

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

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UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE
ENGLISH GRADUATE PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 | ZOOM | 6:00PM – 8:00PM

6:00PM – 6:20 PM Introduction to the Ph.D. program

- Dr. Tim Spaulding, Director of Graduate Studies
- Tanya Kang, Graduate Program Coordinator

6:20PM – 7:00PM Faculty Panel

- Dr. Cathryn Molloy, Writing Studies
- Dr. Laura Helton, Black Cultural Studies
- Dr. Lowell Duckert, Environmental Humanities
- Dr. Sarah Wasserman, Material Culture Studies

7:00PM – 8:00PM Current Grad Student Panel

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UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE
ARTS & SCIENCES



The Ph.D. in English at University of Delaware is an innovative, interdisciplinary and intellectually rigorous program located at one of the oldest universities in the United States. We are proud to have built a community of world-class scholars committed to research that cuts across traditional boundaries in literary studies. We support our students' pursuits in a variety of academic and professional fields with a strong focus on work in writing studies, material culture studies, Black cultural studies and environmental humanities.

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Our graduate students find many opportunities to research and work with institutions unique to the Delaware area, including the Winterthur Museum & Library, Hagley Museum and Library, and the Delaware Art Museum.
- UD is centrally located along the nation's northeast corridor between New York and Washington, D.C., with major cities of Philadelphia and Baltimore just a short drive away. At UD, you're at the center of major metropolitan and cultural centers!
- Our graduate students work closely with accomplished and prominent scholars in their fields. Faculty provide academic and professional mentorship throughout each student's tenure in the program, on the job market, and beyond.
- Students are always working with their colleagues in English, but also across the humanities at UD – partnering with students and faculty in fields such as History and Art History to coordinate symposiums and facilitate working groups.

RESEARCH CLUSTERS

WRITING STUDIES

Writing Studies entails the study of writing in academic and public spaces, emphasizing the intersections of theory, pedagogy, and literate practice. This field of study includes composition theory, rhetorical theory, literacy studies, narrative analysis, storytelling, writing centers, writing program administration, technical and professional writing, research methodologies, and rhetoric of health and medicine. It also encompasses a wide array of special topics courses on public discourse, genre theory, race and writing, disability studies, and writing and emerging technologies.

MATERIAL CULTURE STUDIES

Print and Material Culture examines cultures past and present through the physical objects and physical texts they produce. Our students engaging with Print and Material Culture Studies benefit from a variety of on-campus and community resources including: Center for Material Culture Studies, Delaware Public Humanities Institute (DELPHI), Winterthur Museum & Library, and the Hagley Museum & Library.

BLACK CULTURAL STUDIES

This research cluster encompasses the study of Black culture with an emphasis on African American and African diasporic literature. Students study literary, historical, visual, and musical texts as entwined with cultural and political movements, aesthetic experimentation, historical memory, critical theory, and public humanities.

ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES

This mode of study encourages students to intervene in the ongoing and interdisciplinary conversation on the ways that texts affect our engagement with the natural world.



TO APPLY

For more information about graduate admission and to apply online, visit the Graduate College website grad.udel.edu. A degree in English is not required for admission, but all applications need to include a statement of Objectives and Interests, unofficial transcripts (official upon acceptance), a Resume/CV, 3 letters of recommendation, and a critical writing sample. The deadline to apply is January 1.

FUNDING

All applications received by January 1 are considered for full-funding. Applications received after January 1 and before January 31 will not be considered for funding. We are proud to offer competitive funding packages that include 9-month living stipends, full-tuition scholarships, and subsidized health insurance coverage for up to 5 years.

ADMISSION DEADLINES

January 1: Priority consideration for admission and to be considered for departmental funding.

July 31: Final deadline to apply.

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