

# The EGSA Digest

*Frequenter Plerumque Verum*

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*Inside this issue: Things to know, things to do, things to fear*

As the end of the semester comes hurtling toward us with apparently deadly intent, I find that I can best express my feelings with one of my favorite Dr. Russell words: Yikesters! But it's going to be ok. Right? Yes. Let's talk about something else. Look [hedgehogs](#)! Wow, there is so much [to learn](#) about [hedgehogs](#)! I'm definitely not distracting myself. Just interested in hedgehogs, because really who isn't?

Anyhoo, there's some info here you won't want to miss, so check it out! And I hope you all have a truly excellent break and a blessed Easter.

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.

### ◆ **Summer Apartment Sitting/Cat Snuggling Gig!**

Laine Scales is seeking someone to stay rent-free in her apartment and care for her cats this summer! See her explanation below:

“Live a good life for the summer with two beautiful and affectionate cats in exchange for free rent and utilities in a professor’s home while she teaches in a study abroad program. These two beauties really want to be with you: on your lap as you read and at the foot of your bed when you sleep. So this responsibility is not just putting down food and cleaning the box. You must be willing to be social with them and let the cats be with you (and on you). Singles and couples welcome to apply.

- ◇ **Requirements:** If you truly love being with cats, this will be a good fit for you. (If not, please don’t apply just for the free living space).

Other requirements:

- 1) Please don’t bring children or pets of your own.
- 2) In person or skype interview required.
- 3) References required after interview (these do not need to be cat-specific).

- ◇ **The space :** I live in Browning Square apartments on 9th and Bagby near Baylor. Two bedroom apartment, to which you will have access to one bedroom and bathroom, generous living room, good kitchen, and a large television with Apple TV. Swimming Pool. A short walk to Baylor campus or downtown, and you are welcome to use my bike.
- ◇ **Dates:** May 18 to August 18 (or thereabouts). With the exception of June 26, 27, 28, where you will need to stay elsewhere for three days while I visit Waco.”

If you have further questions such as “What if we bring pets or children that belong to someone else?” feel free to contact [Laine\\_Scales@baylor.edu](mailto:Laine_Scales@baylor.edu).

### ◆ **Sunday, April 28. Dance Fellowship. Good Neighbor Settlement House (2301 Colcord Avenue). 6:00-10:00.**

Come on out for a variety of low-pressure dancing! “No dance experience necessary; no partner necessary. There will be line and folk dances, contra, and a little bit of ballroom, all with instruction.

Please contact Sorina with questions or to RSVP.” We’ll all have plenty of stress to dance away by the 28th, so plan accordingly!

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### ◆ **Card for Dr. Vitanza's Retirement.**

Consider swinging by CS 106 to sign a card for Dr. Vitanza, wishing her well as she retires! See the message from Dr. Dell to that effect below:

“Dear friends,

If you would like to write well wishes (a thought, memory, story, verse, etc.) to Dianna Vitanza in honor of her retirement, please stop by CS 106. There will be a journal that you may write in through the 24th.

Thank you all!

### ◆ **SAMLA CFP. Abstracts due May 31.**

Jordan Carson is chairing the affiliated CCL panel at SAMLA this year, and the theme, “Speaking of God,” may work well for the kind of work that many of us might have lying around ready for a conference! In addition, Jordan has promised to be a friendly and charitable panel chair, so this is a great opportunity if you have relatively little conference experience or are headed to your first conference.

Furthermore, he points out: “Even remotely relevant proposals will be considered. SAMLA is generally a friendly conference, and flights to Birmingham are cheap.” This is a good opportunity to consider, so check out the CFP attached to this e-mail!

### ◆ **Tutoring Gig!**

LaQuesia Gorins asked Lois to let us all know about this opportunity:

“My name is LaQuesia Gorins and I'm the local community recruiting manager for FrogTutoring Waco. In the past, you may have assisted me with hiring English tutors from the English department. These tutors were super helpful in assisting local students in our community who struggles with English attain positive results and we appreciate you for that. Because of the excellent work they did, word has spread in the community and we're experiencing a huge demand for more local English tutors from parents in the community with kids who struggle with English. The tutors we currently have are not sufficient to meet the demand and we need to recruit more part time local English tutors.”

Here's some of the details! Why Tutor With FrogTutoring - Waco?

- Compensation starts from \$30.00 or \$35.5 per session
- Make your work schedule
- Get compensated for driving over certain mileage
- Tutor both online and in person
- Get periodic bonuses based on performance
- Tutor of the month recognition
- Generous referral bonuses
- Be an academic coach and a mentor to local students

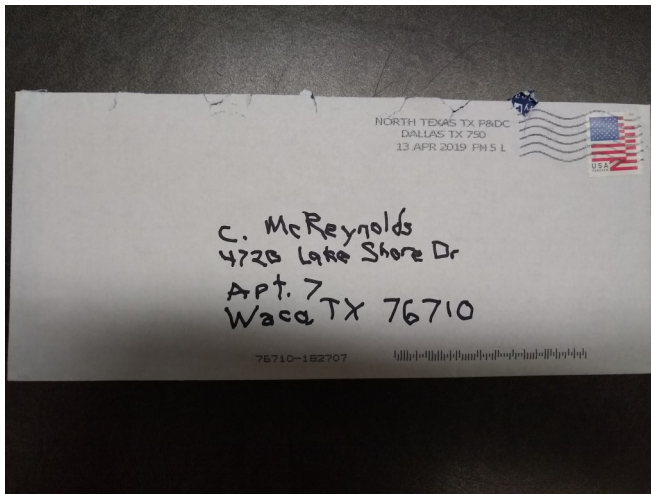
And here's a link that Ms. Gorins provided for applying for the tutoring position, although this seems to be specifically for tutoring jobs in Tampa? So do with this what you will: <https://frog tutoring.com/jobs/Tampa>

## Accomplishments and Acclaim!

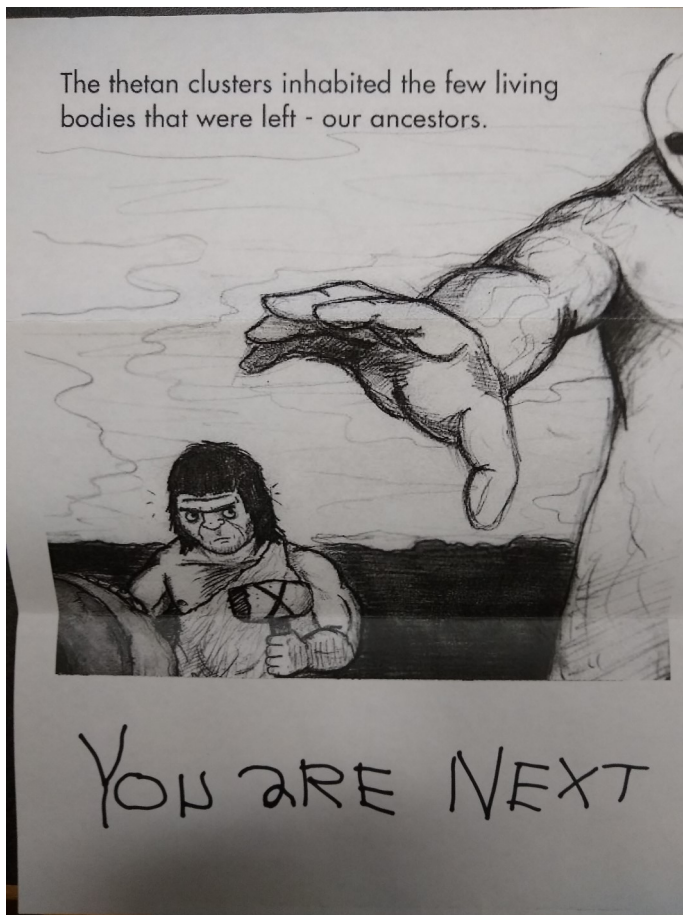
- ◆ Congratulations to Jonathan Canary on completing his multi-year quest to fix Anglicanism once and for all, alongside his fellow heroes in the [Liturgy Taskforce](#)! I infer from that name that they all wear capes in addition to clerical garb and are trained in martial arts. But seriously, Jonathan has been involved in creating the new Book of Common Prayer which is now completed and will shape many people's experiences in worship for a long time to come! Jonathan has been instrumental in accomplishing this super significant thing, and he has dedicated a lot of time and effort to do so, so congratulate him in whatever way seems most appropriate to you! And if you want to check out the 2019 Book of Common Prayer for yourself, you can do so [here](#)!

## The EGSA Inquirer

This past Tuesday, as I was going about my daily life, eating junk food and reading queer theory, I received a most alarming epistle in the mail at my place of residence. It appears that we are hurtling toward the climax of our year-long struggle with our Thetanist adversaries! I was at first only a bit puzzled when I saw this envelope:



No return address: unusual. Rather odd handwriting: not too surprising. But inside this seemingly innocuous receptacle, I encountered THIS:



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We at the Inquirer want to assure you, the EGSA public, that we will not be manipulated into silence by such heavy handed attempts at intimidation. To the contrary, we see this letter not as a danger but as an opportunity! If we can work together to identify our epistolary opponent, we may perhaps be able to foil the Thetanists in the realization of their nefarious scheme. It appears to me that the writer of the letter probably wrote using their non-primary hand. And they are learned in the lore of Scientology. What else can you learn from studying this image, people of EGSA? Join with me in this sleuthing endeavor! Grab your friends and acquaintances and force them to write my name with their non-primary hand! Spy on one another. Violate your fellow citizens' rights to privacy for the public good! If there was ever a time to allow our fear to propel us into a frenzied madness, the time is now. Preliminary research suggests that it was not Matt. It does not seem to fit either Ben's modus operandi or Luke's, and Caitlin did not *seem* to be responsible, but who could say for sure? We might, however, have a new Thetanist on our hands here! Who could they be? And what do they mean by this message?

They seem to be suggesting that I myself might in the near future be possessed by a Thetan or Thetans in much the same way that early humans were possessed by the disembodied Thetan souls after Xenu, Tyrant Ruler of the Galactic Confederacy, destroyed those Thetan's bodies by blowing them up with hydrogen bombs inside of volcanoes (ol' Xenu is certainly thorough; I'll give him that!). But I suspect this is merely an empty threat. It looks like a desperate attempt to distract us from opposing the final move in the Thetanists' dastardly plan: the reincarnation of Xenu himself. Our research has increasingly convinced us that this is the Thetanists' ultimate goal, although we do not know exactly why.

So stay more vigilant than ever, EGSA! Keep all your senses open to danger. Beware the elevator. And find the writer of this letter!