

Carleton

Department of English

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Welcome,

Congratulations on being accepted to Carleton! I'm delighted to hear of your potential interest in English, and I write to welcome you to the college and to the English Department. We offer both a major in English and a minor in creative writing.

The [English Department](#) at Carleton is a special place. With a long tradition of nurturing clear thinking and good writing, we're a community of accomplished and dedicated teachers, writers, and scholars who love what we do and communicate that passion to our students. Every year we put together a schedule of challenging and engaging [courses](#), such as African American Literature, the Art of Jane Austen, Asian American Literature, Global Shakespeare, the Gothic Spirit, Latinx Voices, Medieval Otherworlds, and Contemporary Indian Fiction. Our creative writing courses include short story and poetry workshops as well as Food Writing and News Stories. We offer several popular [off-campus study programs](#), including seminars in London, Ireland, and Mumbai. We bring to campus a rich stream of distinguished guest speakers, recently including Jesmyn Ward, Teju Cole, Edwidge Danticat, Li-Young Lee, David Henry Hwang, Salman Rushdie, and Siri Hustvedt. And we enjoy a vibrant departmental culture on the second floor of Laird Hall.

Our majors are a lively, talented, and friendly group. They organize student-faculty events, including regular trivia contests, marathon readings, and our annual Seniors vs. The World softball game. They develop as poets and fiction writers in the workshop courses we offer. And, when opportunity and interest coincide, they work closely with faculty on research projects. Some of our students go on to graduate study in law, film, creative writing, architecture, public policy, medicine, business, and of course English; others embark right away on careers in government, teaching, advertising, marketing, business, journalism, and publishing.

Wherever you go afterwards, at Carleton you'll learn to read and write with knowledge, insight, clarity, and attention. You'll do so in the company of humane and [dedicated teachers](#), of warm and intellectually curious students, and as part of a community that has fun working hard but doesn't take itself too seriously. Visit our website to find out more about the department, our alumni, and [our imp](#) (the little chap, made 'famous' by Jeopardy).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me directly: you can reach me by email at gshuffel@carleton.edu.

Yours sincerely,



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