

Springtime, in so many poems and in so many ways, means new beginnings, but in academia, it means the end of some things as well. The end of another year, a year full of trials and triumphs alike for us, and the end of college days for our seniors.

Looking back, there have been some very rough patches for the department this year. Mac's heart surgery concerned us all, but looking at him now, it's hard to believe that crisis was such a short time ago! Other students and faculty members this year have lost loved ones and had family crises, but we've all pulled together, and everyone has been thoughtful and supportive in those rough times.

We have had happy times, too: many students, alumni, and faculty members have received good news, won honors, accomplished great things—you will read about some of those very things in the rest of the newsletter. The WittLit Society has become a force of nature, and the energy is terrific! And we were honored to have one of our most adventuresome and accomplished alumni, **Lois Raimondo (81)**, deliver a rousing address as the Class of 2005's Commemorative

## The Literary Society

This has been a very active year for the ever-growing Wittenberg Literary Society. Of course, they kicked the year off right away with weekly meetings in the Morris Lounge each Thursday night. While most of these meetings were spent purely discussing literature, some time went into preparations for larger events. In October, for example, they held a Halloween Party at LS President **Melissa Barrett's (05)** house. Also in the fall, members enjoyed the movie **Hamlet** with the English Department.

Each time the Wittenberg Theatre Department performs its plays, the LS generally organizes a group of interested members to go watch it together, and then go out to dinner afterwards. On one festive evening in February, they held a potluck dinner, again at Barrett's house. Of particular note were **Torren Stanley's (06)** famous grilled cheese sandwiches, among a wide variety of other delicacies.

Often seen in Hollenbeck and across campus are the all-black LS t-shirts that read simply, "Discourse." on the front, and "Ch@d ( )Tj 2.6451 0 0 Td (d)Tj .1Td (s)T.k

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## English Department Writing Awards

Congratulations to the following students whose work was honored at the Department Awards Colloquium on Thursday, April 21 in Ness Auditorium. Each award winner received a certificate and a cash prize.

Sophomore Writing Award: Allison Helmuth

Junior Writing Award: Elizabeth Eshelman

Senior Writing Award: Mike Budney and Sarah Leavens

Poetry Award: Melissa Barrett

Fiction Award: Chris Schirr

Non-Fiction Award: Elizabeth Eshelman and Sarah Leavens

Creativity Award: Sarah Leavens

Koppenhaver Award: Melissa Barrett

Excellence in Literary Studies Award: Katie Baumgardner and Sarah Myers

## Oral Comprehensive Examinations

The following senior English majors passed their oral comprehensive examinations with distinction:

Arnie Aureliano

Melissa Barrett

Katie Baumgardner

Meredith Belser

Craig Buckley

Norah Gillam

Andrew Klosky

Sarah Leavens

Therese Lehman

Sarah Myers

Maria Nader

Bret Olson

## Departmental Honors

The following students will graduate with Department Honors this year:

Darcy Ark

Melissa Barrett

Michael Budney

Maria Nader

Bret Olson

## Faculty Promotions

The department is pleased to announce that three of its members have officially been granted promotions at the May meeting of the Board of Directors. Dr. Robert Leigh Davis and Dr. Robin L. Inboden have been named Professors; Dr. Carmiele Wilkerson has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

Eligibility for promotions is based on achievement of the appropriate terminal degree and minimum numbers of years served in each rank; once eligible, a candidate earns promotion through demonstrated achievement in the above-named three areas. Each case is reviewed by the department, the F s

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accepted for publication in a forthcoming collection, *Encountering Motherhood*. She will be reading from this essay and chairing a panel at the Adoption and Culture International Conference in Tampa, Florida, this No

It is with much sadness that Robyn Kistemaker (05) bids farewell to her position as Patti's student worker. After graduating in May, Robyn will be heading home to work until the beginning of July. In July she will be heading to Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus to begin her studies for a Master of Divinity.

As a result of her positive experiences working in the Writing Center and editing Spectrum, Sarah Meyers (05) will be attending the Denver Publishing Institute this summer. After graduating from the Institute, she will move to Atlanta in search of a job so she can enjoy two of her favorite things—editing and sunshine.

In February, Maria Nader (05) presented her honors thesis, "Creating Spaces for Literary Creeping: The Diaries of Charlotte Perkins Gilman," at the undergraduate research conference at Cedarville University, and again