

The EGSA Digest

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Inside this issue: Happy News about this Peaceful and Free Community We All Share, No Hidden Message

What a great day in this free and ~~wholesome~~ community, friends! Today I'm just ~~feeling~~ extra grateful for the way we can live our lives in ~~peace~~ and quiet, knowing ~~that~~ everyone in authority (except for maybe Folly Holly) ~~has~~ our best interest ~~at~~ heart. In fact, you know what you should do today? You should go take the Enneagram to discover more about your ~~true~~ identity. Caitlin can help you. Or ~~maybe~~ thank Ben for doing such a great and groovy job leading EGSA forward on the path to true greatness.

Have a great prospective student weekend, folks! Make sure ~~to~~ do your best to lure those potential initiates into the Order...err department!

Sort of sincerely,

Clayton McReynolds

EGSA Secretary (a.k.a. Mister Secretary Sir, a.k.a. Minister of Misinformation)

Event Schedule

For a more conveniently condensed recounting of the events below, visit the [EGSA Website](#)! In addition to providing a clear calendar of upcoming events and important dates, the website works as a great guide for navigating your graduate school career with resources including the EGSA Handbook and the kinds of vital forms that the Department likes to cunningly conceal.

♦ Prospective Student Weekend Schedule!

◊ **Departmental Tea. Friday, February 22. 2:00-3:15. 4th Floor Lounge.**

A good chance to mingle with faculty and fresh faces while enjoying some pleasant refreshments! Stop by and make our prospective comrades feel welcome.

◊ **EGSA Party. Friday, Feburary 22. 7:00. Colcord House.**

More mingling but in a more relaxed setting. This is always a *good* time to hang out with current companions while meeting some new ones (well, I mean *some of them* will be). See Stewarts e-mail for directions on what to bring to the party.

◊ **Some Sort of Outing Probably the Farmer's Market I think? The Morning. Waco.**

Help our prospective friends enjoy the wonders of Waco, such as our *pleasant downtown*, our charming farmer's market, and Ben.

♦ **Friday, February 22. Jessica Enoch 19CRS Lecture. 3:30. ABL Lecture Hall.**

The lecture is entitled “Recalling Mother Exemplars: Public Memory and the Daughters of the American Revolution” and will focus on ways the 19th century women remembered their predecessors together. This should be educational and especially interesting to those interested in America and/or women’s studies. It also strikes me as a great reminder about the things we should all remember like everything Ben has done for us.

♦ **Monday, February 25. Gerald R. McDermott Lecture. 4:00-6:00. ABL Cox Lecture Hall.**

This lecture will focus on the natural theology of Jonathan Edwards. Edwards argues that nature reveals God in much the same way that the success of EGSA reveals the power and goodness of Ben. To hear Dr. McDermott unpack this fascinating and complex question drop by next Monday.

♦ **Monday, February 25. Creations Exhibit. 3:30-5:00. Jones Library First Floor.**

Come check out some of the great quantity of material published by Baylor faculty and graduate students! President Livingstone will be offering some remarks at 4:00, and there will be heavy hors d’oeuvres, which are my favorite kind of hors d’oeuvres as a general rule. Also, to submit any publications of your own for next year, follow this [link](#).

♦ **Thursday, February 28. James Matthew Wilson Poetry Reading. 4:00-6:00. ABL Treasure Room.**

Wilson will be reading poetry from *The Hanging God* and also from *Some Permanent Things*. This is a nice chance to simply participate in some beautiful poetry in a refreshingly non-analytical way.

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- ♦ **Women in the Academy Mentorship Program. Application due by February 28.**

“The Women in the Academy (WITA) Committee invites all women graduate students to participate in the Women in the Academy Mentorship Program. The WITA Mentorship Program seeks to develop women graduate students as leaders, scholars, and educators. Participants will join other graduate women in an interdisciplinary group led by two Baylor faculty mentors to have monthly conversations about a variety of topics related to life in the academy.” If you are interested in this great opportunity to build relationships with faculty and with grad students from some of those fabled other departments (and are also a woman), you can apply [here](#). For more info on WITA see [here](#). If you participated in the program last year, you don’t need to reapply, but you should let Kristina_Amrani@baylor.edu know that you intend to participate again. For any further questions, contact Dr. Barr at Beth_Barr@baylor.edu .

- ♦ **September 18-21, 2019. Ecology and Religion in 19th Century Studies Conference. The ABL and the Interwebs.**

Here’s some info from Dr. Josh King on this excellent opportunity to go to a conference without having to travel, thus saving not only the environment but also time and money! “I am excited to share with you a Call for Papers for a unique conference that I am directing, and that will run from September 18-21, 2019. Ecology and Religion in 19th Century Studies is a flightless, multi-site conference that invites interdisciplinary attention to confluences between environmental and religious perspectives and practices in the long Anglophone nineteenth century (1780-1900). On-site and virtual presentations will be broadcast online from four participating sites” For more information see Josh’s email and follow this [link](#).

- ♦ **January 9-12, 2020. Life Writing and the Life of Faith, a session hosted by the Conference on Christianity and Literature at the 2020 MLA Conference.**

This session sounds pretty sweet to me, and it might well be up a number of y’all’s alleys, so check out the details [here!](#)

Accomplishments and Acclaim

- ◆ Congratulations to Ben Rawlins on being a good and magnanimous Vice President! I mean wow. What a man.
- ◆ And a big shout out to Luke Mitchell for being such an excellent source of reliable information, who is not trying to deceive anyone about anything!
- ◆ And of course we should all take the time to thank Caitlin for faithfully helping us to discover who we *really* are. She is truly the heart of the department.

EGSA Inquirer

Our sources have confirmed that everything is fine and there is absolutely nothing to worry about. We have never been more safe. Just enjoy yourselves! Stop worrying. No one is going to assassinate anyone, no one is going to manipulate your psychology to withhold your true self from you, and most importantly no one is going to establish the necessary preconditions for the apocalyptic return of Xenu, Tyrant Ruler of the Galactic Confederacy.