Study Abroad for English Majors
Clark's English Department has a special arrangement with the University of East Anglia’s prestigious school of English and American Studies. If you are interested in studying abroad in England, applications for spring 2002 are due in the Office of Study Abroad Programs by Friday, October 12. No late applications will be accepted. For more information, contact the Office of Study Abroad Programs at x7363.

Senior Honors Applicants
If you were invited to apply for senior honors and you have not responded, the deadline for letters of application, addressed to the chair of the department, is Friday, September 28. Consult with your advisor for more information.

Joanna Bates,
Univ. of East Anglia
Exchange Student
As part of a special arrangement with the University of East Anglia, the English Department is hosting Joanna Bates from the United Kingdom during 2001-2002. Joanna is particularly interested in working with prison inmates on their literacy.

The English Department Welcomes Imraan Coovadia
The English Department is proud to welcome Imraan Coovadia as our newest tenure-track faculty member. He comes to us from Yale University where he worked on his Ph.D. in 18th- and 19th-century British literature. He is teaching Wordsworth and His Circle and a section of Introduction to Literature and Composition this semester and plans to teach British Writers II and 19th-century Comedy in Spring 2002.

Chair’s Tea
EVERYONE is welcome
Please join Professor Gertz 3:30-4:30 in her office on the first Wednesday and third Thursday of every month for engaging conversation, tea and scones. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know Professor Gertz and to meet other English faculty, majors and graduate students. This semester’s schedule:

- September 24
- October 3 & 18
- November 7
- December 5

Did You Know…
President Bassett is teaching an English course this semester entitled American Realism.

Visit us on the web at www.clarku.edu/departments/english
Shakespeare Film Festival

Professor Vaughan will be showing films in her Advanced Shakespeare class this semester. Videos will be shown on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Anderson House lounge. Students and staff who are not in the seminar are nonetheless cordially invited to attend.

27 September
Kenneth Branagh’s Hamlet (4 hours)

4 October
Michael Almereyda’s Hamlet with Ethan Hawke

18 October
BBC/Measure for Measure with Kate Nelligan

1 November
Orson Welles’s Chimes at Midnight

8 November
Trevor/Nunn Macbeth with Judi Dench

15 November
Roman Polanski’s Macbeth

29 November
Royal Shakespeare Company’s Antony and Cleopatra

Congratulations to Professor Roberts

who was named Outstanding Advisor of the Year (2000-01). Professor Roberts’ selection as Outstanding Advisor was based on the results of her advisees’ evaluations. Her advisees frequently commented on the care and concern she showed them.

Higgins School of Humanities

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

African-American Intellectual Culture Lecture Series

7 November
4:30 p.m., Lurie Conference Room
Rowland Ola Abiodun, “What’s in a Name? Anonymity and Identity in African Art”

Visiting Scholar Lecture Series

19 October
8:00 p.m., Jefferson 218
Joseph Margolis, “Recovering the Human Sciences”

15 November
7:00 p.m., Lurie Conference Room
Christine Holmlund, “Generation Q’s ABC’s: Queer Kids on the Indie Feature Block”

Faculty Lecture Series

4 December
4:30 p.m., Lurie Conference Room
Sarah Buie, “Homing: Belonging to Place in Leh, Pagosa Springs and Worthington”

New Work Study Students

Edie and Terri are very happy to have three very capable work study students in the English Department office: Lydia Bennett, Sarah Nelson and Rachel Thomasy.

Kenny St. Onge Receives Anton Fellowship

The Anton Fellowship Program, created by a generous gift from Clark Alumni, Barbara J. Anton ’56 and Thomas J. Anton ’56, is designed to encourage and support the pursuit of original ideas, creative research, public service or enrichment projects by Clark undergraduate students. Anton Fellowships are awarded annually to approximately 10-12 students, enabling them to engage in independent study and/or travel and to explore an intellectual interest that intrigues them or to undertake a public service project aimed at improving societal conditions. A few words from Kenny follow.

Having received a fellowship from Clark’s Society of Anton Fellows, I spent most of June in Ireland researching iconography associated with James Joyce. The goal of the trip was to investigate how Joyce became a literary legend in his home country. I spent a lot of time in Dublin photographing and participating in...
“Bloomsday” – the weeklong celebration of Joyce's art. I also spent a great deal of time researching at the National Library of Ireland, the National Photographic Archive, The James Joyce Center, and The James Joyce Museum. Currently I am continuing my research at the Boston College Library. This research will be the subject of my honors thesis.

GRADUATE STUDENT BUSINESS

Returning Graduate Students
Mary Cadwallader
*Sheri Chriqui
Kellie Dahlstrom
*Georgia Rushing

New Graduate Students
Christopher Boone
Melanie Brezniak
Jessica Dalzell
Kerstin Dell
Lauren Fidler
*Olga Malivovskaya
ZhenNing Mao
Judith Michel
Mary Oladeji Gever
Kimberly Rocha
Julia Schlüns
*Sadie Virtue
*Catrin Weimbs
*Xianghui, Xing

* Teaching Assistant

Fulbright Scholars
Judith Michel & Catrin Weimbs
Judith and Catrin are two of our incoming graduate students, who are sponsored by the German-American Fulbright Commission. The German-American Fulbright Commission is a bi-national agency funded by the U.S. and German governments serving to promote academic and cultural exchange between Germany and the U.S.A. Their grantees are scholars of high achievement and have been selected to make valuable academic and cultural contributions to their American host institutions.

Julia Schlüns
DAAD Scholar
Julia is also joining us as one of our incoming graduate students. The Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Service) is Germany’s elite international organization, somewhat akin to our Fulbright Commission. Their students are expected to become leading scholars and professionals. The DAAD sponsors their time abroad in order to deepen their knowledge and experience base as they complete their graduate degrees.

Congratulations to Mark Espy
who was awarded outstanding teaching assistant for 2000-01.
FROM THE CHAIR

By standard measures, this year began quite auspiciously for the English Department through a series of new agreements initiated over the summer with various European institutions. In spite of this good news, September 11 has cast a pall over all we do. The enormity of the attacks has shaken us, and we can’t help but quietly articulate a series of “what ifs.” We can measure how badly shaken we are by our hesitancy to celebrate, to travel, to entertain ourselves, to do anything but the most fundamental. In our shock and in our empathy for others, however, we can also experience a strong sense of gratitude and a more strongly centered appreciation for our loved ones. Let us hope that these positive feelings temper our understandable anger and fear. Let us hope that even more innocent people will not be harmed.

To help ground us in the positive by encouraging us to perceive and appreciate the networks that bind us in a community, I sent an e-mail out to our alums. Below are the responses that have come in so far, or excerpts from them. If you know how others are doing, please communicate with anyone in our department. And please remember that members of the English Department faculty feel the effects of these attacks and welcome communicating with you, especially in these troubling times.

SunHee Kim Gertz
Chair of English

ALUM NEWS

Thank you for reaching out to us the way you did. It was only after the first night that I was finally able to reach the few Clarkies, as well as native Chicagoans, I know living there. Thankfully, everyone I know is safe.
-Leslie da Mota

Thank you. We are fine, but as with most people we have been directly touched by the tragedy, not just as Americans, but we do know someone who perished at WTC. Our immediate family is well and we are grateful, and mindful of how many others can't say that.
-Tamara Beck

Thank you for your warm and thoughtful message to Clarkies past and present. Many things have moved me to tears this week, and your letter was no exception. I'm glad to hear that you are safe and sound and hope the same is true for your loved ones. My family and friends are all OK, although several of my family members in NJ and NY know people who were killed or injured. I hope that someday soon we'll all be able to rest easily again. Best,
-Deb Cantor-Adams

I am writing to inform you that I am o.k. The recent horrors in NYC are still numbing. I have been in contact with a few other Clark Alumni and everyone appears to be accounted for. I have no other words at this time, but most certainly appreciate yours. I look forward to writing again when times are more at ease.
-Scott Kallor

My family and I live in New York City and thank God, we are all fine. Yes, we know of some people who have lost loved ones. Our small fire station on West 77th Street has lost 9 brave fire fighters. I cannot count the tears we have shed since Tuesday. We have been to our synagogue for prayer meetings and Sabbath service. We have lit candles in our windows and at our fire station. We have sung "God Bless America" at a Broadway theatre and "My Country 'Tis of Thee" at our synagogue and the pain continues to persist. We are stunned, we are frightened and we are determined to rebuild and persevere. Thank you for your concern and your thoughts. Pray for our country and for the miracle of rescue. Spend time with friends and people you love. My best wishes to the Clark family,
-Marti Reich ’68

Though I know some people who know some people, fortunately, no one in my immediate circle was affected. As far as I know, the same is true for all the people from Clark with whom I stay in touch. I hope the same is true for your family and friends.
-Jeremy Goodman

Everyone in my immediate circles are safe. Thanks for asking.
-Rick Treitman

Thank you for your message. Like many Americans, Tuesday's events unfolded in unbelievable horror. Fortunately, I have not lost anyone
close to me...but the events touched so closely in so many ways. My sister, a VP for Victoria's Secrets is often in the city on Tues & Weds...one of their biggest stores was in the WTC. My brother-in-law was in the sky on a plane during the attack. Many of my close co-workers are in New York...one of our sales assistant's fiancé is a missing firefighter. A good friend's husband was in the financial district but managed to call early to say he was okay. And on and on. Regardless, I imagine there is no one in the country who doesn't feel the pain. Yet, I am heartened by the way people have come together. At the risk of sounding obscene, this horrible event may provide a needed reminder of what's really important...and prompt much needed compassion. It is also a reminder of all that is precious in this world. The courage and grace shown by many of those who have lost loved ones as they appeared on TV to celebrate the lives of those who perished was truly moving and inspirational. Although you and I never crossed paths at Clark, I graduated in 83 and don't believe you were teaching at that time, the warmth and connection with Clark that you've extended is very much appreciated. My best thoughts to all at Clark.

-Susan K. Hartman

Thank you for your message and concern. While I did not suffer the loss of a relative or close friend, there are a number of business acquaintances who were lost in the tragedy of last Tuesday. I also read with sadness that Dan Trant, a former Clark basketball captain, was lost. If you have knowledge of any other Clark people who were lost, I'm sure many of us would want to know. Thank you again for taking the time to send your message.

-Steve Shirley '69

Fortunately, though many of my friends and family are from NYC and DC, all are safe and accounted for. It is quite unsettling and haunts me still, but I am remaining focused through these troubling times. I was very appreciative of the last e-mail you sent regarding last week's tragedy. It was truly touching and helped a lot. I hope you and your loved ones are well.

Take care,

-Marc Sanguinetti

I just wanted to send a note out to all of you thanking you for thinking of me during this terrible time. Thankfully all of my loved ones are safe- and I am so relieved that yours are well too.

What I initially intended this email to be for- was to tell you all that I have moved. At first I thought it was trivial sending out an email like this at this time and was going to wait. But then I realized that being in contact with those we love is one of the most important things in life. So with that- all of you stay in touch...

-Jennifer Kornreich

I am fine, but like all of us deeply wrenched by this event. My very warmest wishes to all of you!

-Tom Lynn, '79

Thank you for your e-mail. Fortunately, my family and friends were not directly harmed by the horror of last Tuesday. Our prayers and thoughts are with all those families who have not been so fortunate.

-Larry Cronin

Thank you so much for your e-mail. I am ok after Tuesday's horrible events. I know a few people who worked in the WTC but, thankfully, all were unharmed. I am still shaken by the events, and have been saddened to hear that many people, Muslims, and non-Muslims, from the Middle East and South Asia, including India, have been harassed and targeted by people in response to the attack on Tuesday. I am trying to deal with that fact, being Indian, and attempt to educate those around me, since I do live in a conservative area. It is quite upsetting. Thank you again for your concern. I hope all is well with you.

-Lakshmi Sarma

Thanks for the e-note. We're fine, and our Manhattan friends are okay, too. Tonight, raise a toast to peace everywhere.

-Tim Larkin

Thanks for your e-mail. Here in Dudley, MA, I am physically far removed from the horror in NY, PA, and at the Pentagon. Although safe in body, I am terribly concerned for those who lost dear ones, and terribly concerned about the future of a world in which hatred is so prominent.

-Linda Freund

I am very fortunately safe, as is a friend of mine that works in 1 WTC, and the rest of my family. My company has officially canceled all corporate travel for the next two weeks, and they have told us that we will be reassessing the situation on a weekly basis.

This week has been unspeakably horrible. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the
families connected to Clark that have been affected by this. I also hope that the atmosphere of International acceptance will not be compromised on the Clark campus.

Best wishes, and thanks for checking on us all,
-Kelly McCarthy

I lived through the 1993 WTC bombing and came close to being in the garage when the bomb went off. That bombing, along with other personal feelings and opportunities precipitated our move to Putney, Vermont from Soho, Manhattan. We have been here 7 years now.

When I saw the coverage of this tragedy, I immediately relived the pain of 1993. The subsequent days have brought reports of over 20 friends and associates who have apparently perished in the WTC. Likewise, although less significantly, my business has been halted (since the commodity exchange is right across from where the Towers stood).

I am filled with sadness, and funnily enough a great love for peaceful Vermont and its nurturing countryside where my children and wife and I are safe. Nevertheless, part of me is still in NYC....

I have NOT heard that any Clark friends were in the Towers or nearby at the time of the explosions....

I think Shakespeare's Tempest sums up my own feelings of where we go from here as a nation and as a world: "The rarer action is in virtue than in vengeance."

May all be well in Worcester and everywhere.
All best,
-Michael Wilner

I was pleased and touched to receive your email with its expression of concern. Yes, my wife and I are fine, as are members of our family, although dazed and shaken by what has transpired since last Tuesday. However, three employees of the company I work for (Genuity, Inc.) were on the 105th floor of one of the towers, and are missing and presumed dead. So this atrocity touches us all - truly an attack against America.

I am beginning to understand (again) that the "kinship" networks that unite us - whether immediate family, relatives, shared interests (my wife and I have become a part of a Cajun/Zydeco dance network), or shared background (such as English alumni from Clark), or shared social and political values (we are Americans, and citizens of the United States) - are the ties that bind us all together in a shared present and future - and it is these networks to which we turn in times of troubles and catastrophe for solace and comfort and hope for the future. So once again, thank you for your expression of concern.

And let me turn the tables: how are you doing? And the rest of Clark's English faculty as well? I received Kathy Denio's note yesterday as well, and was pleased to hear of what was going on at the University. I can only say to you: take care of one another, and be well.

Best,
-Charlie Brooks

Lovely, thoughtful message to send out. I'm glad to be able to tell you that I and my family are safe, though most of them in NYC: safe but certainly not unscathed, as we all are as a result of these unspeakable, obscene, transformative acts. Thank you for writing.
-Phyllis Roth

What a nice email...

All of the Clarkies (English majors and otherwise) with whom I'm in touch -- are safe and sound, thankfully.

What is eeriest to me is that my father worked in the World Trade Towers for many years, including my years at Clark. (He moved to DC several years ago and has since passed away). And at one point, I spent three months working there with him. We each had corner offices and I think they were on one of the sides of the building that may have taken a direct hit from one of the planes.

This all seems even more scary when you can imagine the details of the offices and the faces of the workers.
Best,
-Heidi Gitelman B.A. '80

So kind of you to wonder about us long lost students :) My family is all home and healthy, thank the good Lord. We are all hurting deeply for the families directly affected. Like you, I feel my words cannot adequately express the sadness, confusion, and anger we are all feeling. I do hope and pray that all former and present Clarkies are safe and sound. Thanks for thinking of us!
-Molly (Pitcher) Melanson '91
-Peter Melanson '90

Thank you for your concern. I am fine and I am fortunate in that I have not lost anyone dear to me.
Best wishes,
-Amy Robillard '94

Thanks for your email. I did not personally know anyone who was involved in this tragedy but we are all affected and saddened just the same. I live right in the city and this has definitely forever changed our daily life. I appreciate your concern.
Sincerely,
-Kathy Lovisolo (Fink) '87

I am fine. Thank you for your concern. Unfortunately, the CTO of the company I work for was on AA #11 that crashed into the first WTC tower. Because it is such a relatively small company, pretty
much all the people who work at Akamai have had a chance at some point or another to associate with him. The atmosphere generally has been palpably tense, more so because each and everyone has a direct connection to the horrible things that occurred through the death of Danny (Danny Lewin), as he was such a remarkable person.

I hope everyone else that you wrote to is in good health.

Best,

-Cassie Mere Johnson

Joe Federman (I can't remember what year he graduated from Clark, but he was a political science major) and I and the rest of the overseas copy desk at the Asian Wall Street Journal and Wall Street Journal Europe were all safely evacuated from the World Financial Center, across the street from the World Trade Center. It has been an exhausting experience for all of us.

Thank you for your concern. So many people were worried for us, and in a way I am afraid it was worse for the people who were watching television than it was for us, because we knew we were safe, but had no way to tell anyone. Cell phones didn't work and it was nearly impossible to get a land line for hours.

I don't know how many other Clarkies work in the downtown area, but you know at least two of us are safe.

Thanks for your concern,

Sincerely,

-Tess Styneres

Thank you so much for the message. It's comforting to know that the Clark faculty is still as concerned about us today as they were when we were students. I am all right, as are my family and friends. I'm working right now (9:05 pm) at the opening night of Ragtime- The Musical. Our staff here and the cast are saddened and worried by the world events but as they say..."The show must go on." Again, thank you for the thoughts and hopefully you will receive similarly positive e-mails from our alumni.

-Carrie A. Paglinco

Thanks for asking after us. My family and I are safe, and as well as can be expected. We count ourselves among the fortunate.

For those who remember me, a little geography that may interest you. I am living in my home town: Johnstown, PA. I live well about 15 miles of where the airliner crashed in Southwestern PA, just slightly to the northwest of the crash site. I am the manager of a federal office in Johnstown. There are several significant defense contractors in our immediate area and a significant military airport presence as well as a large federal organization which could be a target across the street from my office. Once the airliner turned Southeast toward Washington, it was on a direct flight path for our airport and descending as if planning to land here. The plane passed over our airport just before crashing. As you can expect, it was an interesting day as all Federal organizations, the defense contractors, and other potentially at-risk places sent their employees home. Even after the crash, there was considerable concern in the area.

Since then, however, people here are much the same as those in other places. Trying to resume, doing what they can to help, and anxious to see what happens next.

-Dave Ulerich

Thank you for your email. I am now in Austin, TX. I left New York six weeks ago. I feel lucky to be where I am because I went through the World Trade Center everyday to change trains on my commute to work. In addition to all of the people who worked there were thousands of us who passed through there everyday. About 10 subways had stations under the buildings and the two that I caught were at opposite ends, so I had to walk through the underground mall that was there. I have to say that I never felt at ease there, knowing that it had been a target before. Sometimes I would get a bad feeling and suddenly decide to take a different, longer way to work, but I rarely gave in to my concern. The only person that I knew in the buildings was a homeless woman who lived in the long hallway between the A train and the mall. She is an older, West Indian woman and I saw her everyday, sitting on her milk crate. She was always sewing or mending some clothes. Sometimes she would sing or scream at invisible foes, but she was usually quiet and sewing. I keep thinking of her throughout all of this, wondering if she got out. She seemed to be infirm, did anyone help her? I have to imagine that someone did, although in the pandemonium would she have been any less invisible to people than she usually was? I think that if I was there I could have helped her, although that thought is ridiculous. Now I know that I must help people while I know that I can: that is one positive thing I have to take from this.

I hope that you hear from everyone soon. With Best Wishes and thoughts of peace,

-Trish Nugent
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT FACULTY

John J. Conron, Ph.D.
(Sabbatical - Fall 2001)
Professor of English. Professor Conron researches and teaches 20th-century American literature (painting, photography, architecture and landscape architecture, literature and film) and relations between American art and culture.

Imraan Coovadia, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of English. Professor Coovadia studies 18th- and 19th-century British literature and culture. He is particularly interested in intersections between literary texts and concurrent developments in politics, sociology, and economics.

James P. Elliott, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of English. Trained as textual editor in the field of American literature, Professor Elliott has been associated with the Edition of the Writings of James Fenimore Cooper for twenty years.

SunHee Kim Gertz, Ph.D.
Professor of English. Professor Gertz's research and publications are concerned with semiotics and western European literature in the late Middle Ages. She also researches links between Asian and European literatures.

Fern L. Johnson, Ph.D.
Professor of English. Professor Johnson is a sociolinguist specializing in the study of gender, race, and culture in language and is also Director of the Communication and Culture program.

Winston Napier, Ph.D.
(Sabbatical - Spring 2002)
E. Franklin Frazier Chair, Associate Professor of English. Professor Napier specializes in critical theory, 20th-century African American literary culture and African American philosophy.

Heather Roberts, Ph.D.
(Sabbatical - Fall 2001)
Assistant Professor of English. Professor Roberts specializes in the study of pre-1865 American literature, history and culture. Her research explores the role of fiction in cultural production.

Stanley Sultan, Ph.D.
(Sabbatical - Spring 2002)
Professor of English. Until recently, Professor Sultan's scholarly interest was largely in the poetry, fiction, and drama of modernist writers. In the past few years he has devoted more attention to critical theory, literary history, and theoretical issues in literary history.

Virginia Mason Vaughan, Ph.D.
Andrea B. and Peter D. Klein '64 Distinguished Professor, Professor of English. Professor Vaughan specializes in Renaissance literature, especially in Shakespeare, but as a cultural historian, she is also interested in appropriations of Shakespeare's texts from the seventeenth century to the present. She teaches courses in Shakespeare at the introductory and advanced level in addition to the seminar “Studies in the Renaissance.”

English Instructors

Jim Adams, M.A.
Expository Writing

Louis Bastien, Ph.D.
Intro to Literature & Composition
Intro to Medieval Literature

Barbara Blatner, D.A.
Intro to Literature & Composition
English Poetry

Jeanne Braham, D.A.
Creative Writing: Fiction

Tim Connolly, M.A.
News Writing

Jim Dempsey, M.A.
Feature Writing

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Expository Writing

Joan Hope, Ph.D.
Expository Writing

Calley Hornbuckle, M.A.
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Intro to Literature & Composition

Jen Plante, M.A.
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Expository Writing

Lucilia Valerio, Ph.D.
Intro to Literature & Composition

David Williams, M.A.
Expository Writing

Office Hours

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