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2012 News and Events

January

Congratulations to this year’s Bellwether Dissertation Fellows: Jennifer Fuller, Kristen Gravitte, Young Hee Kho, Matthew Kochis, and Kristen Marangoni!

EGSA held a seminar on “Financial Investments: What You Can Do Now.” Thanks to Jami Barnett for organizing this special event!

February

EGSA held a Spring Career Development lecture on “Editing, Compiling, & Contributing to Essay Collections.” Our guest speakers were Dr. Sean Latham and Matthew Kochis.

EGSA held its Spring Teaching Literature Series: “Teaching Literature-Teaching History: How Do you Know When Enough Secondary Source Material is Enough?” We thank Dr. Jennifer Airey for being our guest speaker.

March

Samantha Extance’s creative project, to create a steampunk jewelry piece for each episode of *Ulysses* was accepted for *Liberate Ulysses*! Congratulations Sam, we look forward to seeing your work unfold. Read more [here](#).

EGSA held a Spring Workshop on Creative Writing Publication. Thanks to Dr. Claudia Nogueira, Dr. Grant Matthew Jenkins, and Eilis O’Neal and Dr. Diane Burton & *Nimrod International Journal* for talking to us!

### April

Congratulations to Kristen Marangoni who received an honorable mention for her paper “Marginalized Modernisms: Reading Beckett’s Doodles to Reinterpret his World” at the 14th Annual University of Tulsa Research Colloquium!

EGSA Elections were held. Congratulations to next year’s officers: Mark Rideout (President), Lindi Smith (Vice President), Linda Hudson (Secretary), Clint Mohs (Treasurer), Kate Williams (Social Coordinator), Ashley Schoppe (Social Coordinator), and Robert Yeates (Webmaster).

Congratulations to Omer Kazmi who was elected GSA President and to Karen Wookie who was elected GSA Secretary!

### May

Congratulations to our graduates: Laura Hensch, Lindi Smith, Barbara Woodfin, Tara Aveilhe, and Jennifer Krisuk!

### June

Matthew Kochis presented a paper on “What Can the Modernist Versions Project do for Joyce Studies?” at the XXIII International James Joyce Symposium hosted by UCD and Trinity College at Dublin, Ireland. His paper was about the “[Year of Ulysses](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/303867847_Year_of_Ulysses_Initiative)” Initiative. He also was accepted into a 5 week seminar funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities to study Ulysses in Dublin, Ireland. He and 15 other participants took advantage of the novel’s setting to better appreciate and understand Joyce’s modernist text. A portion of his travels were funded by TU’S Student Research and Travel Grant.

### October

EGSA held its fall workshop, entitled “Applying for Research Grants.” Dr. Jennifer Airey was the speaker at this event.

Omer Kasmi gave a paper at a seminar for the XIV Modernist Studies Association, held at Las Vegas, NV, titled “Modernism as Addiction: *The Sound and the Fury as an Addictive Text.*”
Matthew Kochis chaired a panel, Theorizing Digital Modernism, at the Modernist Studies Association. He also presented a portion of his dissertation, “A Queer’s Narrative: Reading the ‘Other’ Modernist Bildungsroman,” at a seminar entitled Sex and Sexual Modernity.

**November**

EGSA held a professional workshop entitled “I’ve Got the Degree, Now What?” Drs. Tabatha Hibbs, Karen Dutoi, Irina Strout, and Barbara Woodfin shared their post-PhD experiences and answered questions about life after grad school.

EGSA held its second professional development session. Dr. McAlear discussed how to manage revisions in a writing course.

Matthew Kochis was accepted to attend a workshop, “Topic Modeling in Humanities Research,” funded in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities at the Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities. He was also invited to deliver a lecture on Virginia Woolf’s Mrs Dalloway at West Texas A&M University.

**December**

Matthew Kochis was nominated to be an Executive Committee Member Officer by the current president of the D. H. Lawrence Society of North America. Elections will be held by the society in January. He was informed that he is an alternate to receive a travel grant from MLA to attend this year’s convention in Boston.