

# The EGSA Digest

*Frequenter Plerumque Verum*

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Welcome back one and all; I hope you had pleasant and/or profitable Spring Breaks! I apologize for the lack of a Digest last Thursday. I was rather busy at the time, hiding in a culvert and trying to persuade a small fuzzy cat to stay silent so that a masked woman, whom I can only assume to be Caitlin Lawrence, did not discover our whereabouts.

Meanwhile, we all alike face the daunting pursuit of impending projects, masked or otherwise, looming inevitably larger as the end of the semester suddenly comes leaping out of nowhere, brandishing an ornately carved knife, much like Caitlin did when she burst out from behind the Carroll Science vending machines last Thursday afternoon. But we will all survive the onslaught of those papers, grades, and whatnot by escaping into our culverts of concentration, sprinting frantically across the Fountain Mall of dedication, and peddling pell-mell to freedom on the stolen bicycle of determination.

Meanwhile, take a good gander at the information and announcements in here today, so that you don't miss any of these important deadlines and upcoming opportunities! And don't forget to keep me abreast of any achievements or victories you encounter in your life or notice in others'!

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.

- ◆ **Research Assistantship Opportunity with Dr. King. Applications due by March 22.**

The window for applying for this assistantship is about to close! Attached to this email you will find a document from Dr. King helpfully outlining what this assistantship entails, what qualifications are necessary, what the work and compensation will be, and how to apply. This research assistantship pays quite well, and the funding comes from the ABL, so if you're a 19th century person facing the end of departmental funding this is a great option to explore!
- ◆ **Sign Up to Volunteer at the Beall Poetry Festival!**

By now, you have all gotten the nitty gritty from Austin about what you can help with at the Beall Poetry Festival and how you can sign up to do so, so this is just a reminder! Follow these links to sign up to [sell broadsides](#) and/or [transport poets](#). The great thing about driving is that you get to interact one on one with awesome and accomplished poets, and the great thing about selling broadsides is that you don't have to interact one on one with awesome and accomplished poets. It's a win-win.
- ◆ **Assistantship Forms!**

You should also have all received assistantship forms from Dr. Russell by now. Don't forget about these, or everything will be bad. **Also, note that if you are taking a summer language class, you should ask for six credits in the summer.** I have attached that form to this e-mail and here are Dr. Russell's directions: "Please fill out and print out and put in my mailbox downstairs the attached assistantship form for next year. Please make sure to put down the exact number of hours you are requesting for tuition in Summer, Fall, and next Spring. I will do my best in every case to give you what you are asking for. Remember, I can cover tuition for graduate language classes too. In the case of you who have Writing Center tutoring experience and are wanting to be interviewed about becoming a TOR in the fall, however, that appointment is contingent upon doing well in that interview, which we will host by mid-April (details to follow). Remember, you have to have eighteen graduate hours in English (which could include this summer's seminar) to be a TOR. Please return these to me (hard copy again) by next Wednesday, March 27."
- ◆ **Medieval Latin Fall 2019.**

And speaking of taking language courses, here is a good opportunity to consider, particularly for all ye of Medieval interests: "Dr. Nodes, from the classics department, sends the attached poster to announce that he will be teaching a medieval Latin seminar this coming Fall. Latin is surprisingly useful to a surprising breadth of disciplines, and I would imagine that medieval Latin would be, as well. Taking this course would also be good groundwork for another proposed classics course, medieval Latin poetry, which will hopefully be offered in the near future." (see flyer attached to e-mail for further illumination!)

## EGSA Inquirer

We, at the EGSA Inquirer, are back in business. We sincerely regret being forced to feed you such a vicious pack of lies over the past three weeks! We hope that the surreptitious messages we managed to smuggle in were sufficient to counteract the propaganda that polluted this page.

Our opponents are cunning, and there is not much we can tell you with certainty. We have, however, become very suspicious that the mysterious hooded leader who threatened us with the untimely demise of our cat may in fact have been none other than Matt Turnbull, since after pronouncing this dire threat he asked us how our week was going and inquired very intentionally about certain concerns we had expressed the week before. In addition, when this mysterious mastermind discovered our hidden message, he laughed and described the tactic as “classic.” Nothing is certain, but these pieces of evidence are suggestive to the extreme!

You have heard by now bits and pieces of my harrowing escape and the rescue of my feline friend. For the safety of those involved, I will refrain from sharing further details. However, I think it imperative to mention that it would not have been possible were it not for the help of a mysterious stranger. Some unknown party informed me of my cat’s location and gave me warning of Caitlin’s ambush. Could anyone but a Thetanist know those facts? Could there be a new ally within the Thetanist ranks?

Let us hope so, Anti-Thetanist comrades, for I hear tell that the Day of Eternal Return draws nigh. I don’t know what that is, but it sound quite alarming.