

Department of English

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Andrew Parkin Cup (APC) Drama Competition: Sign-Ups Now Open for 2023-24

Attention all actors and drama lovers! Sign-ups are now open for the highly anticipated 2023-24 Andrew Parkin Cup (APC) Drama Competition that will be held at Sir Run Run Shaw Hall in late May.

As in previous years, three to four teams will compete for the Cup and eight fabulous awards, plus cash prizes, through their unique productions.

We're now seeking to form four teams, each comprising at least 4 actors and 1 director. To support your preparation, Prof. Joanna Mansbridge and two current PhD students, Lilli Chung and Alice Harling, will offer interactive and engaging Masterclasses. These classes will cover "Drama and Performance Skills" on 12 January 2024, and "Scriptwriting and Adapting for the Stage" in March 2024, plus backstage venue visits before the competition.

Don't have a team? No problem! You can sign up first and find/form your team at the Masterclasses. In addition to acting roles, there are opportunities to work backstage in the APC. While the APC is primarily for English majors, we encourage anyone with a passion for theatre to participate. Register [HERE](#) by **31 December 2023** and use this prestigious platform to showcase your acting skills and passion for performing arts.

For more information, please contact us at english-dept@cuhk.edu.hk or 3943-7056. We look forward to witnessing your incredible talent on the stage!

Hong Kong International Literary festival (HKILF) Creative Writing Workshop

Do you want to write a real or fictional story? Would you like to develop it so that it may one day be publishable, as a short story or book? Hong Kong International Literary Festival (HKILF) is hosting a Creative Writing Workshop featuring Xu Xi 許素細 in January 2024. This generative workshop offers you approaches to getting your creative work started.

You will respond to writing prompts and exercises to help define and shape the piece you want to write. The goal is to leave this workshop with the start of something you can develop further into a more finished work. Come with a laptop or pad and be prepared to write.

For more information about the event, please click [here](#). Students get a 20% discount with the promo code: 20STUDENT.

Call for Applications – ENGE2960 The World in English: An Oxford Summer Programme

We are pleased to announce that the Oxford summer course (ENGE2960 - The World in English: An Oxford Summer Programme) will be offered in August 2024. All English majors who are **second-year and third-year students** are welcome to apply. Please note that if you intend to join the Oxford summer programme this time, you must be physically present in Hong Kong throughout September 2024 to fulfill the three-hour community service requirement of the programme.

The course is generously subsidized by the Department. You will spend 2.5 weeks at one of Oxford's beautiful residential colleges, and interact with and learn from Oxford residents, academics, and tutors while exploring cultural sites in the city and its surroundings. Your classes during weekdays will be on English literature related to Oxford (so that you can visit the Oxford sites related to particular writers and works), linguistics (with a focus on British variations of English), and current affairs (where you will discuss major social and political issues with your tutors). Your tutors for these classes will be Oxford graduate students who are experts in these fields. Outside class hours, you will have the opportunity to explore Oxford and its surroundings.

If the above sounds of interest to you, seize this meaningful opportunity to study in Oxford and apply! Please fill out the [application form](#) and submit it to the General Office via email at english-dept@cuhk.edu.hk or in person by **Monday, 15 January 2024 (before 5:00pm)**. We look forward to receiving your applications!

Date/Time:	August 2024 (detailed dates to be announced)
Place:	Oxford and London, U.K.
Application deadline:	Monday, 15 January 2024 (before 5:00pm)

An information session will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, 8 January 2024 (Location TBA). Add the session to your calendar!

If you have specific questions about the programme, please contact Dr. Tongle Sun (tonglesun@cuhk.edu.hk).

Research and Publications

Prof. Carmen Lee was a visiting scholar at the University of Macau from December 4th to December 6th. She was invited to speak at the conference 'New Trends and Directions in Communication/Media Research: A Dialogue with Academic Journal Editors' to share her experience of the publishing process as an associate editor of *Discourse, Context, and Media*, a Q1 international journal in communication research.

Prof. Lee also published the following paper:

Chau, D., & Lee, C. (2023). COVID-19 Parody Fake Voice Messages on Whatsapp. In *The Routledge Handbook of Discourse and Disinformation* (pp. 387-398). Routledge.