Faculty News

▪ The English Department hosted our annual picnic for our M.A. students and faculty at the American Antiquarian Society.

▪ Esther Jones worked with other professors to create a fund benefitting African American students and Africana Studies. Read about it here!

▪ The English Department hosted its annual open house with Guest Speaker Scott Zimmerman, English Department alum, who spoke about the ways in which an English major prepared him for his illustrious career as marketing advisor for the NBA, New Balance and Nike. See pictures on Facebook!
• **Jessica Thelen, M.A. ’16**, attended the Futures of American Studies Institute at Dartmouth College from June 19th to June 24th. She also has two articles forthcoming this fall in *Alumni Epsilon Journal*, the new online journal for Alumni members of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honors Society. Read about it here!

• **Jin Lee, MA ’10**, had another article accepted for publication! Jin developed "Black Bleeds and the Sites of a Trauma in GB Tran's *Vietnamerica*" from a final paper she wrote for a Literary Theory seminar in Spring 2016, part of which was presented at the MELUS conference in April 2017. Read about it here!

• **Nickestia Gordon, M.A. ’03** has had two recent publications. An edited volume on “Gender and Communication” ([http://www.cambridgescholars.com/reflections-on-gender-from-a-communication-point-of-view](http://www.cambridgescholars.com/reflections-on-gender-from-a-communication-point-of-view)) and a journal article on service learning and communication ([http://openjournals.libs.uga.edu/index.php/jheoe/article/view/1877](http://openjournals.libs.uga.edu/index.php/jheoe/article/view/1877)). Nickesia is currently Associate Professor of Communication at Barry University, Fl.

• **Steven Bruso** has recently defended his dissertation and completed his doctorate at Fordham University. Read about it here!

• **Emily Denny B.A. ’17** is having her play “The Lavenders” produced here at Clark for our event Playfest. Check it out on our Facebook, or read Worcester Magazines article!

If you have any news to share with us, please write a couple of lines about it and send it to Davina Tomlin and/or to Professor Lisa Kasmer, Chair. Also please remember to send us photos along with the text/post. Now that we are on Facebook, we try to share photos with every post!