



## Report of Department of English Student Association (DESA)

25 October 2017

### Journals

- *Slate*, our scholarly journal of television, film, and moving images, is assembling an editorial board under our new editor-in-chief, Haley O'Halloran.
- Our leading scholarly journal, *The Channel*, is assembling an editorial board under our new co-editor-in-chiefs, Virginia Shram and Rebecca Dillon.
- We have secured funds from the English Department to hire web editors and create an online version of *The Channel* that will accept submissions on a rolling basis in order to encourage participation from our Cultural Studies and Drama and Theatre streams.
- Our literary magazine *The Veg* has concluded the submission period for the Fall 2017 issue. They are publishing an exciting collection of photography, poetry, and short stories. Their launch is November 24<sup>th</sup> at Psychic City.
- Our creative journal *Scrivener* has assembled a new editorial board for the 2017-18 academic year. They have published early work by Leonard Cohen, Margaret Atwood, and Seamus Heaney. Their submission period is forthcoming. This is a great opportunity for student writers and artists.
- As the result of hard work by our Vice President Journal and Affiliates, we have provisional funds to begin an inter-disciplinary journal that focuses on post-colonial studies. That is an academic space that needs filling in the English department and many departments.

### Tuesday Night Café Theatre

- Our affiliate theatre has just concluded a successful run of Caryl Churchill's *Owners*.
- Next month they will be showing *For Coloured Girls* by Ntozake Shange. This will be the first ever production at McGill produced, directed, and performed entirely by black women.

### Upcoming Events

- Our Literature Stream Representative Sanjna Navani is planning an informal writing workshop that will take place in the next few weeks. She wants to create a space for students to write, hang out, and share ideas. This will take place in the DESA office, Arts-315.
- On Wed. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, the English department is hosting poet Chad Norman, who will read a selection of his work from his new collection.

Respectfully Submitted,

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