

# Department of English

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## Symposium on the Gothic on the Feast of Samhain (Halloween)

Jointly organized by Professor O'Sullivan and the Irish Consulate, the symposium features Professor Li Ou, our postgraduate student Miss Liz Wan as well as Dr. Sorchá Ni Fhlainn (Manchester Metropolitan University), Ms. Devaleena Kundu (Christ University, India) and Professor Tammy Lai-Ming Ho (Baptist University) will be held at 2:00pm – 6:30pm on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (Wednesday) at the E-zone.

Click [here](#) for details on the programme here.

## Capstone Presentations

Final-year students will be giving presentations on their capstone projects on the evenings of 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November at SWH 1 and SWH 2. Topics will be available in early November. All are welcome!

## Student Achievements

Our first-year student **Law Hiu Man Mary** was nominated by the Department and won the Faculty Admission Scholarship 2019–2020. Congratulations! Well done!

With DSE results that allowed her to choose from a wide range of majors including law, Mary was unfaltering in her determination to study English. Halfway through her first semester at the department, Mary told us that she was very happy she chose English.

"Studying English has opened new doors for me," she said. Mary described reading literature as an emotional and intimate experience. In the past, even though she felt strongly about what she had read, she could not express those feelings satisfactorily. Now she is building a repertoire of literary terms and methods that can help her better understand and articulate her reactions to literary texts. Referring to applied linguistics, Mary said she appreciates its scientific approach to language and is eager to learn more. "When I review my notes, what I realize is that I don't know what I don't know!" she said. In Mary, not only can one see a driven and reflective young scholar, but also someone who is enjoying all the challenges at university and striving to make the most out of this experience. When asked if she had any tips for those approaching literature and linguistics for the first time, Mary said, "Be open-minded and befriend the subject."

## Scholarships

The **To Yuet Lai Scholarships** (HK\$14,500) award fulltime undergraduate students who have demonstrated academic merit in the previous year (GPA 3.0 or above) and who have represented CUHK and received **international prizes** in areas of academic-related activities, sports or other talents. To be nominated by the Department, please hand in the supporting documents to the Department by 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2019:

- a letter of recommendation addressed to the donor, Mr. To Yuet-lai, on appropriate letterhead paper
- transcript (downloaded from CUSIS)
- a copy of transcripts with explanatory notes of the grading system on an exchange programme (if applicable). Any downloaded transcripts are NOT accepted.
- copies of evidence of ALL international prizes received as CUHK representative /delegate (e.g. certificates / letters / photos of trophies / medal. etc.)

The deadline of the **Bei Shan Tang Foundation Scholarship**, a full scholarship for pursuing a full-time taught Master's degree at the Stanford Graduate School of Education in the academic year 2020/21, has been extended to 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

More information on the awards and/or application forms could be obtained from the website at <http://admission.cuhk.edu.hk> (Financing Your Studies → Scholarships → Open for Applications).

## English Society Products 2019-2020

For those who have ordered society products from Aurora, please come and pick up the merchandise during these time-slots at the Ezone:

28 <sup>th</sup> October (Monday):	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
29 <sup>th</sup> October (Tuesday):	11:30 am – 2:30 pm
31 <sup>st</sup> October (Thursday):	11:30 am – 2:30 pm

## Orientation Day

The University has cancelled Orientation Day on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Aurora would like to thank those who signed up to be helpers at the event. We apologize for the inconvenience and look forward to seeing you at future events.