In a CARLI digital collections review of Illinois College’s literary magazine, *Forté*, one will find that there are three English major alumni being featured. The review cites four pieces written by IC students between the years 1999 and 2009. The reviewer, Ellen K. Corrigan, is an Assistant Professor at Eastern Illinois University. Corrigan points out a poem written by La Croix, another by Andrew Topel, and two creative pieces by Cassie O’Connor and Laura Masko. To Corrigan, these pieces are “amusing” and a “fun read.”

The following pieces were a part of the honorable mentions:

- “how to” by La Croix, Spring 1999.
- “Heaven” by Cassie O’Connor, Spring 2000.
- “S’more What?” by Laura Masko, Fall 2008-Spring 2009.

The visual poetry of Andrew Topel, which is found in Spring 2006-Spring 2007 and Fall 2007-Spring 2008 issues.

Submit to *Forté* by emailing forte@mail.ic.edu.

The **Deadline** was February 28. If you missed the deadline, you can still start planning to submit for next time.

Contact Sarah Helmich at helmich.sarah@ic.edu for more details.

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**Authors Visit Writing Classes**

Following last semester’s reading by Adam Kershaw of his book, *The Price of Loyalty*, visiting writers James Tadd Adcox and Meghan Lamb joined us from Chicago on Thursday, March 21. They attended Professors Milks’ and Cochran's creative writing classes to discuss their fiction, followed by a reading in the ICEBox Theatre at 7 pm. Adcox is the author of the collection *The Map of the System of Human Knowledge* and founder and former editor of *Artifice Magazine*. Lamb, who also does work in sound and performance art, is the author of the novel *Silk Flowers* and editor of the online literary journal *Red Lightbulbs*. Convocation credit was available for the reading.

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**Sigma Tau Delta ΣΤΔ**

Sigma Tau Delta had a book sale February 11th through the 15th. There was a wide variety of donated books to choose from. The remaining books will be donated to Better World Books.

**Inductions** will be held this spring, date to be announced. For information on the eligibility requirements contact Emma Hudspath at hudspath.emma@mail.ic.edu or Lisa Udel at ludel@mail.ic.edu.
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Check out the Illinois College English Department Facebook page for updates about Department events, student activities, and professor activities.

“Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another’s skin, another’s voice, another’s soul.”

~Joyce Carol Oates

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**Celebration of Excellence & Department Awards Ceremony**

This is an opportunity to share and appreciate academic work and research with the IC Community. There will be presentations and poster shows located in various locations around campus. Convo credit is available! The event will take place on Friday, April 26.

Also, the department will hold its annual awards ceremony later that day, at 5:00 pm. Place tba.

Please join us as we celebrate the achievements of our wonderful student writers and critics!

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**Students Abroad**

Senior, Anna Booher, is currently studying abroad in London. When asked about her time there, she said:

“I’ve been spending the semester figuring out public transportation like the tube, the bus, and just walking around the city. I have just returned from Bath and Avesbury. I loved being out of the city and eating scones with jam and curred cream.

“My favorite museum has been the Natural History Museum. I love exploring places like Covent Garden and along the Thames River. I have seen Les Misérables, The 39 Steps, Our Country’s Good, The Woman in Black, Sauce for the Goose, and The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari. I especially recommend Our Country’s Good and kept thinking that I could see IC performing it.

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“I am taking one theatre class and a British Cultural class. I also have an internship at One KX. It supports debate-theatre shows about neurotechnology, animal testing, and nutrition. I work with actors who are about nineteen, but I also do a bit of marketing photography projects that the company also does. We just filmed one of the shows to be on the big screen across UK. I'm a background person, but you can see me on film for a few seconds.

“I am having the time of my life. I am so grateful to IC for this opportunity. I love London, but I miss IC as well. The time is going so quickly!”

You can explore her blog at http://annaboher.blogs pot.co.uk/

Junior, Katy Stroud, is studying abroad in Alicante, Spain. Regarding her experiences so far, she writes:

“Two months ago, I stumbled off of a plane in Spain searching for any Spanish words I could read (and happily accepting English in its stead) that would direct me to my luggage, my hotel, and food. And apart from about two hours of initial shock and panic, as well as a more recent moment of jealousy at the snowstorm, I have to admit that it will be hard, in a few months, to say goodbye to Alicante.

“This is an opportunity that I would recommend to anyone. The amount of pictures I have taken and the amount of journal entries I have written cannot compare to the real experience of living in a foreign country.

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Fall 2013 Course Offerings

Be sure to keep up with the new classes being offered next fall!

104 Writing and Revising Studio — MWF (1:20-2:30)
142 Heroes & Anti-heroes — MTRF (10:00-10:50)
153 Major British Writers — MWF (1:20-2:30)
172 Multicult Lit of the Americas — MWF (2:40-3:50)
207 Creative Writing — MTRF (10:00-10:50)
238 Classical Literature — MTRF (9:00-9:50)
307 Adv. Creative Writing — TR (2:10-3:50)
326 Studies in the Renaissance — MWF (1:20-2:30)
358 Global Women Writers — TR (12:00-1:40)
331 The English Novel — TR (2:10-3:50)
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Faculty and Student Activities

Megan Milks will be returning to Illinois College next year! Her collection of short fiction, Slug and Other Stories, is forthcoming this December from Emergency Press. Her co-edited scholarly volume Asexualities: Queer and Feminist Perspectives, has been accepted for publication by Routledge in early 2014.

Lisa Udel will present the following: “Creating Narrative Knowledge: Literary History in the Works of LeAnne Howe” at the annual meeting for the Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literatures of the United States this March. Robert Koepp is on sabbatical at Cambridge University and Wolfson College this semester and will return in April. His George Eliot proposal for the Midwest Victorian Studies conference in Cleveland (mid-April, shortly after his return) has been accepted.

Emma Hudspath submitted her senior seminar paper, “Colonialism, American Indians, and Children’s Literature” to the Undergraduate Conference on English Language and Literature at the University at St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. She was accepted and will be presenting it on March 23, 2013.

Alumni News

Adam Lawler graduated in 2007. He served in the Peace Corps, and has just accepted a new job as Grants and Contracts Manager in the Neurology Department at Duke University. Adam says “It’s been a very unique journey to be hired for this level of expertise, but I am incredibly lucky to have been afforded the opportunity. Grant & Contract administration (aka Research Administration) is not a career anyone thinks about coming out of college - especially being accustomed to a small school like IC.” Lawler wants to encourage students to consider this unique career path where job opportunities are endless. Lawler says, “Honestly there are more jobs in this field than any I’ve seen out there...Please feel free to have any English graduate nervous about job prospects contact me.”

Campus Writing Center Hours

Sunday
3:00-5:00 p.m.
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Monday
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.*
*normally closed 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
6:00-10:00 p.m.
Tuesday
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
6:00-10:00 p.m.
Wednesday
11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
6:00-10:00 p.m.
Thursday
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
4:00-5:00 p.m.
6:00-10:00 p.m.
Friday
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“Not only has my Spanish improved to the point that I can have full conversations with random Spaniards on the street, but I have also been given many opportunities to explore this new world around me. I have immersed myself in the Spanish culture, climbed mountains, visited museums, gone swimming in the Mediterranean Sea, eaten delicious meals, planned trips for Italy, Morocco, France, and more, volunteered at a homeless shelter, seen the Alhambra, and so much more. “It is one of the greatest experiences I have ever had and I am incredibly grateful that I have been given the opportunity. (I would also like to note that since my arrival I have read a half a dozen books or so—in the middle of the school year, nonetheless!)”

ILLINOIS COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE ON WRITING (ICUCOW)

The Illinois College Undergraduate Conference on Writing (ICUCOW) is coming up!

The conference will be held on April 4 at 8:00 pm in the ICEBox Theatre, where students will present their work from various classes. This is the first time the conference will be held in the ICEBox. There will be snacks and beverages. The deadline was March 19, but if you missed it, you can come to the conference and think about submitting for next year.

They will be reading short essays and creative writing.

These will be published in the inaugural issue of ICWrites, the Campus Writing Center online journal.

Included in the presentations is English Major Andrea Klinedinst reading a creative writing piece.

For more information contact Dr. Cynthia Cochran at cc cochran@mail.ic.edu or Andrea Klinedinst at klinedinst.andrea@mail.ic.edu

ON A NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS

Just in case some of you first year students and undeclared upper classmen were wondering, here’s what the Illinois College English Department has to offer you:

A) Major, with a literature concentration
B) Minor, with a literature concentration
C) Major with writing concentration in Expository writing
D) Major with writing concentration in Creative writing
E) Minor with writing concentration

For more information about the English Department, its course offerings or events, please contact Dr. Lisa Udel, Department Chair, at (217) 245-3284 or via email at ludel@mail.ic.edu.