Events

SPRING 2022

Open Mic Knight
Time: 5 - 7pm
Location: Writing Center | Macon Campus
Sponsored by the English Studies Organization
Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers

Collegtown Film Series: Leave Her to Heaven (1945)
Discussion led by Evey Wilson, Mercer University
Time: 7pm
Location: Douglass Theatre | Downtown Macon
Free with college student ID
Sponsored by Middle Georgia State University, Wesleyan College, and Mercer University
Contact: Dr. Bob Burnham

ESO Book Club: Maya Angelou’s I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
Time: 2 - 3pm
Location: Writing Center | Macon Campus
Sponsored by the English Studies Organization
Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers

Online Public Speaking Workshop
Time: 3 - 4 pm
Location: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)
Do you have a class presentation this semester? Learn from the experts! Attend the virtual Public Speaking Workshop to hear best-practice tips from four MGA Public Speaking (COMM) professors about speech introductions, rehearsal, delivery, self-assessment, and more! Accept the Microsoft Teams invitation in your MGA email inbox the day before (February 1st) the workshop.

Sponsored by the Student Success Center and MGA's Department of Media, Culture, and the Arts
Contact: Paul Johnson for more information.

**Collegetown Film Series: *Legally Blonde* (2001)**
Discussion led by Dr. Tom Ellington, Wesleyan College

- **Time:** 7pm
- **Location:** Douglass Theatre | Downtown Macon
- **Free with college student ID**

Sponsored by Middle Georgia State University, Wesleyan College, and Mercer University

Contact: Dr. Bob Burnham

**Student Success Workshop: "Understanding Academic Growth Mindset,"**
led by Terri Reckart, SoAL Academic Advisor

- **Time:** 2 - 3pm
- **Location:** Walker Hall 307 | Cochran Campus

Contact: Terri Reckart

Event Flyer

**Collegetown Film Series: *Blue Ruin* (2013)**
Discussion led by Dr. Patrick Brennan, Middle Georgia State University

- **Time:** 7pm
- **Location:** Douglass Theatre | Downtown Macon
- **Free with college student ID**

Sponsored by Middle Georgia State University, Wesleyan College, and Mercer University

Contact: Dr. Bob Burnham

Event Flyer

**African American Recommended Books Display**
Location: Arts Complex Lobby | Macon Campus

Sponsored by the English Studies Organization

Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers
"African American History, Heritage, and Culture"
A SoAL Reading and Performance Series
Time: 6 - 7pm
Location: Russell Hall Auditorium | Cochran Campus
Contact: Dr. Lisa Bro and Prof. Marla Thompson

Advising and Information Session on Modern Language and Interdisciplinary Studies Programs
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Location: SOAL-110 | Macon Campus
Sponsored by the Department of Media, Culture, and the Arts
Contact: Prof. Sabrina Wengier

Advising and Information Session on Modern Language and Interdisciplinary Studies Programs
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Location: Russell Hall Old Writing Center| Cochran Campus
Sponsored by the Department of Media, Culture, and the Arts
Contact: Prof. Sabrina Wengier

Online African American Read-In
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81663164035?pwd=bDF3YzRwQWV1b3F3bmlmZ3ZwQWVNdz09
Zoom ID: 816 6316 4035
PW: Read
Sponsored by the English Studies Organization
Contact: please email Dr. LaRonda Sanders-Senu for more information, or to share your selection title by February 17, 2022 if you would like to participate.

Panel: "What Can You Do with an English Major?"
Panelists:
Kelley Land, Freelance Editor
Lisa Bayer, UGA Press
Kristen Bailey, Librarian at MGA

Time: 12:30 - 1:30pm
Location: The Writing Center | Macon Campus

Sponsored by the Writing Center on the Macon Campus
Contact: Dr. Sharon Colley

Event Flyer

Friday, February 25

ESO Book Club: Maya Angelou’s I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
Time: 11am - noon
Location: Writing Center | Cochran Campus

Sponsored by the English Studies Organization
Contact: Dr. Mary Christian

Online AASCU Global Literacy Talks

The Global Literacy Talks are open to all AASCU-affiliated students, faculty, and staff. Using modules from the Council on Foreign Relations’ World101 website and timely pieces from The New York Times, we invite you to join for a lively facilitated conversation filled with civil discourse and, most importantly, your voice. You can register for multiple sessions or just one. Visit this page to learn more about the series. This is an ideal place for students to discuss their ideas about and interest in a number of issues.

Upcoming Talk:
Wednesday, March 16, 1:00-2:00 p.m. ET:
Cybersecurity—The New Warfare

Weekly at Varying Times

Study Abroad Information Sessions for USG Goes Global study abroad programs:

- London (various days & times): https://facultyweb.kennesaw.edu/hmatthord/study_abroad/infosessions.php
- Madrid (5–6 p.m. Tuesdays): https://georgiasouthern.zoom.us/j/86561279274?pwd=OE9jV25zSmxnZ1YldTcW5YaDZLUT09
- Paris (Tuesdays 4–5): https://gsumetings.webex.com/gsumetings/j.php?MTID=m413e2742d2ce3fde3a9091b63fda3953
- Waterford (Wednesdays 11:00): https://ung.zoom.us/j/83805199983?pwd=Z2h3SkhOR3ozMXdCQzIXUU1IV3IUIZz09

Tuesday, Wednesday, English Week:
Information Sessions on Academic Programs in English
- Macon: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:30 - 11am; TEB by the Writing Center
- Cochran: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11am - 12:30pm; Russell Hall Lobby

Thursday, March 1 - 3

March 1: Highlighting Generalist and Teacher Certification concentrations
March 2: Highlighting Professional Writing and Pre-Law concentrations
March 3: Highlighting Creative Writing and Literature concentrations

Sponsored by the Department of English
Contact: Dr. Chip Rogers Dr. Shane Trayers Dr. Christopher Cairney

Information Session on Media and Communication Program
Time: 1:00pm - 1:55pm
Location: SOAL-120 | Macon Campus

Sponsored by the Department of Media, Culture, and the Arts
Contact: Prof. Lauren Cater

History and English Teacher Certification Student Planning Session
Time: 2 - 3pm
Location: President's Dining Room, Georgia Hall | Cochran Campus

Sponsored by the Departments of English and History
Contact: Dr. Chris Cairney

Hunger Awareness Event:
Book Talk by Dr. Chip Rogers - Oliver Twist
Time: 2 - 3pm
Location: Writing Center | Macon Campus

Sponsored by the English Studies Organization
Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers

History and English Teacher Certification Student Planning Session
Time: 2 - 3pm
Location Writing Center (TEB 226) | Macon Campus

Contact: Dr. Chris Cairney

Hunger Awareness Event:
Book Talk by Dr. Chip Rogers - Oliver Twist
Time: 2 - 3pm
Location: President's Dining Room (tentative) | Cochran Campus

Sponsored by the English Studies Organization
Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers

Panel on Hunger Awareness:
Mike Reeves, Middle Georgia Community Food Bank
Jake Ferro, Loaves and Fishes
Deveraux Lindsey, MGA
Time: 2 - 3pm
Location: Writing Center | Macon Campus

Sponsored by the English Studies Organization
Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers

Information Session on Media and Communication Program
Time: 2:00pm - 2:55pm
Location: Roberts Library - 208 | Cochran Campus

Sponsored by the Department of Media, Culture, and the Arts
Contact: Prof. Rebecca Edwards

Adapting to a New Normal:
2nd Annual Virtual Interdisciplinary Faculty Conference
Time: (see conference schedule below)
Location: Online, Microsoft Teams
Contact: Dr. Andre Nicholson

Conference Schedule
Event Flyer

Chamber Singers join VSU, ASU for Performance of Poulenc: Gloria
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Albany Municipal Auditorium, Albany Georgia
For tickets: https://albanysymphony.org/

Contact: Dr. Rebecca Lanning

"Women's History, Heritage, and Culture"
A SoAL Reading and Performance Series
Time: 6 - 7pm
Location: Russell Hall Auditorium | Cochran Campus

Contact: Dr. Lisa Bro and Prof. Marla Thompson

Grammarpalooza
Time: 12:30 -2:30pm
Location: The Writing Center (TEB 226) | Macon Campus
Grammarpalooza is an event where The Writing Center offers fun and engaging writing refresher activities on a variety of topics. This semester's theme is "Mardi Gras."

Contact: Dr. Sharon Colley
Event Flyer

**Online Regency Fashion Talk by Kemberly Locke Payton**

**Time:** 6pm  
**Location:** Online (Zoom) [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81796084277?pwd=Vzc5THlZZXBzdG9JWjIiSbXRVTkZKZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81796084277?pwd=Vzc5THlZZXBzdG9JWjIiSbXRVTkZKZz09)  
Meeting ID: 817 9608 4277 /Passcode: Austen

Sponsored by the English Studies Organization  
Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers
Event Flyer

**Advising and Information Session on Modern Language and Interdisciplinary Studies Programs**

**Time:** 2 - 3pm  
**Location:** SOAL 110 and online (see event flyer) | Macon Campus

Sponsored by the Department of Media, Culture, and the Arts  
Contact: Prof. Sabrina Wengier
Event Flyer

**Arts Festival Kicks Off: Tunes and Balloons & Macon Pops**

**Time:** 4 - 8pm  
**Location:** Middle Georgia State University | Macon Campus

Contact: Dr. Patrick Brown

**10th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition:**  
**Opening & Awards Presentation and Poetry Display**

**Time:** 6pm  
**Location:** Arts Complex Lobby | Macon Campus

Contact: Prof. Luke Buffenmyer or Prof. Shannon Riddle

**Play:** *Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom* by Jennifer Haley

**Time:** 7:30pm (running time approximately 65 minutes)  
**Location:** Arts Complex Theater  
Directed by Dr. Stephen Wisker

Event is free  
For Mature Audiences (17+)
Contact: **Dr. Stephen Wisker**

**Event Flyer**

**Poetry Slam**
Time: 6 - 7pm
Location: President's Dining Room | Cochran Campus
Sponsored by the English Studies Organization
Contact: **Dr. Mary Christian**

**Panel Discussion:**
**Recovery Literature: Mending and Surviving through the Imagination**
Time: 4pm
Location: Math Auditorium | Macon Campus
Contact: **Prof. Taylor LoForti**

**Raku Firing Demonstration**
Time: 12:30pm - 5:30pm
Outside of Russell Hall | Cochran Campus
Contact: **Prof. Charlie Agnew**

**Information Session on the Master of Arts in Public Relations and the Graduate Certificate in Strategic Business Communication**
Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Click here to register: [https://tinyurl.com/3nfy4hsn](https://tinyurl.com/3nfy4hsn)
Contact: **Dr. Andre Nicholson**
Event Flyer

**Film Screening: Minding the Gap**
Time: 2pm
Location: Math Auditorium | Macon Campus
Contact: **Prof. Lauren Cater** or **Dr. Lucia Palmer**

**Information Session on the Master of Arts in Technical and Professional Writing and the Graduate Certificate in Technical Writing and Digital Communication**
Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Click here to register: [https://tinyurl.com/3hxb98sz](https://tinyurl.com/3hxb98sz)
Contact: **Dr. Benita Muth**

Events: Middle Georgia State University https://www.mga.edu/arts-letters/events/index.php
Thursday, March 31
--- CANCELED DUE TO RAIN ---

Contact: Dr. Patrick Brown

Thursday, March 31
Timothy Fitz-Gerald, Vocalist, with MGA Students
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall (136) | Macon Campus

Contact: Dr. Rebecca Lanning

Friday, April 1
Time: 11am - noon
Location: Career Center, Sanford Hall | Cochran Campus

Sponsored by the English Studies Organization
Contact: Dr. Mary Christian

Saturday, April 2
Middle Georgia Harp Ensemble and Middle Georgia Flute Choir
Time: 11am
Location: Arts Complex Lobby | Macon Campus

Contact: Dr. Rebecca Lanning

Monday, April 4
Film Screening: Clueless (1995)
Time: 5pm
Location: Arts Complex Theater | Macon Campus

Sponsored by the English Studies Organization
Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers

Monday, April 4
Opening & Awards Presentation:
10th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition
Time: 6pm
Location: Peacock Gallery | Cochran Campus

Contact: Prof. Charlie Agnew or Prof. Hanna Newman
10th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition
Location: Peacock Gallery | Cochran Campus
Contact: Prof. Charlie Agnew or Prof. Hanna Newman

ESO Book Club: Jane Austen’s *Emma*
Time: noon – 2pm
Location: Writing Center | Macon Campus
Sponsored by the English Studies Organization
Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers

Panel Discussion
Tales of Progress: Virtues and Dangers
Time: 4pm
Location: Arts Complex Theater | Macon Campus
Contact: Prof. Taylor Loforti

Play: *The Shape of Things* by Neil Labute
"Walking Tour" Theater Production
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Russell Hall Auditorium | Cochran Campus
Contact: Dr. John Iverson

Film Screening: *Who is Dayani Cristal?*
Time: 2pm
Location: Math Auditorium | Macon Campus
Contact: Prof. Lauren Cater or Dr. Lucia Palmer

Art Journaling: Student Success Workshop
led by Terri Reckart, SoAL Academic Advisor
Time: 2 - 3pm
Location: Walker Hall 307 | Cochran Campus
Contact: Terri Reckart
Thursday, April 7

**Jane Austen Formal**
Time: 7 - 9 pm
Location: Student Life Center Lobby | Macon Campus

Sponsored by the English Studies Organization
Contact: [Dr. Shane Trayers](mailto:shane.trayers@email.com)

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Monday, April 11

**Senior Piano Recital**
- Joey Bonner 7:30pm
Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus

Contact: [Dr. Christian Kim](mailto:christian.kim@email.com)

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Tuesday, April 12

"Celebrate Diversity"
A SoAL Reading and Performance Series
Time: 6 - 7pm
Location: Russell Hall Auditorium | Cochran Campus

Contact: [Dr. Lisa Bro](mailto:lisa.bro@email.com) and [Prof. Marla Thompson](mailto:marla.thompson@email.com)

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Tuesday, April 12

**Percussion Ensemble**
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Arts Complex Theater | Macon Campus

Contact: [Miguel Castro](mailto:miguel.castro@email.com)

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Thursday, April 14

**Film Screening: Daniel and Nate**
Time: 2pm
Location: Math Auditorium | Macon Campus

Contact: [Prof. Lauren Cater](mailto:lauren.cater@email.com) or [Dr. Lucia Palmer](mailto:lucia.palmer@email.com)

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Thursday, April 14

**Wycliffe Gordon, Jazz Trombonist**
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Arts Complex Theater | Macon Campus

Contact: [Dr. Patrick Brown](mailto:patrick.brown@email.com)

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**Undergraduate Conference 2022**

April 14 - April 16
- Thursday, April 14: Cochran Campus
- Friday, April 15: Macon Campus

Literary critic R. Baxter Miller will be speaking on Langston
Hughes
at 9 am in SoAL Arts Complex Theater

Jazz trombonist, arranger, and composer Wycliffe Gordon will be speaking at 11:30am in the SoAL Arts Complex Theater

• Saturday, April 16: Macon Campus and/or Virtual

Jazz trombonist, arranger, and composer Wycliffe Gordon will be speaking at 11:30am in the SoAL Arts Complex Theater

Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers

Event Flyer For R. Baxter Miller Lecture
Event Flyer for Wycliffe Gordon Lecture

Senior Art Show, Abigayle Powell
Time: 6pm
Location: 2nd Floor Atrium | Cochran Campus

Contact: Prof. Charlie Agnew or Prof. Hanna Newman

Trivia Night
The Arts: Past and Present
Time: 4pm
Location: The Writing Center (TEB 226) | Macon Campus

Contact: Prof. Taylor Loforti

Senior Piano Recital
- Ethan Hamlin 6:00pm

Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus

Contact: Dr. Christian Kim

Shakespeare Birthday Celebration
Time: 6 - 7pm
Location: Russell Hall Auditorium | Cochran

Contact: Dr. Mary Christian

Event Flyer
Thursday, April 21

Student Film Showcase
Time: 2pm
Location: Math Auditorium | Macon Campus
Contact: Contact: Prof. Lauren Cater

Commercial Combos and Jazz Ensemble
Time: 5:30pm
Location: SLC Amphitheater | Macon Campus
Contact: Dr. Patrick Brown or Dr. Christian Kim

Event Flyer

Thursday, April 21

Writing Workshop (ONLINE): “How to Write a Strong Thesis Statement and Connect It to Your Topic Sentences” by Jenna Scott
Hosted by Tara Lowe, SoAL Graduate Assistant
Time: 6:30 - 7:00pm
Location: Microsoft Teams: https://tinyurl.com/yn37szz2
Contact: Dr. Chip Rogers

April 25 - 29

Senior Art Show, Keynayoka Benton
Time: 6pm
Location: 2nd Floor Atrium | Cochran Campus
Contact: Prof. Luke Buffenmyer or Prof. Shannon Riddle

Senior Art Show, Jaeshaan Thomas
April 25 - 29
Location: Arts Complex Lobby | Macon Campus
Contact: Prof. Luke Buffenmyer or Prof. Shannon Riddle

Tuesday, April 26

Samorious Sealey, Senior Trombone Recital
Time: 5:30pm
Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus
Contact: Dr. Patrick Brown
Tuesday, April 26

**Guitar Ensemble**
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus
Contact: [Prof. Terry Cantwell](mailto:)

Wednesday, April 27

**Art Journaling: (ONLINE) Student Success Workshop**
by Terri Reckart, SoAL Academic Advisor
Time: 3:30 - 4:30pm
Location: Microsoft Teams: [https://tinyurl.com/yxxdydjk](https://tinyurl.com/yxxdydjk)
Contact: Terri Reckart

Thursday, April 28

**Writing Workshop (ONLINE): Support for Claims in Research Papers**
by Tara Lowe, SoAL Graduate Assistant
Time: 3:30 - 4:30pm
Location: Microsoft Teams: [https://tinyurl.com/yn37szz2](https://tinyurl.com/yn37szz2)
Contact: Dr. Chip Rogers

Thursday, April 28

**Jahmar Davis, Senior Voice Recital**
Time: 6pm
Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus
Contact: Dr. Robert McTyre

Monday, May 2

**Tyler Jackson, Senior Guitar Recital**
Time: 6pm
Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus
Contact: [Prof. Terry Cantwell](mailto:)

An archive of past events of the School of Arts & Letters (SOAL) is available:

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