

English Department Internship Program Report - 8/16/23  
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During the 2022-2023 academic year (FL22; SP23; SU23), 18 undergraduate students enrolled in the English department's internship program. 8 students completed ENGL 450. 10 students completed ENGL 555-CUE. In fall 2022, 1 student in 450 interned in a journalism position with an Oldham county newspaper. In spring 2023, 16 students (6 in 450; 10 in 555) interned with *Miracle Monocle* as members of the editorial staff. In summer 2023, 1 student in 450 interned with Kentucky Area Health Education Centers (AHEC). They served as a teacher of rhetoric and composition to middle school and high school aged fellows, with syllabus development/discussions/readings/assignments focused on learning about populations in our state that do not receive adequate healthcare.

In May 2023, I took over from Robin Mozer as internship program director. Many thanks, Robin, for helping me onboard as well as continuing to field questions as they arise. I also want to note that Robin helped rekindle our connection with Louisville Literary Arts and worked with them to develop an intern position. This fall we have one student already employed by LLA, and LLA has expanded the call for interns to include a second position. I am also grateful to Karen Chandler, Glynis Ridley, Andrew Rabin, Megan Poole, Sarah Strickley, and Kristi Maxwell, all of whom have helped me develop contacts with institutional partners, nudged interested students my way, and fielded my own queries about the position.

In 2023-2024, I hope to expand program enrollments involving students placed with institutional and community partners outside of the English department to at least 10. This number would be in addition to the number of students brought in by *Miracle Monocle* each spring.

Over the past couple of months, in addition to overseeing our summer enrollee, I've been reaching out to new community and institutional partners and rekindling established relationships; recruiting students through the majors listserv as we developed open positions; and revising and expanding the internship program webpage. The page now includes a wide range of placement resources; regularly updated job descriptions for openings with partners with whom I've engaged in direct correspondence (LLA, LSP, LBF, Thumbprint Consulting, Louisville Earthwalk, etc.); direct access to the 450/555 syllabus; and an intake google form to better facilitate student expressions of interest in the program. You'll find the link plastered right at the top of the internship program webpage.

We're seeing some success with these efforts. I anticipate at least 6-7 enrollees by the end of the fall alone. These include secured positions with the Kentucky Department of Education, Louisville Story Program, Louisville Literary Arts, and Shunnarah Law Firm located in Middletown, KY. Students with whom I've already met are currently applying to Backside Learning Center at Churchill Downs and LSP. Fingers crossed!

If faculty have any sense that a student might be interested in the internship program, please send them my way. If faculty have any direct contacts with institutional or community partners that might be interested in developing a position geared toward our students, I'd love an introduction. If faculty in charge of departmental and public programming are interested in developing an internship position, please get in touch. If faculty would like me to give a short presentation on the internship program in one of their classes, let's do it.