

Department of English

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Message from the Head

Dear students, faculty members, tutors, and staff,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all, familiar faces and those soon to be familiar, to the Department of English for the 2020-21 academic year. In particular, I would like to welcome two new Assistant Professors in Applied English Linguistics, Prof. Rowan Mackay and Prof. Prem Phyak.

Sooner or later I will get to know you all, even if, at least for now, face to face interaction will be more limited than normal. I am sure everyone has felt the ups and downs of the situation the world is living through, but as usual we can fall back on the communities we belong to and those we build. I know Jette highlighted community a year ago, and it remains an essential aspect of the English Department here at CUHK. Of course, building a community online, at least temporarily, is different, but it is still something worthwhile for us all to bring about – and yes, even Zoom makes for a kind of community. Use all your digital literacy to connect with familiar and new friends alike, and in particular feel free to get in touch with me with your queries and suggestions. I know that we will make 2020-21 academic year a memorable one for the CUHK English community.

Professor David Huddart

Student Achievements

Our PhD student Stephanie Studzinski won first prize in the ELTU's Creative Writing Competition in the food writing category for her submission "Instant Noodle Reflections: Feeding a Pandemic Appetite." Stephanie's piece will be included in ELTU's forthcoming electronic anthology.

Research and Publications

Professor Grant Hamilton published a book chapter entitled "J.G. Ballard's Shanghai" in *Revealing/Reveiling Shanghai: Cultural Representations from the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries*, edited by L. Bernstein and C. Cheng and published by SUNY Press.

Our PhD student Ms. Zhang Yue Ellen published an article "A Critical Genre-based Approach to English for Specific Purposes: Lecture Design and Pedagogical Guidelines" in *Chinese Journal of ESP* (Volume 3, 37-44). Ellen also presented a paper "From Secondary School to University: Interactions between Medium of Instruction and language Learning Motivation" at the *Second International Virtual TESOL Conference: Second Language Acquisition Research Advances* on 5-6 September, 2020.