

SCHOOL of ARTS & LETTERS EVENTS | Spring 2020

JANUARY

Tuesday,
January 14

ESO Book Club: Stephen King's *Apt Pupil*

2:00 - 3:00pm

Writing Center, Macon Campus

Description: Sponsored by the English Studies Organization

Contact: [Dr. Shane Trayers](#)

Thursday,
January 23

ESO Trip to the Shakespeare Tavern: *Twelfth Night*

Departure Time: TBA

Description: Sponsored by the English Studies Organization; trip to the Shakespeare Tavern in Atlanta

Contact: [Dr. Shane Trayers](#)

Thursday,
January 23

College Town Film Series: *The Wizard of Oz*

7:00-10:00pm

[Douglass Theatre](#)

Description: in collaboration with Mercer University and Wesleyan College; film introduced by Dr. Patrick Brennan, Middle Georgia State University; discussion to follow.

Contact: [Dr. Patrick Brennan](#)

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Monday,
January 27

Diversity & Inclusion Art Exhibition

6:00 - 7:00pm

Peacock Gallery, Russell Hall, Cochran Campus

Description: Includes Gallery Talk/ Opening Reception. Exhibit will run January 27-February 28.

Contact: [Prof. Charlie Agnew](#)

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Wednesday,
January 29

Burns Night

2:00 - 3:00pm

Writing Center, Macon Campus

Description: Sponsored by the English Studies Organization in collaboration with International Studies: a celebration of the life and poetry of Robert Burns

Contact: [Dr. Shane Trayers](#)

Wednesday,
January 29

History and Political Science Current Events Discussion

5:30 - 6:30pm

Jones Building, Room 212, Macon Campus

Description: Dr. Niels Eichhorn and Dr. John Hall will lead discussion over current events

Contact: [Dr. Niels Eichhorn](#)

Thursday,
January 30

College Town Film Series: *Persepolis*

7:00 - 10:00pm

[Douglass Theatre](#)

Description: in collaboration with Mercer University and Wesleyan College; film introduced by Dr. Michele Prettyman, Mercer University; discussion to follow.

Contact: [Dr. Patrick Brennan](#)

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FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 4	Master Lectures and Conversations Series: Sarah Topol, Award-winning Investigative Journalist 6:00 - 7:30pm Arts Complex Theatre, Macon Campus Description: Ms. Topol has reported from the Middle East, Africa, and the former Soviet Union, and she has published in the <i>Atlantic</i> , <i>Businessweek</i> , <i>Esquire</i> , <i>Newsweek</i> , and <i>New York Magazine</i> , to name a few, and has appeared on BBC, CNN, and NPR. Sponsored by MGA's Department of Continuing Education, the University Honors Program, and the Department of Media, Culture, and the Arts. Contact: Dr. Kevin Cantwell, MGA Associate Provost View Flyer
Tuesday, February 4	ESO Basketball Fundraiser 5:00 - 6:00pm Location: Macon Campus, Basketball Court in the Recreation & Wellness Center Description: Sponsored by the English Studies Organization Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers
Wednesday February 5	Lecture on the Works of U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo, by Dr. Jon Fegley, Professor of English 2:00pm Writing Center (TEB 226), Macon Campus Contact: Dr. Sharon Colley
Wednesday, February 5	Dr. Martin Luther King Day Presentation/ Performance: "Are We Still Living the Dream?" 12:30 pm Macon Campus, Arts Complex Theatre <i>A skit by the Black Student Unification (BSU)</i>

	<p>STEP SHOW performance by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. View Flyer</p> <hr/> <p>Sponsored by the School of Arts & Letters Black History Committee, BSU, Model African Union and The Brothers of Leadership and Distinction.</p>
Thursday, February 6	<p>College Town Film Series: <i>Enlightenment Guaranteed</i> 7:00 - 10:00pm Douglass Theatre Description: in collaboration with Mercer University and Wesleyan College; film introduced by Dr. Nicholas Steneck, Wesleyan College; discussion to follow. Contact: Dr. Patrick Brennan View Flyer</p>
Tuesday, February 11	<p>ESO Book Club: Margaret Atwood's <i>The Heart Goes Last</i> 1:00 - 2:00pm Writing Center, Macon Campus Description: Sponsored by the English Studies Organization and Public Service Majors. Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers</p>
Wednesday, February 12	<p>Awareness Panel on Homelessness 1:00 - 2:00pm Writing Center, Macon Campus Description: Sponsored by the English Studies Organization and Public Service Majors Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers</p>
Friday, February 14	<p>A Walking Tour of Macon's Early Black Heritage, led by Dr. Matt Jennings 10:00am Location: Interested MGA students will meet on the Macon Campus and will be driven to downtown Macon (Contact Dr. Jennings for information). Contact: Dr. Matt Jennings View Flyer</p>
Tuesday, February 18	<p>"African American Women Activists in Latin America," a Lecture by Trino Prados, Associate Professor of Spanish 3:30 - 4:30pm Russell Hall Auditorium - Cochran Campus Description: this event is part of scheduled events during Black History Month Contact: Prof. Trino Prados View Flyer</p>
Tuesday, February 18	<p>History and Political Science Current Events Discussion 5:30 - 6:30pm Jones Building, Room 212, Macon Campus</p>

	<p>Description: Dr. Niels Eichhorn and Dr. John Hall will lead a discussion over current events Contact: Dr. Niels Eichhorn</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 19</p>	<p>Joy Harjo, 23rd Poet Laureate of the United States 11:00am - 12:00pm; book signing to follow Volleyball Gym - Macon Campus Description: MGA's School of Arts & Letters, along with the Ocmulgee Mounds Association, welcomes the distinguished Poet Laureate of the United States, Joy Harjo, for a presentation and reading. Book signing will follow. Ms. Harjo will also be hosted by Ocmulgee Mounds Association (Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park, Macon) for another reading at 5:30pm. Contact: Dr. Amy Berke Contact for Reading at Ocmulgee Mounds: Dr. Matt Jennings</p> <hr/> <p>Sponsored by the School of Arts & Letters with generous support from: Middle Georgia State University Foundation The Office of Experiential Learning Department of Continuing Education The Honors Program View Flyer</p>
<p>Monday, February 24</p>	<p>"Art Entrepreneurship and Community Building," a Lecture by James Reese of Reese Brothers Productions 11:00 - 12:30pm Arts Complex Theatre, Macon Campus For more information, please see Reese Brothers Productions</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 25</p>	<p>"The Leesburg Stockade: the Civil Rights Movement in Leesburg, Georgia:" A Lecture by Robertiena Fletcher 11:00 - 12:30pm Location: Macon Campus, Arts Complex Theater Description: this event is part of scheduled events during Black History Month Contact: Dr. Mary Mears View Flyer</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 25</p>	<p>Recital: Natalie Quesenberry, Flute 7:00 - 8:00pm Location: Music Rehearsal Hall (Arts 136), Macon Campus Contact: Dr. Robert McTyre</p>
<p>Wednesday & Thursday, February 26 - 27</p>	<p>One Act Plays: <i>Sure Thing</i> <i>Words, Words, Words</i> <i>The Philadelphia</i></p>

	<p><i>Variations on the Death of Trotsky</i> 7:30 - 9:00pm Russell Hall Theatre, Cochran Campus Description: Four one-act plays, each about fifteen minutes Contact: Dr. Stephen Wisker or Dr. Robert McTyre</p>
<p>Thursday, February 27</p>	<p>Daybreak Sleepout 6:00pm - overnight Location: Daybreak, 174 Walnut Street, Macon, Georgia Description: ESO is participating in this fundraiser for Daybreak, a center that provides resources for Macon's homeless residents. Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers View Flyer</p>
<p>Friday, February 28</p>	<p>Recital: Brandi Urban, Trombone 6:30 - 7:30pm Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall (Arts 136), Macon Campus Contact: Dr. Robert McTyre</p>

MARCH

<p>Monday, March 2</p>	<p>Faculty Art Exhibition 6:00 - 7:00pm Peacock Gallery, Russell Hall, Cochran Campus Description: Includes Gallery Talk/ Opening Reception Contact: Prof. Charlie Agnew</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 4</p>	<p>"What Can You Do with an English Major <i>besides</i> Teach?" Panel and Discussion 2:00pm Writing Center, Macon Campus Description: Panelists will discuss how an English degree prepares graduates for a variety of careers. Contact: Dr. Sharon Colley</p>
<p>March 4 - 6</p>	<p><i>DNA (Play)</i>, directed by Dr. Stephen Wisker 7:30 - 9:30pm Arts Complex Theatre, Macon Campus Contact: Dr. Stephen Wisker</p>
<p>March 5</p>	<p>Concert Reading on Women's Suffrage 7:00pm - 8:00pm Russell Auditorium, Cochran Campus Plays are <i>A Chat with Mrs. Chicky</i> by Evelyn Glover, and <i>The Maid and the Magistrate</i> by Graham Moffat; presented by the English Studies Organization Sponsored by the MGA 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration Committee Contact: Dr. Mary Christian</p>

March 11	Grammarpalooza 12:30-2:30 pm The Writing Center (TEB 226), Macon Campus Contact: Dr. Sharon Colley View Flyer
Tuesday, March 24	English Studies Organization Book Club: <i>The Eyre Affair</i> by Jasper Fforde 11:00am - 12:00pm Writing Center, Macon Campus Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers
Thursday, March 26	Panel on Suffragists and Race 11:00am - 12:00pm TEB 2nd Floor by Elevators, Macon Campus Panel Facilitator: Prof. Grace Adams-Square Dr. Daneell More, "Black Suffragists" Dr. Sheree' Keith, "The Role of Race/ Racism in the Suffrage Movement" Sponsored by the MGA 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration Committee Contact: Prof. Grace Adams-Square View Flyer
Friday, March 27	Knight Writers 2020 Cochran Campus, times and locations TBA Contact: Dr. Lorraine Dubuisson
Tuesday, March 31	History and Political Science Current Events Discussion 5:30pm Jones 212, Macon Campus Contact: Dr. Niels Eichhorn

APRIL

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, all MGA instruction being temporarily suspended due to COVID-19 through March 29, and classes going fully online for the remainder of spring and summer 2020, **we have decided to cancel all face-to-face events during this time.** We truly appreciate all who were scheduled to contribute this semester, and we look forward to seeing you again in fall 2020!

March 29 - April 3	Arts Festival - 2020 ARTS FESTIVAL CANCELLATION <hr/> Description: The theme for this year's festival is "Storytelling." SCHEDULE: Sunday, March 29, 2 pm: Macon Harp Association Performance Macon Campus, School of Arts and Letters (SOAL) Rehearsal Hall
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Monday, March 30, 2 pm:
"Stranger Than Fiction" Film Screening and Talk by Dr. Kelly Whiddon, Associate Professor of English | This event is in coordination with the English Studies Organization (ESO)
Macon Campus. School of Arts and Letters (SOAL) Theater

Monday, March 30, 5 pm:
Book Reading and Signing with Novelist and MGA English Lecturer Andy Davidson for his newly released horror novel, *The Boatman's Daughter*
Macon Campus, School of Arts and Letters (SOAL) Resource Center, Room 110

Tuesday, March 31, 11 am:
"The Art of Story" Writing Workshop by Margaret South
Macon Campus, Teacher Education Building (TEB), Room 231

Tuesday, March 31, 1 pm:
"Feast of Words" (poetry workshop/competition in French and Spanish)
Macon Campus, School of Arts and Letters (SOAL) Resource Center, Room 110

Tuesday, March 31, 4 pm:
Collaborative Painting with Art Professor Charlie Agnew
Cochran Campus, Russell Hall Art Studio

Wednesday, April 1, 11 am:
Affrilachian Poet and Sci-Fi Writer Gerald Coleman Reading
Macon Campus, School of Arts and Letters (SOAL) Theater

Wednesday, April 1, 2 pm:
***The Fall Line Review* Release Party (including Lady of Lake Knee Deep Writing Contest Reader)**
Macon Campus, Professional Services Center (PSC) Patio

Wednesday, April 1, 5 pm:
"Storytelling in K-Pop Music Videos" by Dr. Yunsuk Chae, Professor of Spanish
Cochran Campus, Walker Auditorium

Thursday, April 2, 11 am:
Poet Bill Walsh reading from his new collection, *Fly-Fishing in Time*

	<p>Square Macon Campus, School of Arts and Letters (SOAL) Theater</p> <hr/> <p>Thursday, April 2, 5:30 pm: Collaborative Painting with Art Professor Shannon Riddle Macon Campus, School of Arts and Letters (SOAL) Rehearsal Hall Contact: Dr. Kelly Whiddon</p> <hr/>
Saturday, April 4	<p>MGA Chamber Singers Perform with the Albany Symphony Orchestra 7:30pm Municipal Auditorium, 200 N. Jackson St., Albany, Georgia Contact: Dr. Rebecca Lanning</p>
Tuesday, April 7	<p>English Studies Organization Book Club: <i>Disobedience</i> by Naomi Alderman 2:00 - 3:00pm Writing Center, Macon Campus Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers</p>
Thursday, April 9	<p>MGA Bands Spring Concert 7:30pm Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall (ARTS 136), Macon Campus Contact: Dr. Alan Clark</p>
Tuesday, April 14	<p>MGA Chamber Singers Spring Concert 7:30pm Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall (ARTS 136), Macon Campus Contact: Dr. Rebecca Lanning</p>
Thursday April 16 – 18, 2020	<p>Undergraduate Conference April 16: Cochran Campus (Time, Events, and Locations TBA) April 17 - 18: Macon Campus (Time, Events, and Locations TBA) Contact: Dr. Sheree' Keith or Dr. Shane Trayers View Flyer</p>
Thursday, April 16	<p>Percussion Ensemble Spring Concert 7:30pm Location TBA Contact: Dr. Alan Clark</p>
Monday, April 20	<p>Guitar Ensemble Spring Concert 7:30pm Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall (ARTS 136), Macon Campus Contact: Dr. Rebecca Lanning</p>
Monday, April 27-	<p>8th Annual MGA Juried Student Art Exhibition (VIRTUAL) Peacock Gallery via</p>

<p>Sunday, May 31</p>	<p>Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Peacock.Gallery.MGA.Cochran/ Gallery Hours: Open virtually online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Contact: Prof. Charlie Agnew</p> <p><i>Sponsored by the Media, Culture and Arts Department Funded by: MGA Student Activities Fees</i></p> <p>View Flyer</p>
<p>Thursday, April 30</p>	<p>Arts Entrepreneurship Competition 3:30 - 5:30pm Location TBA</p> <p>Description: Students in the course Arts Entrepreneurship will present an entrepreneurial endeavor, which will be subject to a competition and judged by a panel of "sharks." At 3:30pm, the competition will begin with a project exhibition, open to the public. At 4:00pm, the projects will be judged, and each team will present their project to a panel of "sharks." The winner will be announced at 5:00pm. Contact: Dr. Rebecca Lanning</p>
<p>Friday, May 15</p>	<p>15th Annual Conference of the Georgia Philological Association Macon Campus; times and location TBA Contact: Dr. Lorraine Dubuisson</p> <hr/> <p>Click to view Inside MGA article regarding the Georgia Philological Association</p>
<p>Wednesday, May 27</p>	<p>Virtual Informational Session: Masters of Arts in Technical and Professional Writing & Graduate Certificate in Technical Writing and Digital Communication 5:30 pm Location: Virtual (registrants will receive a link to join the session) Description: Email Dr. Benita Muth (benita.muth@mga.edu) to register for this online session. If you cannot attend but want to learn more, Dr. Muth will provide the information you need about the program. Contact: Dr. Benita Muth For more info</p> <hr/>

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