



English and Modern Languages

Our students learn by doing

English and Modern Languages Degrees

B.S.E. in English Education

B.A. in English

- Emphases:
 - [Creative Writing](#)
 - [Language and Teaching](#)
 - [Professional Writing](#)
 - [Traditional](#)

M.A. in English

- Emphases:
 - [Creative Writing](#)
 - [Literature](#)
 - [Professional Writing](#)

► B.A. in Modern Languages

► Emphases:

- [French Language and Culture](#)
- [French Teacher Certification](#)
- [Spanish Language and Culture](#)
- [Spanish Teacher Certification](#)

You can click on any of these links to see a program guide for that degree and/or emphasis. To earn these degrees, students participate in many activities. The next slides show you some examples of what our students and faculty do and what they achieve.

Our students do research



Madeline Woolsey, left, presented "Reverberations" exploring connections among canonical literature and contemporary Young Adult Literature at the Kansas Association of Teachers of English Conference.

Laura Allgood presented "Marriage in *The Coquette*" at the National Undergraduate Literature Conference at Weber State University.

Lynzee Flores and Zoraida Price presented "Documentaries about Latin America" at the Kansas World Languages Association.

Jacob Geither presented "Using Evidence-Based Practice to Improve Tutor Training: Promoting Student Engagement in Online Consulting by Chat" at the National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing.

Our students do service learning projects

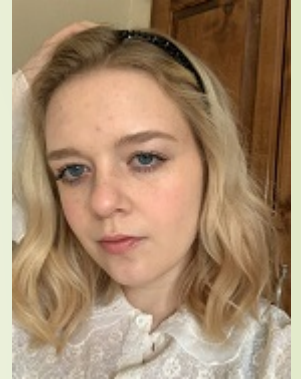


Our students developed a crowdfunding campaign, other marketing materials, and a grant to help Live Well Crawford County, a non-profit organization that promotes healthy lifestyle choices, raise the funds to have a pedicab created.

The pedicab will allow citizens whose mobility is restricted by wheel chairs to get out and about; volunteers will drive the citizens around town, take them to stores and events, and through the Pittsburg State University campus.

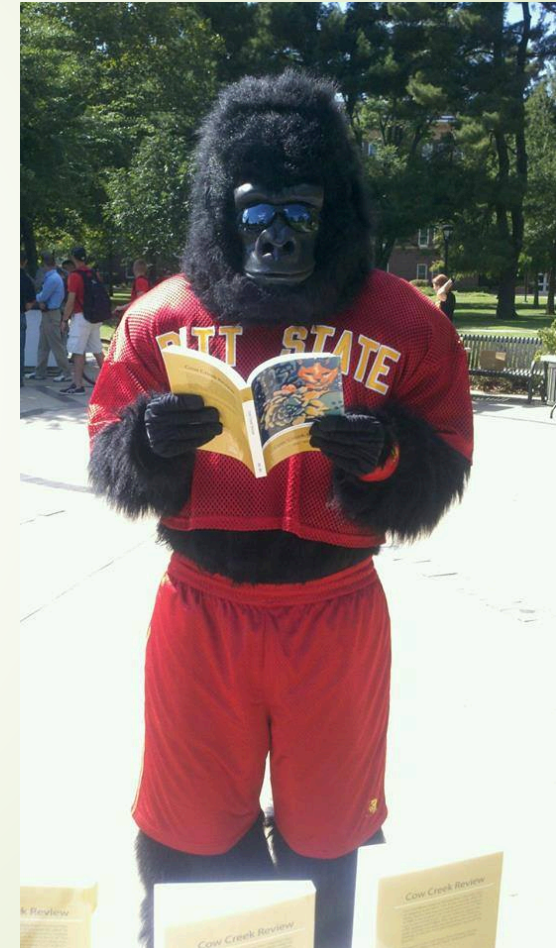
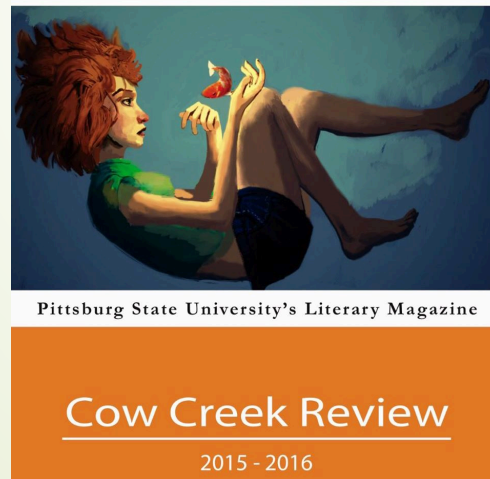
Our students do internships

- Katelynn Zerr, upper right, digitized instructional materials for a PSU professor.
- Alexandra Battitori copyedited a faculty member's book under contract with John Benjamins Press.
- Gus Brunetti created training materials for Crossland Construction.
- Kolleen Gladden designed a Wordpress blog for the College English Association and organized the Gilbert Baker Festival.
- Jennifer Hamilton reviewed submissions, edited manuscripts, and generated press releases for Dreaming Big Publications.
- Cody Mick, lower right, copyedited articles and proofread galleys for *The Midwest Quarterly*.
- Chanda Williams was the assistant editor of *The Writers' Slate*, a young adult literary journal.



Our students publish the *Cow Creek Review*

- ▶ The *Cow Creek Review* is a literary magazine that publishes the creative writing of PSU students.
- ▶ Each year, awards are given to the best fiction and poetry published, and the winners give a public reading. Everybody enjoys the *Cow Creek Review*, even GUS.



Our students produce the Pitt Lit Podcast



- During the fall and spring semesters, students publish the podcast biweekly on Spotify and SoundCloud. They interview well-known and local writers, students from all parts of the university who have something to say about writing and/or literature, faculty, and more. Our goal is to bring people closer to literature.
- Click on the image at the left to listen to our podcasts.

Our students produced this video

- ▶ Click on the image below to see a video made by our students about our Creative Writing Emphasis.



Our students study abroad



Our students win writing awards



- ▶ Amanda Trout, left, won first place in a national collegiate poetry competition sponsored by *The Lyric*, the oldest magazine in North America devoted to traditional poetry, for her villanelle, "Mourners in the Wake of Wind and Rain."

Katelyn Roth, right, won the *The Midwest Quarterly* 2017-18 James B. M. Schick Graduate Best Essay Prize for her essay "Human Heart Speaking: Trauma in Selected Poems of Lucille Clifton."



Chanda Williams won the *The Midwest Quarterly* 2018-19 James B. M. Schick Graduate Best Essay Prize for "Abject Adaptations: Disability in Clone Culture and Adaptations of Kazuo Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go*."

Thad White won the Women's and Gender Studies Essay Contest for "The End of an Era: Subverting and Replacing the Patriarchy through Continued Refinement of the Female Heroine."

Our students have promise



- The “Teacher of Promise” award is given each year by the Kansas State Department of Education. Each college in Kansas nominates one elementary and one secondary pre-service teacher for this award. In the last four years, we have had three winners.



- Erica Hamm Clark, upper left, BSE 2018 Secondary Education Teacher of Promise
- Matthew Hermann, middle left, BSE 2017 Secondary Education Teacher of Promise

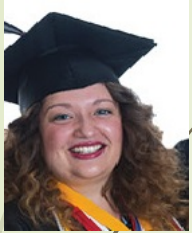


- Anna Drenick, lower left, BSE 2016 Secondary Education Teacher of Promise.

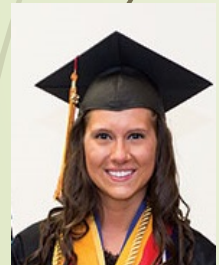
Our students are outstanding



- Over the last six years, five of our students have been named as a PSU Outstanding Senior.
- Marcus Yoakam, upper left, double major in Nursing and French, Outstanding Senior Man of 2020



- Gretchen Reed, upper right, English major in the Professional Writing Emphasis with a second major in Management and Marketing, Outstanding Senior Woman of 2019



- Kolleen Gladden, lower right, a double major in Graphics Communication and English with an emphasis in Professional Writing, Outstanding Senior Woman of 2018
- Lynzee Marie Flores, middle left, a double major in Spanish and Communication, Outstanding Senior Woman of 2016
- Jessica Berberich, lower left, B.S.E. English Education, Outstanding Senior Woman of 2013

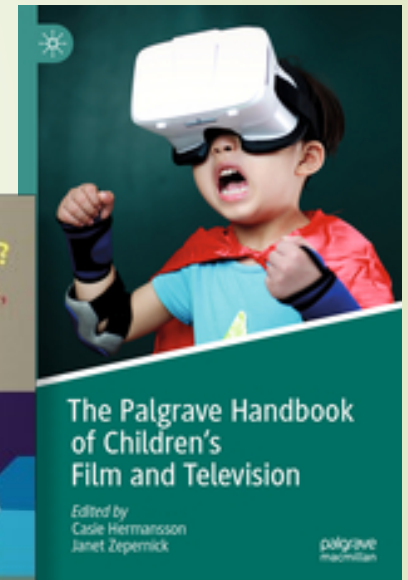
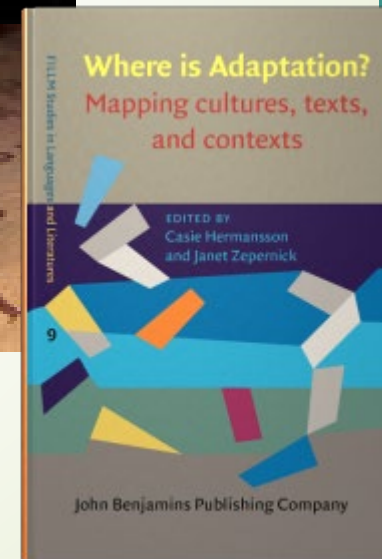
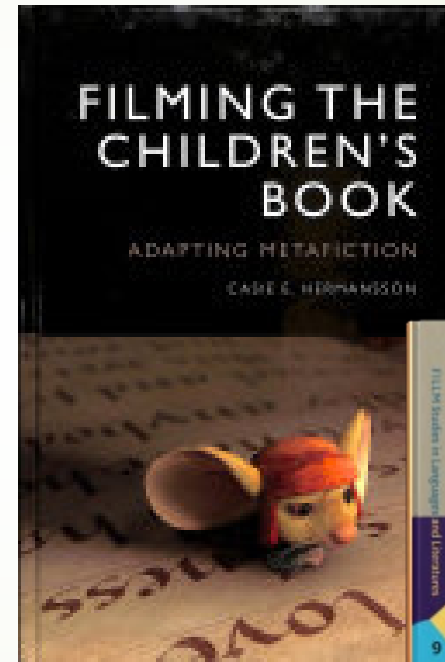
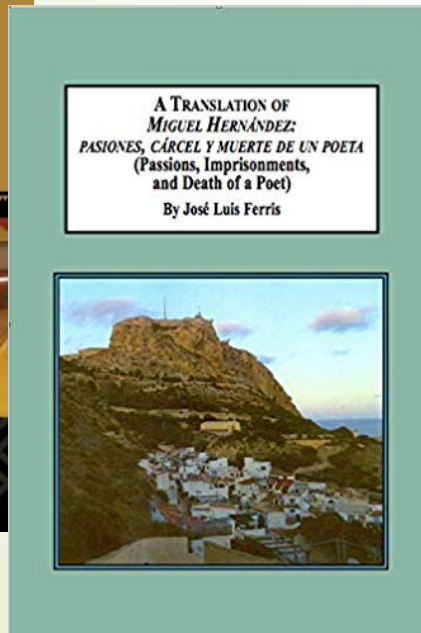
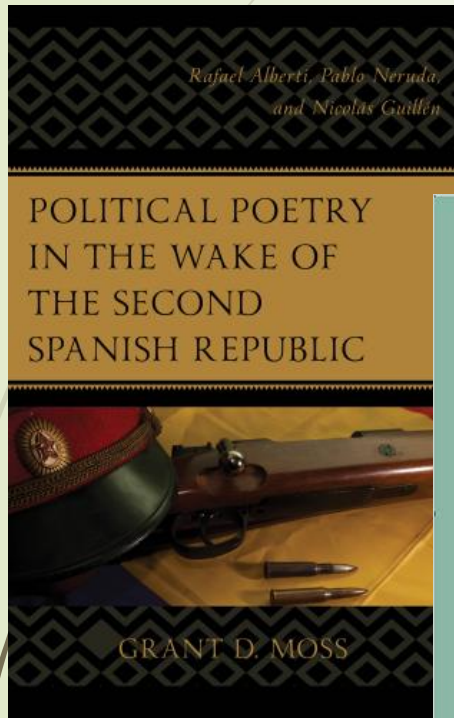


Our graduates get jobs

- ▶ Alex Battatori, right, Technical Writer, Leggett & Platt, Carthage
- ▶ Morgan Ebbs, Digital Marketing, Leggett & Platt, Carthage
- ▶ Kylie Couvelha, Technical Writer, Cerner, Kansas City
- ▶ Laura Allgood, Carl Junction High School
- ▶ Nicole Casey, Central Middle School in Columbus
- ▶ Jazmine Colvard, Lamar High School
- ▶ Halle Connors, Independence High School
- ▶ Anna Drenick, Girard Middle School
- ▶ Paige Drummond, Webb City Junior High School



Our faculty write books



Our faculty win awards



- ▶ Christopher Todd Anderson, left top, received a Pushcart Prize for his poem “About the Tongue” first published in *Tipton Poetry Journal*. The Pushcart Prize is one of the most honored literary projects in America.



- ▶ Grant Moss, right top, received the College of Arts & Sciences Excellence in Research Award in 2019 and the Service Award in 2020.



- ▶ Jessica Jorgenson-Borchert, right bottom, won the College of Arts & Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award in 2020.



- ▶ Brian Moots, left middle, also won the College of Arts & Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award in 2020.

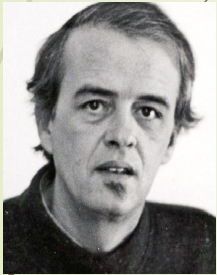


- ▶ Paul McCallum, left bottom, has won the Robert Ratzlaff Outstanding Faculty Award twice.

Our alumni win awards



- Amy Trowbridge-Yates (B.A. in English 2001) was awarded the 2019 Dr. Kenneth K. Bateman Outstanding Alumni Award. Ms. Trowbridge-Yates is a senior writer for Hallmark, in Kansas City.



- James Tate (B.A. in English 1965) won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1991. PSU's literary magazine, *Cow Creek Review*, is named in honor of "Success comes to Cow Creek," a poem by Tate published in his first book, *The Lost Pilot* (1967).



- Shirley Christian (B.A. in English 1960) won the Pulitzer prize for journalism in 1981 for her dispatches from Central America.



Contact us

- If you like what you've seen and want to know more, contact me. I would love to hear from you:

Dr. Celia Patterson

Chair of English and Modern Languages

capatterson@pittstate.edu