

BGSU DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
GRADUATE PROSPECT VISIT DAY AGENDA
February 23, 2018

WHEN	WHERE	WHAT
9:30 (all day)	Lounge, 2nd floor East Hall	Coffee, hot chocolate, tea and light snacks will be available all day in the lounge
10:00am	East Hall 206	Welcome (with program directors, program faculty, and current graduate students)
10:30am	East Hall 206	Graduate Assistantship Info Session: (with faculty and current GAs) <i>What to expect as a GA</i>
11:00am	Meet Your Prospective Program: learn about coursework, research, and more; meet faculty and current grad students (and your potential cohort members!)	
	East Hall 206	Creative Writing MFA (Dr. Lawrence Coates)
	East Hall 306	Literary and Textual Studies MA (Dr. Kim Coates)
	East Hall 406	Rhetoric and Writing PhD (Dr. Sue Carter Wood)
12:00pm	<i>The Carillon Place</i>	Lunch (with current grad students and faculty)
1:30pm	TBA	OPTIONAL: Campus tour and/or observe a class you might teach as a Graduate Assistant
2:30pm	TBA	OPTIONAL: Campus tour and/or observe a class you might teach as a Graduate Assistant
3:30pm	<i>Grounds for Thought,</i> 174 S Main Street	OPTIONAL: Coffee and conversation (with current grad students and faculty)

LUNCH

We're treating you to lunch 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 and 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*, *The Works*, 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>

LOGISTICS

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 Holiday Inn Express for both Thursday and/or Friday nights. Holiday Inn Express has a full breakfast buffet, a workout room, and a pool. There are also AirBnB's in town if you prefer them.

You won't have to worry about the cost of lodging. We will reimburse you for up to \$200 in travel costs, which you can use toward mileage/flight and/or lodging. The rooms at Holiday Inn Express run roughly \$86, so you'd be covered by this for both nights should you need them.

Please let me know by 4:45 PM EST Monday, February 19th 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 use a pay kiosk, but the remainder of the lot is for those with passes. It's a very short walk to East Hall.

Jen Hahn Nielsen, one of our GA's, will be waiting there between 9:30-10:00 AM to give you your parking pass and direct you to East Hall. Look for the balloons tied to the kiosk near the corner of the lot adjacent to the Library and Memorial Hall. If you are running late, you are welcome to send Jen a text at 906-231-9758. She will meet you in the lot with a parking 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/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 two courses are taught by our GAs in another building a short walk from East Hall, 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 have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to email or phone me at jberry@bgsu.edu or 419-372-6864. We hope that you will enjoy your day with BGSU.