

Contributors

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Marvin Gowinatra is a sophomore specializing in Offshore Engineering at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Despite his technical background, Marvin has a penchant for public rhetoric and persuasion. His interest started off when he took a writing and critical thinking module titled “Civic Discourse in a Fractious World” during his freshman year. Under the tutelage of Dr. Mark Brantner, Marvin wrote several research papers about public discourse and speech critique. He is privileged to learn beyond his major under the University Scholar Programme, which is an NUS multidisciplinary academic program aimed at equipping its graduates with intellectual rigor and holistic thinking.

Brynn Kairis will graduate from Rutgers University, Camden in May 2015 with a BA in English and a minor in Psychology. She enjoys working with children and currently teaches knitting and choir to students in an after-school program. Her academic interests include literacy and disability studies, as well as twentieth-century American literature. She plans to pursue an MA in English with a concentration in writing studies.

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Esra Padgett will graduate from the The City University of New York Baccalaureate Program at Hunter College in December 2015 with a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies. Her area of concentration is titled “Language and the Body,” which explores the intersections of linguistics and rhetoric as well as cultural and performance studies. She is particularly interested in conversational practices, discourse analysis, and anything else on the socio-cultural side of sociolinguistics. She plans to pursue a PhD upon graduation.

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