

DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

The Monthly Newsletter of the David G. Pollart Center for Arts and Humanities



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“The Parthians at War breaks down disciplinary barriers by integrating evidence from art, archaeology, administrative documents, cuneiform records, and numismatics, along with traditional historical narratives of the period. It provides the first comprehensive study dedicated entirely to the developments and capabilities of the Parthian military. It corrects widespread misconceptions, common assumptions, and stale dogmas about the Parthians, their militarism, and their rivalry with Rome.”

CAH Events

Workshop for the CAH Faculty Fellows Program Applicants

The David G. Pollart Center for Arts and Humanities is hosting a workshop for the faculty members who are interested to apply for the CAH Faculty Fellowship Program for Fall 2024-Spring 2025. Dr. Becky James (Research Development Manager, CAS) and Brandy Wisler (Finance/Budget Manager) will conduct the workshop. The workshop will be via Zoom. The details of the event are given below. Please share this with your colleagues.

Date & Time: Thursday, December 7, from 4:00-5:00 PM

[Via Zoom](#)

CAH Interdisciplinary Arts and Humanities Conference, April 26-27

We are excited to announce that the David G. Pollart Center for Arts and Humanities is organizing an interdisciplinary arts and humanities conference for the undergraduate and graduate students in Spring 2024. You will find the conference CFP and submission details on our website:

<https://cah.wsu.edu/interdisciplinary-arts-and-humanities-conference/>

Please note that **students from all campuses** are welcome to submit abstract. We will host some **Zoom sessions on Friday, April 26** for the students outside of the Pullman Campus.

Please share the CFP with your students. The deadline for submitting abstract is **February 15, 2024**.

CAH Spring Seminar Series for the First-Generation Graduate Students

The David G. Pollart Center for Arts and Humanities (CAH) at WSU is organizing its Spring Seminar Series for the First-Generation Graduate Students at WSU for 2024. The objective of this series is to provide **First-Gen grad students and/or First-Gen international grad students** with a space where they can share the challenges that they are facing in graduate school. Each seminar will be facilitated by a couple of first-generation graduate students who are currently at an advanced level in their graduate careers. For each seminar, we will also invite faculty members from different departments who were First-Gen graduate students. The facilitators will share their experiences of navigating graduate school, share resources, and answer the questions that the participating First-Gen graduate students will have. In addition, we hope that these meetings will help the First-Gen students at WSU build a community across disciplines.

We are planning to meet 4-5 times during the Spring semester for 2-hour informal discussions with our panel of facilitators. **The tentative schedule is 4:00-6:00 on Fridays (February 2, 9, 16, 23, and March 1). We will also provide dinner to all the participants.** Please note that there is **NO COST** for participating in this series.

This series is open to all first-gen graduate students irrespective of their discipline. Please share this opportunity with your students. The students can apply by completing this [Qualtrics Survey](#) by **Friday, 5 January 2024** so that we can design our seminars based on the areas that you want us to address.

Please email at arts.humanities@wsu.edu if you or your students have any questions.

CAH-Sponsored Events

STAGE Student Theatre: One Act Plays



Friday, December 1 at 7 PM

Saturday, December 2 at 7 PM

STAGE Presents their one-act play festival for fall 2023! It includes three one-act plays written, directed, and acted by students of WSU. Follow the stories of; 7eeth: Entrapped in a castle of vampires for seven nights, a man must face the nature of his humanity, Fast Car: a pair of 20-somethings almost as unsure of their feelings for each other as they are of what to do with their lives, The Sensible Thing: A romantic drama, a man must navigate the tensions between his career and his long-distance relationship.

Tickets: Free

[Copied from Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre [website](#)]

Arts and Humanities Events at WSU

32nd Annual WSU PRESS Holiday Book Fair

Date & Time: **Wednesday, December 6, 2023 from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM**

Venue: Terrell Library Atrium

[Event Website](#)

SAVE 30 - 50%!

Munch on cookies, grab some giveaways, and with every \$45 purchase, choose from a selection of FREE books!

From December 4-11, shop online with discount code HBF2023 and SAVE 30% on all titles!

“Here in a Homemade Forest: Common Reading Connections Exhibition”

Dates: **August 22, 2023 – March 2, 2024**

Times: **Tuesday–Saturday, 10:00 AM–4:00 PM**

Venue: **Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art WSU**

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Description



Inspired by Washington State University’s 2023-24 Common Reading Book, *Braiding Sweetgrass*, this exhibition highlights crucial themes from *Braiding Sweetgrass* through the lens of art, inviting visitors from all walks of life to engage in an ongoing conversation about how to prioritize a reciprocal relationship with the land, with each other, and with other living beings. To respond effectively to the challenging and uplifting examples offered by author, **Robin Wall Kimmerer**, we encourage dialogue that includes our whole community, honoring each person’s perspectives on: Traditional wisdom, cultural practice, scientific knowledge, teaching and

parenting, environmentalism, and the importance of art, beauty, and storytelling. Drawing on a diverse selection of artworks and cultural objects created by both Native and non-Native artists, *Here in a Homemade Forest: Common Reading Connections* offers varied opportunities to engage deeply with themes from *Braiding Sweetgrass*.

The exhibition presents prints from Crow’s Shadow Institute of the Arts, a fine art printmaking studio on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; artworks from the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art WSU; and cultural materials from the Museum of Anthropology WSU. Additional objects are on loan from Washington’s State Art Collection. The exhibition is guest curated by Michael Holloman, an Associate Professor with the Department of Art WSU and an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

Opportunities Outside of WSU

The Speculative Play and Just Futurities (SPFJ) application portal is now open for 2024 residencies. We would appreciate it if you would share this opportunity with your networks.

Residencies are open to all scholars and creators who have a track record of work focused on addressing social justice issues facing historically marginalized

groups—including, but not limited to, Black, Latinx, Asian, Indigenous, and LGBTQ+ communities as well as Persons with Disabilities.

SPJF residents may include writers, game designers, poets, dramaturges, filmmakers, VR/AR storytellers, ludologists, critical theorists, and more—essentially individuals who are engaged in constructing (or creating frameworks for others to construct) alternative humanistic narratives that expand our understanding of what literature can be and the ways that it can help us imagine and enact just futures.

SPFJ residents will be awarded a \$5,000 honorarium and up to \$800 for their materials budget. The program also supports travel and housing costs.

Speculative Play and Just Futurities is a collaboration between the Indianapolis Arts & Humanities Institute, the Center for Africana Studies, and the Ray Bradbury Center. The residency is made possible through the generous support of the Mellon Foundation.

Click here to get more information and the application: <https://www.spjf.org>

Calendar of Events

Event	Details
Chamber Concert - Brass	Friday, December 1, 2023 3:10-4 PM PT Bryan Hall Theatre Watch Live
Chamber Concert - Strings	Friday, December 1, 2023 4:10-5 PM PT Bryan Hall Theatre Watch Live
Holiday Celebration	Saturday, December 2, 2023 2-4 PM PT Bryan Hall Theatre Watch Live
WSU Press 32nd Holiday Book Fair	Wednesday, December 6, 2023 11 AM-3 PM PT Terrell Library Atrium, Pullman, WA 99164



To submit an event to the David G. Pollart Center for Arts and Humanities Newsletter & Calendar, please email us at **arts.humanities@wsu.edu**! We are excited to spread the word surrounding events across WSU that resonate with our theme **Connecting Communities** for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please Note: Check departmental, program, and event sites for more information about up-to-date location/online access information.