which explored the role of materiality in her work.

Coogan said that the resources available at SCSU and in the New Haven area have been a great help furthering his thesis. He has also been co-teaching ENG 366, Modern and Contemporary American Poetry with Professor Charles Baraw.

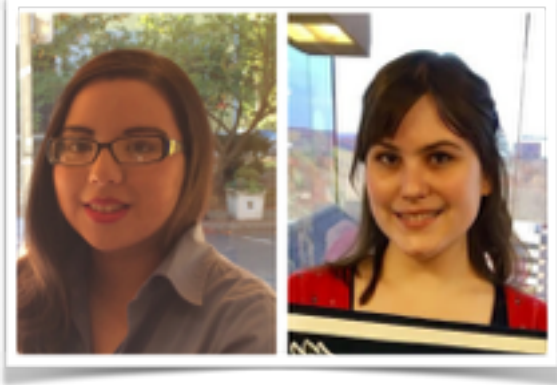


Susan Howe Visits SCSU

On Wednesday, November 30, renowned poet Susan Howe sat down with the English Department to discuss her years of work. The visit, hosted by Charles Baraw, was attended by approximately 35 people. "It's about the hunt," Howe stated, referring to her research, "and not the capture."

Semester Highlights

- JOBSs Information Session with Amy O'Shea - 10/10
- John Ashbery reading at Yale University - 10/13
- Bookmarks English Club's "Spooky" Cafe Bookmarks Event - 10/26
- Macbeth Screening & Discussion with Mike Shea - 10/26
- Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library Class Visits (Joel Dodson and Meredith Ringel-Ensley) 11/8 & 11/21
- English Department Focus Group - 11/28/2016



Alumni of the Month

This semester, the English department interns, Brady Brown and Ryan Meyer, launched a new social media project titled "Alumni of the Month." Every month over school semesters, the English department will reach out to an alum and ask them to tell us a bit about their post-grad careers.

Our first Alum of the Month for October was Stephanie Chang, who works as a Marketing Coordinator for Four Flours Baking Company in New Haven. "I am able to solve problems creatively and effectively," she said. "I am able to communicate my ideas to different individuals with confidence."

The November Alum of the Month was Alexandra Murray, who works as a Proposal Writer for CDW. She told us, "I began my job with a leg up on communication and analytical skills, as well as the confidence to effectively manage complex projects and timelines."

Read more on our social media pages!

Did You Know?

English Professor Tony Rosso is publishing his new book, *The Religion of Empire: Political Theology in Blake's Prophetic Symbolism* with Ohio State Press.

English Department Takes on 5K



The English Department won the team competition at the 1st Annual Bob Corda 5K at SCSU's campus on October 29, 2016. Participants, several of whom finished in the top 25, included Joel Dodson, Rachel Furey, Andrew Smyth, John Sonderegger, Scott Ellis, Natalie Pesino, Rachel Tyrrel, Ben Hostetter, Nicole Fluhr, Cindy Stretch, Molly Miller, Candace Barrington, and Mike Shea.

The annual race was named after a "faithful participant of the annual SCSU homecoming road race," according to RunSignUp.com. "Bob Corda was a member of the SCSU Community for over 30 years... and the Bob Corda Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2000."

