

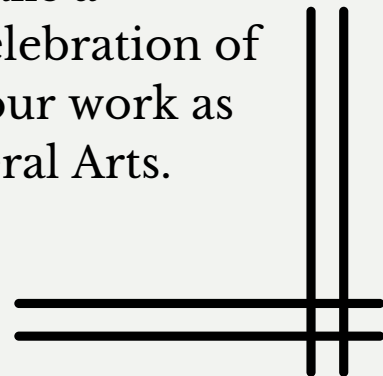


POETS AGAINST THE WORLD

April is National Poetry Month, and one of the poems that often circles my mind this time of year is the one below by Michael Field. Field is the pseudonym used by Katharine Bradley and Edith Cooper, two Queer Victorian Women who wrote and published together at the end of the nineteenth century. There's something stirring about these marginalized women, writing in celebration of the male author, who was at the time (and arguably is now) one of the most recognized and celebrated poets writing in the English language, and swearing an oath to be poets against the world. In doing so, they claim the titles of "poet" and "lover" as well as the power intrinsic to these roles.

With due deference to Field (and their April-born accomplice) as educators in the Liberal Arts, we might often feel like it's us against the world when faced with those who question the value of our disciplines and scholarly work. I hope you take a moment to read Field's poem and engage with its celebration of the beauty and power of poetry and, by extension, our work as educators in, students of, and advocates for the Liberal Arts.

Cheryl A. Wilson
Dean, School of Arts & Sciences



PS: that is not a typo in the second line of the poem - it's true to the original publication

IT was deep April, and the morn
Shakspere was born ;
The world was on us, pressing sore;
My Love and I took hands and swore,
Against the world, to be
Poets and lovers evermore,
To laugh and dream on Lethe's shore.
To sing to Charon in his boat.
Heartening the timid souls afloat;
Of judgment never to take heed.
But to those fast-locked souls to speed,
Who never from Apollo fled.
Who spent no hour among the dead;
Continually
With them to dwell.
Indifferent to heaven and hell.

Upcoming SAS Events

AMELIE A. WALLACE GALLERY

Janet Taylor Pickett: Necessary Memories

Student Docent-led Exhibition Tours
April 10-13, 2:40-3:10

Reception and Walk-Through
April 12, 1:00-2:00

The POLITICS, ECONOMICS & LAW CLUB PRESENTS:

Robin Rue Simmons
Founder and Executive Director,
FirstRepair
Pritzker Fellow, Institute of Politics, The
University of Chicago

How the Next Generation Can Lead on
the Road to Reparations

April 6, 2023 | 1:00-2:30 | MPR A&B

Student News

The OW Coding Club is now recognized as an official Student Organization. To learn more, contact Club Advisor Shebuti Rayna.

Neuroscience Students Awarded Grant:
Together, the SUNY Old Westbury and Rutgers University chapters of the National Undergraduate Honor Society in Neuroscience (Nu Rho Psi) have been awarded a chapter activity grant to host the fourth annual AXON Conference in April 2023.

Three PEL Students were featured in the Nassau County Bar Association Newsletter.

Read more here:



Profiles in the Arts & Sciences

Recent topics for Profiles in the Arts & Sciences have included a profile of Professor Peter Ikeler and a story about the new Physics major. Check them out here:

<https://www.oldwestbury.edu/school-arts-and-sciences/profiles-arts-sciences>

If you have an idea for a story, contact Jon Kleinman (kleinmanj@oldwestbury.edu)

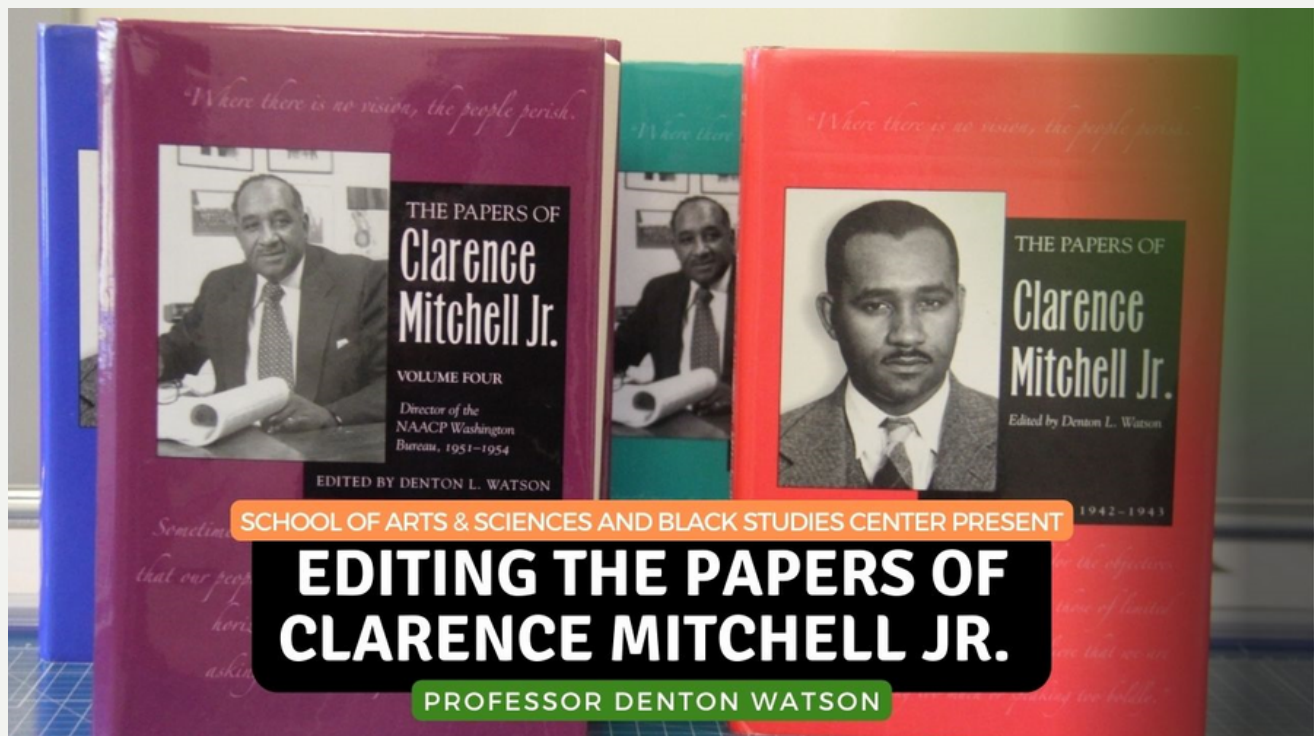


ICYMI

Editing the Papers of Clarence Mitchell, Jr.
Professor Denton Watson

Sponsored by the School of Arts & Sciences and
Black Studies Center

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpgQzkKckzk>



Video courtesy of Professor Oz Akgun and the MIC

Faculty News

Kyle Anderson (History and Philosophy) is one of a dozen winners out of a global field of applicants for the Kluge Fellowship. The Kluge fellowship provides a stipend to conduct research at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Llana Barber (American Studies/Media & Communications) was panel Chair for “Familiar Schemes of Exclusion: Old and New Terrains in Recent Haitian Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean” hosted by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at UW-Milwaukee.

Llana Barber (American Studies/Media & Communications) was the moderator for the Immigration and Ethnic History Society Book Series online discussion in March.

Solomon Chak, Jillian Nissen, Fernando Nieto (Biology): Sixty Biological Sciences majors, three faculty members and one biology laboratory staff member are co-authors on two publications in the journal *Microbiology Resource Announcements*. The publications are the result of the student participation in course-embedded research (CRE) as part of the HHMI SEA - Phage Hunters Advancing Genomics and Evolutionary Science (PHAGES) program.

Carolyn Cocca (PEL) will give a guest lecture at San Diego State University on “Strong, Sexy, Singular, Stereotypes: The Power (and Problems) of Superhero Stories.”

Fred Fleisher (Visual Arts) was selected to participate as a primary curator in SPRING/BREAK Art Show Los Angeles. SPRING/BREAK Art Show is an internationally recognized exhibition platform that focuses on curator and artist driven projects. Fleisher curated the work of Chris Bors and Brian Leo as well as his own.

Faculty News

Keisha Goode (Sociology) is a co-organizer for the Midwifery is Public Health Mini-Conference at Pitzer College in Claremont, CA, from April 28 through April 29, 2023. Midwifery is Public Health (MIPH) is intended for present and future public health practitioners, educators, researchers, and advocates; health professions curriculum coordinators; and students interested in becoming midwives, nurses, doulas or public health practitioners.

Rahwa Haile (Public Health), Alang, S., Mitsdarffer, M., & VanHook, C. (2023). "Anticipation of police brutality and depressed mood among women." *Journal for Racial and Ethnic Studies*.

Rahwa Haile (Public Health), Alang, S., Hardeman, R., Judson, Je. (2023). "Police brutality, intersectionality, and women's health." *American Journal of Public Health*.

Rahwa Haile (Public Health), Invited Panelist: "Structural racism community conversation." January 2023 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders conference, New Orleans, LA.

Patty Harris (Visual Arts) is included in the Infobahn Associate Artist Alumni Exhibition at Atlantic Center for the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Curtis Holland (Sociology) was interviewed for an article in the South Carolina newspaper *The Post and Courier* about disgraced ex-lawyer Alex Murdaugh.

Peter Ikeler (Sociology) published an article co-authored with two Old Westbury Sociology graduates, Jefferson Charles and Felicia Crivello. The article, "Nostalgic Resignation: Working-Class Characters in Neoliberal Film," which analyzes working-class, female and BIPOC characters in top-grossing U.S. films from 1980-2010, was published in *Sociological Forum*.

Faculty News

Deepa Jani (English) has been invited by American University of Beirut's Centre for Arts and Humanities to present from her research on the Martinican philosopher Frantz Fanon at the "Fanon's Revolutionary Humanism" conference in November 2023. Dr. Jani published her article "Frantz Fanon: Postcoloniality and New Humanism" in *The Routledge Companion for Humanism and Literature*.

Joseph Manfredi (American Studies/Media & Communications) has been asked to judge for the Indiana Collegiate Press Association in the Video category.

Joseph Manfredi (American Studies/Media & Communications) has been asked to be a regional judge for the National Edward R. Murrow Awards. He will be judging awards in two categories: breaking news, hard news, and news series for Large Market Radio.

Joseph Manfredi (American Studies/Media & Communications) presented "Don't Sell That License - How to Convince Administration You're Important" at the IBSNYC Conference.

Lorenz Neuwrith (Psychology) gave one of the keynote presentations at the CUNY 9th Annual Faculty Development Retreat in February at Queensborough Community College. His talk, "Reimagining Higher Education During And Post-COVID-19: Challenges And Opportunities" presented the early work that was published with his Psychology Department colleagues, Drs. B. Runi Mukherji and Svetlana Jović in "Reimagining Higher Education During And Post-COVID-19: Challenges And Opportunities."

Lorenz Neuwrith (Psychology) Grant Subaward for \$49,101. Early Life Environment Modifies Behavioral, Epigenetic, and Transcriptional Outcomes From Developmental Lead Exposure (PI: Dr. Jay S. Schneider - Thomas Jefferson University).

Faculty News

Lorenz Neuwirth (Psychology): Publications *denotes student co-author.

Ploppert, E.*, Jacob, J., Deutsch, A.*, Watanabe, S.*, Gillenwater, K.*, Choe, A.*, Cruz, G.B.*, Cabañas, E.*, Vasquez, M.A.*, Ayaz, Z.*, **Neuwirth, L.S.**, & Lambert, K.G. (2022). "Influence of effort-based reward training on neuroadaptive cognitive responses: Implications for preclinical behavioral approaches for depressive symptoms." *Neuroscience*, 500, 63-78.

Neuwirth, L.S., Verrengia, M.T.*, Harikinish-Murray, Z.I.*, Orens, J.E.*, & Lopez, O.E.* (2022). "Under or absent reporting of light stimuli in testing of anxiety-like behaviors in rodents: The need for standardization." *Frontiers in Molecular Neuroscience*, 15, 912146 .

Zhu, W., Cruz, G.B.*, Ayaz, Z.*, Joseph, J.N.*, Bobby, A*, Cadet, P, & **Neuwirth, L.S.**, (2022). "Influences of taurine pharmacodynamics and sex on active avoidance learning and memory." In S.W. Shaffer, S. Murakami & A.E. El Idrissi (Eds.), *Taurine 12, Advances in Experimental Medicine & Biology*, Vol. 1370. pp.381-393.

Neuwirth, L.S., Emenike, B.U., Cruz, G.B.*, Cabañas, E.*, Vasquez, M.A.*, Joseph, J.N.*, Ayaz, Z.*, Mian, M.*, Ali, M.M.*, Clarke, E.G.*, Barrera, E.D.*, Hameed, N.*, Rubi, S.*, Dacius Jr., T.F.*, Skeen, J.C.*, Bonitto, J.R.*, Khairi, E.B.*, Iqbal, A.*, Ahmed, I.*, Jose, T.J.*, Lynch, K.P.*, Alivira, A.*, Mathew, N.*, Kaur, S.*, Masood, S.*, Tranquile, B.* & Thiruverkadu, V.* (2022). "Taurine-derived compounds produce anxiolytic effects in rats following developmental lead exposure." In S.W. Shaffer, S. Murakami & A.E. El Idrissi (Eds.), *Taurine 12, Advances in Experimental Medicine & Biology*, Vol. 1370. pp.445-460.

Faculty News

Vasquez, M.A.*, Cruz, G.B.*, Cabañas, E.*, Joseph, J.N.*, Mian, M.*, Madhira, S.K.V.*, Akintunde, C.A.*, Clarke, E.G.*, Skeen, J.C.*, Bonitto, J.R.*, Khairi, E.B.*, Lynch, K.P.*, Mekawy, N.H.*, El Idrissi, A., Kim, Y.J., **Emenike, B.U. & Neuwirth, L.S. (2022)**. “In-vivo sex-dependent effects of perinatal Pb²⁺-exposure on pilocarpine-induced seizure susceptibility & taurine neuropharmacology.” In S.W. Shaffer, S. Murakami & A.E. El Idrissi (Eds.), *Taurine 12, Advances in Experimental Medicine & Biology*, Vol. 1370. pp.481-496.

Cruz, G.B.*, Vasquez, M.A.*, Cabañas, E.*, Joseph, J.N.*, Skeen, J.C.*, Lynch, K.P.*, Ahmed, I.*, Khairi, E.B.*, Bonitto, J.R.*, Clarke, E.G.*, Rubi, S.*, Hameed, N.*, Kaur, S.*, Mathew, N.*, Dacius, Jr., T.F.*, Jose, T.J.*, Handford, G.*, Wolfe, S.*, Feher, A.*, Tidwell, K.*, Tobin, J.*, Ugalde, E.*, Fee, S.*, Choe, A.*, Gillenwater, K.*, Hindi, B.*, Pilout, S.*, Natale, N.R.*, Domahoski, N.P.*, Kent, M.H., Jacob, J.C., Lambert, K.G. & **Neuwirth, L.S. (2022)**. Developmental lead exposure in rats causes sex-dependent changes in neurobiological and anxiety-like behaviors that are improved by taurine co-treatment. In S.W. Shaffer, S. Murakami & A.E. El Idrissi (Eds.), *Taurine 12, Advances in Experimental Medicine & Biology*, Vol. 1370. pp.461-479.

Lorenz Neuwirth (Psychology) Presentations: *denotes student contributor

Neuwirth, L.S., Ayaz, Z.,*, Joseph, J.N.*, & Kim, Y.J. (2022). Lead poisoning causes sex specific sensitivity to catalepsy in rat pups: Implications for later-life dopaminergic psychopathologies. Oral presentation at the World Brain Disorders and Neuroscience Summit BDNS 2022; Munich, Germany.

Neuwirth, L.S. (2022). Ameliorating lead exposures that cause neurodevelopmental disorders: Preclinical Insights between the GABA-shift and taurine psychopharmacology. American Psychological Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Faculty News

Raju, A.*, Sam, G.R.*, Ali, M.M.*, Mian, M.*, Ayaz, Z.*, Vasquez, M.A.*, Usman, M.*, Vizzari, A.M.*, Ullola, A.*, Cruz, G.B.*, Cabañas, E.*, Joseph, J.N.*, Chrisphonte, J.M.J.*, & **Neuwirth, L.S.** (2022). Lead exposure alters oxytocin levels and social behaviors in a sex-dependent manner in the rat model. Poster presented virtually at the American Psychology Association Conference (Minneapolis, MN).

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Sam, G.R.*, Ulloa, A.L.*, Mian, M.*, Traficante, M.T.*, Vasquez, M.A.*,. (2022). An assessment of taurine as a nootropic in aged male rats in the attention set-shift test. (**Emenike, B.U. & Neuwirth, L.S** Mentored).

Sam, G.R.*†, Ulloa, A.L.*†, Gagliardi, A.M.*, Iqbal, M.*, Ali, M.M.* & **Neuwirth, L.S.** (2022). An assessment of taurine as a nootropic in aged male rats in the attention set shift test. Poster presented at the 55th Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists (MACUB) Annual Conference.

Lorenz Neuwirth (Psychology) was nationally selected to become a 2022-2023 Charles E. Scheidt Faculty Fellow in Atrocity Prevention at Binghamton University.

Lorenz Neuwirth (Psychology) was nationally elected as a Councilor Member for 2022-2023 for the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN) Executive Committee.

Faculty News

Jasmine Mitchell (American Studies/Media & Communication) published the op-ed, "Why the US Should Pay Close Attention to Race and Class in Response to Brazilian Insurrection" and drew ties between the United States January 6th invasion and the Brazilian January 8th invasion. See The Hill's website to read the piece.

Kathleen O'Connor-Bater (Modern Languages) published a book on Nicaraguan poet, Rubén Darío, titled *The Intellectual and Cultural Worlds of Rubén Darío* in Routledge Studies in Latin American and Iberian Literature. The Series publishes cutting-edge, upper-level scholarly monographs and edited collections focusing on literatures from Central America, South America and the Iberian Peninsula.

Lisa Payton (American Studies/Media & Communications) penned two episodes of *Truth Be Told*, an Apple TV+ show starring Oscar-winner Octavia Spencer and Gabrielle Union. The show is airing now, and season three tells the story of missing Black and Brown girls who go uncovered by the media. Payton wrote and produces episode four, available February 10, and episode six, available February 24.

Chelsea Shields-Mas (History and Philosophy) published "Royal Reeves, Royal Authority, and the 'Holy Society' in Archbishop Wulfstan's Writings" as part of an edited collection on pre-Conquest English law in "*Law, Literature, and Social Regulation in Early Medieval England*." The chapter examines the nature and expression of tenth- and eleventh-century royal authority as Wulfstan envisaged it in his political works, and contends that royal reeves played an important role in achieving Wulfstan's vision of a reformed English society.

Student Social Justice Writing Award

Creative Writing Category

Winner, Erika Jean Pierre (English): “Two Social Justice Poems”

Honorable Mention: Aliya Jooma (Psychology): “Will We Ever Be Free?”

Expository Writing Category

Winner, Colette Vaughan (Psychology): “The Immigrant Experience: Eager for Political and Social Action”

Honorable Mention, Christopher Matthews (English): “Queer Representation: The Importance of Seeing Oneself in the Cultural Zeitgeist”

Honorable Mention, Laura Francavilla (History): “The Romanian Revolution Through Different Perspectives”

Honorable Mention, Kevin Coleman (Criminology): “The Social Justice Tree”

Community Reading

Join us on Thursday 4/13, 2:40pm, in the Library to read a favorite poem and celebrate the winners of the Social Justice Writing Award. All are welcome!



Research Day 2023

OW Research Day 2023 will be held Tuesday April 18. This year's theme is "Rights & Responsibilities."

Program details coming soon!

Alumni Spotlight

IAN L. ABRAHAM II
Philosophy & Religion, B.A. 2016
Liberal Studies, M.A. 2020



The son of a career US Air Force serviceman, Ian is a double-alum with a B.A. in Philosophy and Religion and M.A. in Liberal Studies. While at OW, he was a member of the Honors College. In fall 2023, Ian will be joining the History Department at SUNY Stony Brook as a Ph.D. student and Teaching Assistant focusing on American history with the goal of pursuing a faculty career after completing his Ph.D.



Public Health Students visit the University of Matanzas, Cuba Spring Break 2023

"it was a wonderful and incredibly impactful experience for me and for the students. Highlights include Old Westbury students spending time with and discussing a wide range of topics with students from the U of Matanzas and the Latin American School of Medicine, learning about AfroCuban history and culture at the San Severino Castle (Castillo San Severino) and through AfroCuban dances at a community meeting space (Casa de Cultura), and participating in discussions and lectures with Cuban professors about public health, medicine, history, and politics, among other topics." (Professor Chris Hartmann)