

BGSU DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH GRADUATE PROSPECT VISIT DAY AGENDA

February 21, 2020

WHEN	WHERE	WHAT
8:30 am (all day)	Lounge, 2nd floor East Hall	Coffee, hot chocolate, tea and light snacks will be available all day in the lounge
9:00 am	East Hall 206	Welcome (with program directors/faculty and current graduate students)
9:30 am	East Hall 206	SESSION: Funding and Information About Living in BG
10:00 am	East Hall 206	SESSION: Graduate Assistantships (<i>what to expect as a GA</i>)
10:30 am	Meet Your Prospective Program: learn about coursework, research, and more; meet faculty and current graduate students (and your potential cohort members!)	
	East Hall 206	Creative Writing MFA (Dr. Lawrence Coates, Director)
	East Hall 306	Literary and Textual Studies MA (Dr. Stephannie Gearhart, Director)
	East Hall 406	Rhetoric and Writing PhD (Dr. Daniel Bommarito, Director)
11:30 am LUNCH BREAK	The Carillon Place	Lunch Buffet on us! (with current graduate students and faculty)
	<i>BTSU/Dining Halls on campus</i>	Lunch on your own at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union (BTSU) or other Dining Halls on campus (see Dining Guide)
12:30 pm	OPTION 1: Continue with Lunch until 1:20 pm	OPTION 2: Observe undergrad Creative Writing class (MFAs)
1:30 pm	OPTION 1: Campus Tour	OPTION 2: Observe a WRIT class similar to what you'll teach
2:30 pm	OPTION 1: Campus Tour	OPTION 2: Observe a WRIT class similar to what you'll teach
3:30 pm	<i>Grounds for Thought,</i> 174 S Main Street	OPTIONAL: Coffee and conversation with current graduate students and faculty and a chance to experience Downtown BG

Note: We will reimburse you for up to \$200 in travel costs, which you can use toward mileage/flight and/or lodging. Our room rate at local hotels, when booked by the Department, run roughly \$89, so you'd be covered by this for both nights should you need them. See "LODGING" on the next page for information on where to stay.

LUNCH

There are two lunch options available for you, our treat (or if you choose, you may go off-campus on your own).

1. Lunch provided courtesy of the Department of English at *The Carillon Place*, a buffet-style, multi-fare restaurant directly across from our building. The Carillon offers a wide variety of options including gluten- and dairy-free as well as vegan. It's really a collection of mini-restaurants in one. *Elimin8* is quite popular with the students as it serves allergy-friendly food. The other mini-restaurants that make up the Carillon include *Fresh Market*, *Hearthstone Pizza*, *The Kitchen*, and *Baker's Crust*. For examples of daily menus, please visit this link, select the date (menu for next week will be posted Monday), and choose "Carillon Place AYCE" from the orange drop-down at the top:
<https://www.dineoncampus.com/bgsu/whats-on-the-menu>
2. Lunch on your own at other campus locations (see attached Dining Guide). We recommend staying on campus until the end of the Preview Day event as finding parking mid-day Friday will be a challenge, as several big athletic events will be occurring on campus beginning Friday afternoon.

LOGISTICS

SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!

LODGING:

Should you need an overnight stay either Thursday or Friday (or both, depending on your travel plans), we've booked a block of rooms at the Fairfield Inn & Suites for both Thursday and/or Friday nights. Fairfield Inn has a full breakfast buffet, a workout room, and a pool, and is close to campus and many eateries. There are also AirBnB's in town if you prefer them.

Please let me know by 4:45 PM EST Monday, February 17th if you will need a room and for which night(s). I'll formally book it for you.

For reimbursement for AirBnB, tolls, or plane fare (up to the aforementioned limit), we'll need receipts. For reimbursement for driving expenses, we'll need your starting address to calculate mileage. We'll also need a mailing address and phone number.

PARKING:

We will have parking passes available that allow you to park in any faculty/staff lot. We recommend that you park in Lot N behind Jerome Library (tall building with mural). The two rows closest to the Library between the Library and the red line on the pavement use a pay kiosk, but the remainder of the lot is for those with passes. Between 8:30-9:00 AM, Literature

Grad Assistant Harry Olafsen will be waiting at the kiosk near the corner of Lot N adjacent to the Library and Memorial Hall with your parking pass. He will direct you to East Hall, which is a very short walk from Lot N. **If you are running late, you are welcome to send Harry a text at (610) 608-5494 so he can meet you with your pass.**

Please see the Campus Map here: <http://map.bgsu.edu/map/?id=652>

For a downloadable printable PDF of the parking map only:

<https://www.bgsu.edu/content/dam/BGSU/parking-services/documents/2019-Campus-Parking-Map.pdf>

ABOUT THE EVENT

The morning's events will be the most informative and pertinent to your academic plans, as they deal with the specifics of your duties as a GA and the scope of your program.

The Campus Tour will be guided and introduce you to the layout of campus and the location of buildings you may frequent as a graduate student in English. The courses to visit take place either in East Hall or a short walk away, and are similar to what you are likely to teach in your first year. These after-lunch events are optional, though we do hope you'll take advantage of the time to familiarize yourself with the campus that you may call home for the next two to four years.

The meeting at Grounds for Thought in downtown Bowling Green is also completely optional. It is a chance for you to hang out informally with the grad students, explore downtown, and get a feel for the atmosphere of Bowling Green.

**If you need to contact us for any reason during your stay in BG,
please feel free to stop by or phone us:**

Ms. Jeanne Berry, Graduate Secretary
211 East Hall, 419-372-6864

Ms. Kimberly Spallinger, Graduate Coordinator
211A East Hall, 419-372-8145 or 419-358-0072

We hope that you enjoy your day with BGSU!