



SEPTEMBER ESA MEETING

Thurs, Sep 19 @ 6:30-8:30 PM
in the English Lounge & Thesis Room

(Pizza provided by the ESA using DSC funds)

6:30-6:45 PM Catching up and mingling with pizza and sodas

6:45-7:00 PM Executive Committee & ESA Co-Chair Updates

- Monies for Consortial Faculty
 - Filipa: sending an email to Exec on adding this question to the consortial monies application: [feel free to edit / add things]
 - “Anything else you wish to add? If you feel comfortable, please speak to any of the groups that the application attempts to benefit”
 - How do you propose to dismantle hierarchies of privilege if there’s no structure put in place to do so? Want more transparency about how these decisions are made when these identities are not horizontal. (...seems like there is an assumption that WOC/QPOC will have higher work burdens...)
- [New Faculty Hire Survey Results](#)
- Biography MA program updates
- Ideas for ESA events this year, incl. ESA-organized Nov 8 Friday Forum
 - Anti-conference & Potluck 4-6pm
 - Summit for Committees (Diversity, Admissions, Recruitment) 2-4pm

7:00-7:10 PM Relevant updates on Friday Forum & Faculty Membership

- Fall Friday Forums
- Faculty Membership
 - [Job Ad for AfAm position](#)

7:10-8:00 PM Committee Updates

Committee	Members	Updates
Admissions	Chris Carpenter Sharanya Dutta Christian Lewis Emily Price Sophie Riemenschneider	Concerns about meeting over winter break – can work happen remotely?
Alumni	Stefano Morello Queenie Sukhadia	No updates
Co-Chair	William Arguelles Genevieve Bettendorf Christina Katopodis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from Committee Planning mtg • Survey Results • Flickr photos from events • Sep Exec Committee Mtg Notes • More transparency this year, working with Kandice
Conference	Jessica Lugo Jesse Rice-Evans	Date established! The 2020 ESA conference, “Access and Accessibility: disability is not a metaphor” will be held on March 13th, 2020, on the same day as the open house for accepted and waitlisted students. Thank you to Miranda, Emily, and Christian for stepping in to help!
Course Assessment	Onur Ayaz Sharanya Dutta Beth Sherman Olivia Wood	<p>No updates. Can last year’s committee members share their files with us?</p> <p>Update: No files to share except blank form from last year (Gen completed this task)</p>
Curriculum	Michele Chinitz Eric Dean Wilson	<p>Many of the now-second-years have critiques this year’s portfolio exam, so much that Kandice & Carrie made a forum for anonymously commenting / critiquing the exam. Here’s some of the email from them:</p> <p>“Thanks very much for your work on the exams. The examiners noted that many of the exams</p>

		<p>include critique of the exam itself. Together with Professor Carrie Hintz, chair of the Curriculum Committee, I'm writing to try to collate that feedback for the committee's and program's consideration. Toward that end, we've devised a very simple google form...which asks for feedback, anonymously submitted or not. You could simply cut and paste the relevant section from your exam, or write something fresh. In any event, please note that this has no impact on the evaluation of the exams! The feedback gathered will inform revisions to the exam, and in general provide a super helpful sense of how these instruments are and aren't generative. You're also very welcome to leave your feedback in hard copy in Professor Hintz's mailbox."</p> <p>We should probably quickly discuss how / what to do with this feedback (which we don't have access to).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric will contact Kandice and Carrie about seeing results and talking about them; ask for a deadline for changes to exam for current first years. • There should be better follow-up after a failed section than a prof. not responding to student's request
Diversity	Jacob Aplaca Shoumik Bhattacharya Filipa Calado Miranda Hajduk Daniel Hengel Jessica Lugo	Diversity will be focusing its efforts this year on seeking external funding to promote diversity within the English department faculty/student body. We will be sending a representative to the GC's Doctoral Curriculum for the Public Good on sep. 20th and will have our first meeting on September 27th. Updates pending once we've had the opportunity to sit down to hash out more details.
Editorial	Miranda Hajduk Queenie Sukhadia Eric Dean Wilson	Current goal is to either find the sample orals list file (broken link on the ESA website) or compile new sample orals lists. Have solicited

	Olivia Wood	<p>one set of lists. Can last year's committee members share files and/or access to the back end of the ESA website with us?</p> <p>Here is the link https://gcenglish.commons.gc.cuny.edu/resources/</p>
Elections	Bradley Nelson	Nothing new to report
Executive	Jacob Aplaca Filipa Calado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep Exec Committee Mtg Notes
Faculty Membership	Shoumik Bhattacharya Stefano Morello	
Friday Forum	Chris Carpenter Jason Nielsen	<p>Students have had an active hand in shaping first FF events -- Aug 30th meeting in park, critical karaoke, and portfolio presentations. Coming up, first of two syllabus workshops. And possibly an ESA event, tbd, on Friday, 11/8. Ongoing: thinking about FF and Kandice's shift in focus towards community/student work; work on program diversity as an intellectual project (syllabus workshops); questions around inviting outside speakers (sometimes/maybe? for panels rather than 'big name' keynote that costs \$); and perhaps what FF student committee member roles are (as liaison or advocating for students who have ideas, etc.)</p>
Library/ Lounge	Onur Ayaz Stefano Morello	<p>Not much to report -- we haven't had a chance to meet and plan the year away just yet, but I've been nagging Ray Ring about implementing the last changes to the lounge/backroom that he's been putting off for almost two years now. These include storage units in the backroom, where the ESA library and dissertations used to be.</p> <p>That being said, we also need to put the former ESA board to a good use... any ideas?</p>

		<p>Sad to report that the ESA mini bar was NOT a success after all. All went smoothly in the first semester, but people stopped paying and kept taking in the spring semester – from a rough estimate, about 50-60 drinks were taken from the fridge without leaving any money in the piggy bank. Same goes for snacks. And hard alcohol for Revels was also drained both before the summer and during. So we (Stefano and previous Co-Chairs) decided to lock the fridge for the time being. There still are a few drinks that I personally encourage y'all to serve either during ESA meetings or... you decide. I have to admit that I (Stefano) am pretty disillusioned by this whole affair – I have a hard time believing that one person took six dozen drinks (and snacks) over a semester without ever paying, and also believe that, however “poor” we might be as Grad Students, we all have a dollar to spare if we so desperately want to get a drink that would cost us five or six times more outside of the GC. Not cool.</p>
Placement	Bradley Nelson Mikey Rumore Robert Yates	Nothing new to report
Recruitment	Daniel Hengel Maxine Krenzel	
Website	Jojo Karlin Ryan Vera	<p>Yes, please delete old profiles!</p> <p>Can you email new students and bug them until they build profiles?</p>

[UPDATE YOUR ESA PROFILE. PEOPLE!](#)

8:00-8:30 PM Wrap-up & Clean up

Please add any other relevant events or business you would like to discuss:

- Proposal (IN DRAFT FORM, seeking comments and discussion, including on other ways to achieve a similar goal) for adding a representational system to the ESA bylaws
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ysprF9veN7dSG2rz4IKtBe5l1BfjvCKgO1zRmkHcvgs/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Gen called for a vote for an open comment period before the Oct meeting; Will and Christian seconded the vote
 - There will be a vote on this proposal (after it is revised to reflect comments from this meeting) in the Oct ESA meeting

Mark your calendars for the next ESA meeting on Friday, October 25th @ 12-2 PM in the English Thesis Room, with coffee and munchkins provided by the ESA with DSC funds

Action items:

Collect a list of who had who for Orals and titles of lists so new students can reach out and find out what they were like in the room

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18 ESA Members Present:

Will Arguelles
 Christina Katopodis
 Filipa Calado
 Jessica Lugo
 Emily Price
 Sharanya Dutta
 Ryan Vera
 Christian Fryer-Davis
 Britt Munro
 Paris Shih
 Sukie Kim
 Chad Frisbie
 Eric Dean Wilson
 Genevieve Bettendorf
 Christian Lewis
 Onur Ayaz
 Olivia Wood
 Michele Chinitz

For fun... a word cloud of our faculty search questionnaire results!

