

“Juno was the wife of Jupiter and Queen of the Gods. Iris, The Goddess of the Rainbow, was her attendant and messenger.” – Thomas Bulfinch



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**HAPPENINGS IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
AT CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY**

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS!

- **April 1-2 11:30am-2pm:** Accelerate Central Week Program Tabling (Willard-DiLoreto Atrium)
- **April 2:** Fall registration begins for matriculated students
- **April 2 3-5pm:** ICE Bystander Training (Hilltop Cafe)
- **April 3-5:** Day of Reflection Recess - No Classes
- **April 8 2-4pm:** Open Forum with President Toro on Research 2 Polytechnic Model (Founders Hall)
- **April 9:** Global Environmental Sustainability Symposium (Student Center)
- **April 9 4:30-6:30pm:** Stepping into a Career Alumni Event, sponsored by the English Department (WD 401)
- **April 11:** Undergraduate Open House
- **April 15 12:15-2:15pm:** *Central Authors:* Communication’s Drs. Jacobs, Young, and Ritzenhoff (Bookstore)
- **April 16 @12:15pm:** “The Dynamics in the African American Experience” Lecture by Dr. Benjamin Foster, Jr. (WD D121)
- **April 16 3:05-6:30pm:** The Department of English’s Spring Writing Jam (MW Living Room)
- **April 19 9am-4:45pm:** *The Medieval World:* Interdisciplinary Studies Conference (1849 Room, Student Center)
- **April 20 1-5pm:** CLASS Tavern (Bellin Gallery, Student Center)
- **April 21 6-7:30pm:** *Take Back the Night* March for sexual assault and domestic violence awareness (Student Center)
- **April 22 & 23 9:30am-3pm:** Department of Communication Showcase (RVAC 310 & 317)
- **April 22 12:15-1:15pm:** *Central Authors:* David Cappella, Professor Emeritus of English (Bookstore)
- **April 22 1-3pm:** Elihu Burritt 215th Anniversary Symposium (Davidson, Founders Hall)



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FROM THE DEAN’S DESK

Dr. Gilbert Gigliotti

Undeniably one of the joys of serving as Interim Dean this past year has been my getting to meet and talk – one-on-one for the better part of an hour – with each of the finalists for faculty searches within CLASS departments. Thus far I’ve had the real pleasure of speaking with PhDs in philosophy, communication, and psychological science with applicants in creative writing and ceramics still to come. And whether these job candidates are just finishing up their graduate degrees or several years into their academic careers, they are, to a person, smart, eager to assist students in engaging with their disciplines, and passionate about the potential impact of their research on our world near and far. The pleasure of these exchanges is how they, almost always, open my eyes to seeing something I’ve never considered before – an insight into the way we think or feel or make meaning within this at-times chaotic society. In short, I’ve regularly been going to school again, with a different teacher and subject each time, and I’m lovin’ it. I’m quite certain, when the faculty hired arrive in Fall 2026, their students will be equally engaged, impressed, and empowered. In CLASS, I’m proud say, our faculty are strong ... and just getting stronger.



Photo Credit:
Professor Emeritus Ron Todd

In Case You Missed It



**CREATIVE WRITING CLASS -
THE HILL-STEAD MUSEUM**



**CLASS GRADUATE
SHOWCASE**



SPANISH CLUB TAKES ON NYC



**DINNER AFTER THE AMERICAN
PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION
EASTERN MEETING - BALTIMORE, MD**



**SOCIOLOGY STUDENTS PRESENT AT
THE EASTERN SOCIOLOGICAL
SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING**



**CLASS DEAN'S OFFICE
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APRIL CLUB MEETINGS & EVENTS!

Africana Students Organization (ASO) Meeting: April 6, 13, 20, 27

- **When:** 7:00pm to 10:00pm
- **Where:** Africana Center (Marcus White)

American Sign Language Club Meeting: April 23

- **When:** 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- **Where:** Sprague-Carleton Room (Std Cntr)

ASO Fashion Show Practice: April 2, 7, 9

- **When:** 6:00pm to 10:00pm
- **Where:** Marcus White Living Room/Welte Auditorium

Albanian Student Union Volleyball Tournament: April 22

- **When:** 4:30pm to 6:30pm
- **Where:** C.J. Huang Recreation Center

Asian American Pacific Islander Association General Meeting: April 6 & 22

- **When:** 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- **Where:** AAPI Center (EB Library 205)

Black Student Union Meeting: April 7, 14, 21, 28

- **When:** 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- **Where:** Africana Center (Marcus White)

Book Club Meeting: April 7, 14, 21, 28

- **When:** 3:00pm to 4:00pm
- **Where:** Marcus White Living Room

Criminal Justice Club Meeting: April 6 & 20

- **When:** 3:15pm to 4:15pm
- **Where:** RVAC 209

Criminal Justice Club Movie Night: April 30

- **When:** 7:00pm to 9:30pm
- **Where:** RVAC 105

Devil's Den @ 10: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- **When:** 10:00pm to 12:00am
- **Where:** Semesters Cafe/Alumni Hall (16&23)

French Club Bingo Night: April 7

- **When:** 3:00pm to 4:00pm
- **Where:** Student Center

French Club Francophone Food Celebration: April 21

- **When:** 3:00pm to 4:00pm
- **Where:** Student Center

History Club Meeting: April 1, 15, 29

- **When:** 3:00pm to 4:00pm
- **Where:** History Hub (Bassett Hall, Room 208)

Latin American Student Organization (LASO) Meeting: April 7, 14, 21, 28

- **When:** 1:00pm to 4:00pm
- **Where:** Latin American, Latino, Caribbean Center (EB Library 408)

Lecture on Hawaiian Lei Culture & Lei-Making Demonstration: April 8

- **When:** 1:45pm to 2:45pm
- **Where:** Philbrick/Camp Room (Std Cntr)

Muslim Student Association General Meeting: April 9

- **When:** 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- **Where:** Philbrick Camp Room (Std Cntr)

Philosophy Club Meeting: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

- **When:** 3:15pm to 4:15pm
- **Where:** Willard-DiLoreto Hall, W207

Political Science Club Meeting: April 13 & 27

- **When:** 3:00pm to 4:00pm
- **Where:** Clocktower Room (Std Cntr)

Pre-Law Society General Meeting: April 6 & 20

- **When:** 3:00pm to 4:00pm
- **Where:** 1849 Room (Std Cntr)

Psychology Club Meeting: April 8 & 22

- **When:** 4:30pm to 5:30pm
- **Where:** Sprague Carleton Room (Std Cntr)

SGA Senate Meeting: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

- **When:** 3:05pm to 4:05pm
- **Where:** Travelers Lecture Hall, RVAC 105

Sociology Club Meeting: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

- **When:** 2:00pm to 3:00pm
- **Where:** Bassett Hall, Room 318

South Asian Students Association Meeting: April 7 & 21

- **When:** 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- **Where:** Philbrick Camp Room (Std Cntr)

Spanish Club Meeting: April 7, 14, 21, 28

- **When:** 4:00pm to 5:30pm
- **Where:** Clocktower Room (Std Cntr)

Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) Meeting: April 2 & 30

- **When:** 4:00pm to 5:00pm
- **Where:** Willard atrium (2), 1849 Room (30)

The Recorder Weekly Meeting: April 6, 13, 20, 27

- **When:** 3:00pm to 4:00pm
- **Where:** The Recorder Office

United Caribbean Club: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- **When:** 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- **Where:** Africana Center (Marcus White)

United Caribbean Club Kompa Night: April 2

- **When:** 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- **Where:** Africana Center (Marcus White)


YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CLASS TAVERN, HAPPENING APRIL 20, 2026!

1:00pm to 5:00pm
Bellin Gallery, Student Center

Please join us in celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America!
All are welcome. Expect music, talks, poetry, readings, exhibits, and more!

Contact Dr. Vivian Martin, martinv@ccsu.edu, for more information!

RESET & RISE THIS SEMESTER!



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Stop by the CLASS Advising Office (WD D313) during the following times to meet with one of our advisors: Tuesdays from 10–11 a.m., Wednesdays from 9–10 a.m., or Thursdays from 3–4 p.m.

During your visit, you'll have the opportunity to reflect on your academic progress, explore stress-management strategies, and receive a free stress-relief kit. No appointment is necessary—just drop in, reset, and refocus as you finish the semester strong!



CLASS LIVING & LEARNING COMMUNITY

CRIME MAY NOT PAY... BUT IT SURE IS ENTERTAINING

Here at Central, each college is tasked with creating a living and learning community to bring together departments, students, and faculty. For CLASS, the community provides resident students with a dedicated space to explore their creative passions with others who share a desire to immerse themselves in the world of arts. The Living and Learning Community also prioritizes exchanging ideas with your peers while understanding the cultural significance of artistic expression.

This Month's Living and Learning Community Event:

- **April 13, 7:30pm** - *The Silence of the Lambs* (1991)
introduced by Professor Kathleen Bantley
- **Where:** James Hall 3rd Floor Community Room



THIS MONTH'S SPOTLIGHTS

By: Emma Farrow and Olivia Tuohy



FACULTY: ELIZABETH CLAY

Dr. Elizabeth Clay, an archaeologist in the Geography, Anthropology, & Tourism department, joined the faculty in 2022. Her research focuses on historical archaeology, the African Diaspora, and community-engaged research, and her teaching engages students directly in field and lab work. At Central, she co-coordinates the certificate program in Cultural Resource Management (CRM) and directs the Archaeology Lab for African & African Diaspora Studies (ALAADS), a research and teaching space dedicated to both building collaborative partnerships to expand the archaeological study of the African diaspora in the northeast and curating collections from past field schools. The largest of these comes from the Freeman Family Homesite in Derby, CT, associated with a multi-generational family of Black governors. Dr. Clay recently brought to the lab on long-term loan a Caribbean legacy collection, excavated in the 1980s from the former village for enslaved Africans on an 18th-century sugar plantation on the island of Montserrat. She regularly uses these materials in class and is working on several collections-based projects, including cataloging into an open-source digital archaeological archive and identifying the chemical composition of clays used in Afro-Caribbean ceramics.

STUDENT: LLOYDIA ANDERSON

Lloydia Anderson is a senior with a double major in Philosophy and Sociology. Even as a transfer and commuter student, she has remained actively engaged in the Central community. Lloydia currently serves as both Vice President and Treasurer of the Sociology Club. Recently, she also had the opportunity to attend the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Conference with the Philosophy Club, where she gained valuable exposure to the academic field and broadened her understanding through engagement with professionals in the discipline.

In addition, Lloydia will be presenting her research paper on political violence at the Inaugural Undergraduate Philosophy and Political Theory Conference, hosted by the Political Science Department.

Beyond her academic pursuits, Lloydia enjoys traveling, visiting museums, learning new languages, and exploring a variety of cuisines. She is currently studying the languages of Chinese and German in her free time. Complementing her interest in social justice, Lloydia is an avid reader, with a particular interest for literary fiction, science fiction, and fantasy. Lloydia hopes to expand her knowledge across each of her desired disciplines by pursuing her graduate degree.



ALUM: GLORIA DEIBELE

Gloria, a 2018 graduate of Central, earned her degree in History and now serves as a Policy Analyst for the U.S. Forest Service. Gloria states that her time at Central was crucial in her professional development, especially through her enhancement of research skills.

After graduating, Gloria began her career at a law firm specializing in estate planning, a field that demands strong analytical and research abilities. By building on the foundation she gained at Central and further the development of her skills in a professional setting, she transferred to her current role with the U.S. Forest Service. Gloria is especially grateful for the support and mentorship of her professors, who played a key role in shaping her academic and professional growth. She encourages current and future Central students to pursue internships while in school, emphasizing that hands-on experience can strengthen a resume and have them stand out against other applicants. Gloria notes, staying involved both on and off campus, is essential. Her advice to students is, be confident in the value of your abilities. As Gloria puts it, "Be unapologetic that you bring important skills to the table".



DEPARTMENT: ENGLISH

The English Department is proud to serve Central's students as a core component of their general education and with a robust set of majors and minors that provide vital skills in the use of language across a wide range of careers and stages of life. The departmental highlights include accomplished and committed faculty, curious and thriving students, and regular special events across our programs that enhance the classroom experience.

What binds the diverse faculty and students of the English Department together is an obsession with the most human of tools, our shared language. English is a tool with which we negotiate and navigate every aspect of our lives, including our daily work, our relationships to one another, and our broader communities. Whether focused on writing, literature, linguistics, creative expression, or the language of cinema, our English major, the numerous minors, two graduate degrees, and myriad core courses all sharpen students' language skills.

Recent faculty accomplishments include Professor Dowling's celebrated biography of the playwright and actor Sam Shepard ("Coyote"), Professor Koulidobrova's National Science Foundation grant focused on improving open-access resources for indigenous language groups in parts of South America, and several publications and research presentations by our newest faculty members: Profs. Jayasinghe, Kilfoil, Strong, Brewer, and Catusus.

Some of the many events and opportunities that we offer regularly are career workshops, poetry jams, mocktail parties, visiting lectures, student publication opportunities, an intern program, and a regional conference on English studies every two years. Together with coursework, these experiences prepare our students for success after college. Our graduates thrive in a very broad range of career paths (teaching, management, publishing, jurisprudence, human resources, and many others), because every community, industry, and institution needs people who specialize in language.

Dr. Matt Ciscel, a professor of linguistics, is proud to serve as Chair of the department. Anyone with questions about our programs is invited to reach out to him or to Careen Szarmach, the Administrative Specialist, or to Nancy Brackett, the Departmental Secretary. No matter your interests, goals, or even your major, we are enthusiastic about helping you develop the language skills you will need to thrive.

"The students and faculty in the English department inspire me every day with their curiosity, passion, creativity, and commitment. Students who want to sharpen their language skills should come up to the 4th floor of Willard and talk to us about their interests and goals."

- Dr. Matthew Ciscel,
Department Chair & Professor



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