



Now the bright morning star, day's harbinger, Comes dancing from the east, and leads with her The flowery May, who from her green lap throws The yellow cowslip, and the pale primrose. Hail, bounteous May, that doth inspire Mirth, and youth, and warm desire; Woods and groves are of thy dressing, Hill and dale doth boast thy blessing, Thus we salute thee with our early song, And welcome thee, and wish thee long.

— John Milton (1608 – 1674)

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Faculty Profile: Patricia Corbett

As she points to the faded pink streaks in her hair, Adjunct Professor Patricia Corbett says she is “sort of the square peg that doesn’t fit in the round hole.” She came to New Paltz as an undergrad to study medieval history, went on to earn her master’s in English while working as a Teaching Assistant, and has been here ever since.

In high school, Corbett studied business (“They called it business, but it was secretarial school back then,” she says) because her mother told her to, and she studied art for herself. Corbett says she was the first female student to take mechanical drawing at Wallkill High School, but she had trouble with the math aspect of the class because of her dyslexia, a learning difficulty that was not recognized during that time. As an undergrad, Corbett continued to take several art classes and she still likes to work with pencil or chalk.

“I have a former student who does a lot of anime and we mess around with that once in a while just for fun,” she says.

Corbett is a mother of three, the youngest of whom is 29, but, in her home in Newburgh, she is still raising a household of babies. Baby chin-chillas that is, and she has a picture of a two-day-old ball of fur named Houdini with her. Her granddaughter is getting a small grey one named Copper for her birthday present, and she is expecting more newborns by the end of the month.

“I’ve got to start selling them” she says. “I

have so many.”

She also has a collection of birds: society finches, cockatiels, parakeets, zebra finches, and a blue and gold macaw.

“That’s a big one,” she says, gesturing the bird’s height with her hands. “Chicken was loose for two months before we put him back in his cage,” she says. Chicken is a zebra finch who escaped during feeding one day. “He was running all over the place. I don’t know how many people he drove crazy before we finally caught him.”

Corbett also has Temeraire, a min pin Boston terrier named named after a series of fantasy novels by Naomi Novik.

“He’s my shadow,” she says. “Literally, my shadow.”

In addition to raising small animals, Corbett crochets small teddy bears that she sells on eBay and afghan blankets for her family.

“Every relative who’s gotten married in the past 20 years got an afghan at the shower or the wedding,” she says.

Corbett is unapologetically eccentric and says of her abundant hobbies, “If there’s anything weird, I do it.”

This semester, Corbett is teaching a Composition ESL Supplementary Writing Workshop, but her favorite things to teach are Stephen King, fantasy, and horror. Since she is teaching only one class she says she reads “like a fiend,” and she advises her students to do the same.



Take Advantage of Summer Courses

Have you considered taking an English class this summer? Maybe you’re worried about graduating on time and need to pick up some extra credits, or maybe your favorite professor is teaching that class you wished you could have taken last semester. Whether you like to hike at Mohonk, visit Lake Minnewaska, ride your bike along the rail trail, or just indulge in the diverse cuisine of the Village, New Paltz is a great place to spend the summer months. So while you’re enjoying the sunny weather, why not fit in a writing workshop or a study in contemporary literature?

In order to accommodate summer schedules, the English Department offers courses in three summer sessions: Full Summer (May 23 – August 2), Summer Session I (May 23 – June 27), and Summer Session III (July 3 – August 7). Visit the English Department website at www.newpaltz.edu/English and check out the Summer 2012 Expanded Course Descriptions, located under the *Undergraduate Programs* and *Graduate Programs* tabs, to see if there are any English courses you’re interested in. Registration has already opened!

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Dear graduating seniors and graduate students:

I know I speak for my colleagues both within the English Department and across the campus in wishing you all the best as you leave the embrace of SUNY New Paltz and take your well-won knowledge and skills out into the wider world. Yours was a class whose academic year began in a strange turmoil as tropical storm Irene ripped through our campus and made the start of the fall semester almost unreal. However, I am sure it is a year that will end with excellent memories and excellent hopes for the future, whatever your own future holds. All the best for the last weeks of the semester and please stay in touch with us!

—Thomas G. Olsen, Chair of the English Department

Sigma Tau Delta 2012 Induction Ceremony



On April 15, 22 students of the English Department were inducted into the New Paltz chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society. Sigma Tau Delta was founded in 1924 and is recognized by the nationwide Association of College Honor Societies. The organization's purpose is to recognize outstanding students of language and literature at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels. Its members exhibit high standards of academic excellence and promote interest in literature and writing in their local communities. Jeremy Simms is the President of the Pi Tau Chapter in New Paltz and will be passing the title on to a new member after he graduates in May. This year's induction ceremony was made possible by the generous support of Major Connections and The Alumni and Friends of the English Department.

Congratulations to the following inductees:

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| Matthew Avnyin | Ilana Huerta-Strongin |
| Katherine Bartelt | Tiffany Kulak |
| Thomas Baschnagel | Tara Molloy |
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Briefly Noted

The Tomaselli Awards, the annual reading and award ceremony for excellence in the Creative Writing Program, will be held on Thursday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m. in JFT 1010. Congratulations to this year's winners!



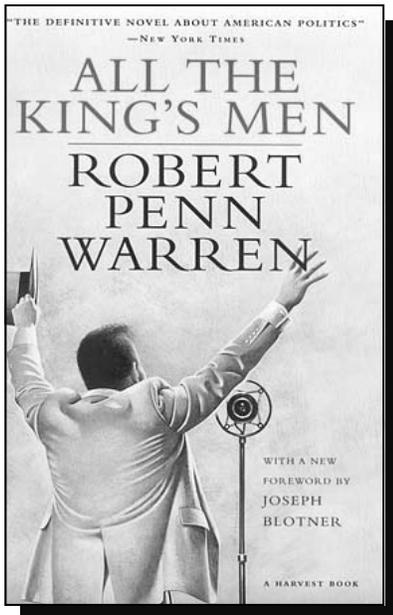
Are you looking for an internship this summer? Internship Coordinator Beth King from The Career Resource Center can help! Contact her at kingb@newpaltz.edu. Make sure you ask about internship scholarships and stipends that can offer financial support to students with unpaid or low-paying internships.

The Fugitive is accepting submissions of prose or poetry, traditional or experimental. E-mail to fugitivefugitive@yahoo.com with your name and the title in the subject header. For more information check them out at fugitiveweb.tumblr.com.



If you are a graduate student at New Paltz, keep an eye out for your GradCafé e-mail invitation and join the MA/MAT in English group! Grad Café is a new online social network, exclusive to SUNY New Paltz, that connects currently enrolled and newly matriculated graduate students, professors, and alumni.

"What I'm Reading":



This month's "What I'm Reading" column comes from Robert Kilcrease, a 2011 recipient of the Creative Writing Program's Tomaselli Awards in Creative Writing.

If you're taking American Literature II with Professor Stoneback, it may be at that point in the semester that you read *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren. You may be thinking, *Jeez, I got all this work to do, and now I have a six-hundred-something page book to read?* And you may be looking up SparkNotes in the hopes that you will still have time to write four or five eight-page essays by the end of the semester, which you may not start until the day before they are due. If you find yourself in such a predicament: stop. I'm re-reading that very book at this current moment, and must attest that it is indeed one of the finest pieces of literature I have ever read—save Shakespeare—and would suggest that you actually read it; consider this my appeal.

Footnotes

May 8: Last day of classes for Spring 2012
 May 9: Study Day/Make-up Class Day
 May 10: Common Exam Day
 May 11-17: Final Examinations
 May 18: Graduate Commencement Ceremony
 May 20: Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony

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