



SPEAKERS

Every year the English department brings a number of well-known writers to campus.

Through a generous endowment from the Wilson family, such speak-

ers always include a nationally known poet such as Natasha Trethewey (above, the Wilson Poet for 2009).

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

At Albion you will find that the opportunities for participation in campus publications are far greater than they are for undergraduates at large universities. Albion students are encouraged to contribute to two award-winning publications.

- The Pleiad, Albion's campus newspaper, won seven awards from the Michigan Press Association in 2006, including second place for general excellence.

Although The Pleiad is produced in conjunction with the journalism program, it is an entirely student-run publication.

- The Albion Review is a nationally recognized undergraduate literary journal. Contributions are solicited nationwide; the editorial board and production staff are all Albion college students.



WHY ENGLISH?

Albion's English majors know how to think critically and understand the power of language. They are sophisticated communicators who find themselves well prepared for careers in fields as diverse as the law, education, journalism, public policy, marketing, and management. Their thoughtfulness, imagination, sympathy, and social awareness also make them ideal contributors to human relationships and public life.



ENGLISH@ALBION.EDU
WWW.ALBION.EDU/ENGLISH



ENGLISH

AT ALBION COLLEGE



ALBION, MI

The study of English develops critical thinking, clarity of expression, social awareness, and the gifts of imagination and empathy. For both faculty and students at Albion, English lies at the center of the liberal arts.





FACULTY

The English faculty at Albion hold degrees from doctoral programs at the most prestigious graduate schools in the United States and Canada. Their publications span British and American literature from the Middle Ages to the present and include interdisciplinary fields such as literary theory and environmental writing. Several publishing creative writers and a journalist contribute to the diverse scholarly expertise of the department.

While scholarship is important, the faculty at Albion is committed above all to excellence in teaching. Faculty also mentor students through advising, directed studies, and summer research programs.



NEW BOOKS BY ENGLISH FACULTY

Sally Jordan (18th Century Literature), *Anxieties of Idleness*, Bucknell University Press, 2003.

Helena Mesa (Poetry), *Horse Dance Underwater*, Cleveland University Press, 2008.

Danit Brown (Fiction), *Ask for a Convertible*, Pantheon, 2008.

Read ... Write... Think...

The English department offers a variety of programs designed to meet your interests and your career choices.

LITERATURE

Literature courses form the core of the traditional English major. Through them you will gain the breadth and depth of knowledge and the critical thinking skills necessary to succeed in your chosen career path. If you are considering graduate school, your literature courses at Albion will prepare you for both the general and subject Graduate Record Exams (GRE). They are also excellent preparation for the Law School Application Test (LSAT) and for those considering K-12 education certification in the language arts.

WRITING

The department offers a variety of writing courses, ranging from basic writing for entering students to upper-level composition classes. Writing is an essential component of the major. Upper-level writing classes, which focus on argument, logic, persuasive rhetoric, and research, are especially valuable for those interested in law and public policy as well as specifically writing-related careers.

CREATIVE WRITING

If you're interested in taking more than a few courses in creative writing, you may wish to choose an English major with creative writing emphasis. Courses range from a broad-based introduction to advanced workshops in fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction. At the upper level you will be able to work closely with publishing writers of both poetry and fiction.

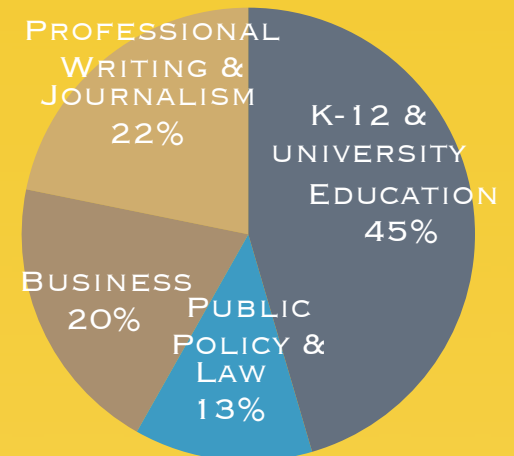
JOURNALISM

Journalism is available as a series of courses in the English department. In courses from beginning reporting to upper-level seminars, your work will contribute to the college newspaper, *The Pleiad*. Other advanced classes, such as news editing and magazine writing, prepare you for the world of professional journalism. Journalism is also a good choice if you're interested in public policy, communication, marketing or public relations, or environmental advocacy.

IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY

The English language belongs to anyone who speaks it, not just to an exclusive few. The English department is strongly committed to diversity among our faculty, our students, and in the classes we teach. Many English classes are part of the college's interdisciplinary programs in Ethnic Studies and Women's & Gender Studies.

WHAT HAPPENS TO ENGLISH MAJORS?



DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE FOR WHOM ENGLISH WAS A SECOND MAJOR (E.G. SOME PRE-MED STUDENTS).