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**Road Scholars, Dual Credit, and a Family of Bengals**



The Road Scholars program started in the College of Arts and Letters through Dean's Excellence Fund donations with one student, Jacob Harris, and has since grown to be a university-wide scholarship program. This fall, 90 students received Road Scholarships.

Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, Kandi Turley Ames says, "We are giving a lot of Road Scholarships and it's having a generational effect."

Jacob was the first official Road Scholar recipient in 2017 when he...[Continue reading...](#)

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## Department of English at Idaho State University Celebrates 50 Years of Doctoral Education

In 1971, with support from the Carnegie Foundation, the Doctor of Arts in English was established. In 2009, the Department received permission to rename the degree Ph.D. in English and the Teaching of English. In that time, nearly 120 students have earned their doctoral degrees in English at Idaho State. Most graduates have pursued faculty careers in higher education in the U.S. and abroad.

The first graduate from the D.A. program was Dr. Mary Hickerson (1972). She and her husband, Dr. Perry John (Jack) Hickerson, were among the first cohort of graduates from the D.A. in English.

As Jack Hickerson recalls his and Mary's decision, "It was the perfect...[Continue reading...](#)



Drs Mary and Jack Hickerson, among the first cohort of graduates from the D.A. in English in 1972.

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## New Art at the BR&S Launch Student Perspective

As a new student at ISU, this was the first BR&S launch party I had ever attended. Even though there was an audience of over fifty, the celebration maintained a laid-



back atmosphere. With light refreshments, live music, and readings of poetry and prose, the organizers had a pleasant ...[Continue reading...](#)

Written by Joseph Simms  
Freshman in Communications

## ISU Choral Invitational Festival Gives High School Students Valuable Opportunities

The Idaho State University Choral Invitational Festival was held October 14-15 on the Pocatello campus. Dr. Scott Anderson, Professor of Music and Voice, and Director of Choral Activities for the Department of Music at Idaho State University has hosted the festival every fall for 29 years.

This year was special because it was the first... [Continue reading...](#)



CHS student Will Leavitt works with Dr. Diana Livingston Friedley at a masterclass



CHS choir works with Dr. Brinckmeyer



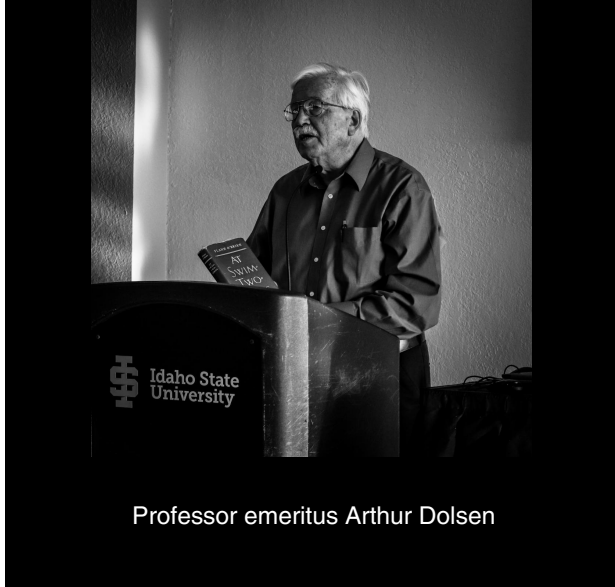
Dr. Brinckmeyer, guest conductor for the 2022 invitational

## Inaugural Dolsen Visiting Writer Matthew James Babcock Poetry Reading

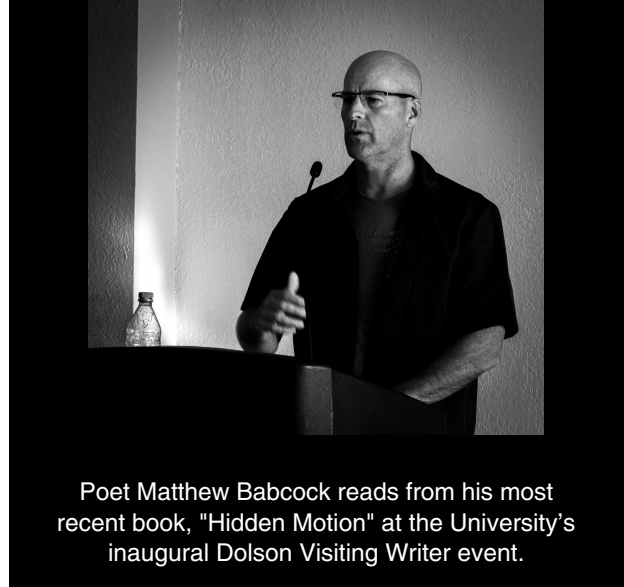
On October 19, Matthew James Babcock did a reading from his most recent book, "Hidden Motion" as the University's inaugural Dolson Visiting Writer.

The poetry reading opened with a brief program celebrating the creation of the Dolsen Visiting Writer Event Endowment, a fund that supports the Department of English and Philosophy in annually hosting a visiting creative writer for a public reading and educational activities.

The endowment has been established by Tom Neel, an alumnus of ISU who earned his B.A. in English with minors in French and Philosophy in 1987. [Continue Reading...](#)



Professor emeritus Arthur Dolsen



Poet Matthew Babcock reads from his most recent book, "Hidden Motion" at the University's inaugural Dolson Visiting Writer event.

*Each year at Homecoming, Idaho State University honors alumni who are trailblazers, making a significant impact on the lives of others and their communities. Congratulations to the following CAL 2022 homecoming award winners!*

## CAL Homecoming Awards

**Jessica McBean**  
**Young Alumni Award**

**Galo Medina**  
**President's Medallion**

Pictured Left: President Satterlee and Jessica McBean; Pictured Right: President Satterlee and Galo Medina



Jessica McBean received her bachelor's degree in international studies with a minor in political science and her master's degree in political science at Idaho State University.

She is currently serving as the budget preparation specialist with the Office of Management and Budget in Washington D.C. McBean contributes to and edits the Analytical Perspectives volume of the



Galo Medina graduated from ISU with his bachelor's degree in general studies in 2000. As an undergraduate student, he was chair for the Associated Students of ISU Finance Committee and ran a successful campaign for ASISU president.

Medina returned to his native California and began his career as a financial advisor for John Hancock and obtained

President's Budget, and prepares ad-hoc and recurring analytical reports while also monitoring congressional action on appropriations bills.

McBean is also the co-owner of the Mad Cookie Lab in Virginia.

his master's degree in organizational leadership from Gonzaga University. After four years with John Hancock, Medina started his own company, Comprehensive Financial Services, an investment firm that offers a variety of financial planning services.

In 2015, Medina established the Galo Medina endowment at ISU to assist students from varying backgrounds in any course of study.

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## Student from American Falls Awarded First JRM Foundation for Humanity Annual Scholarship

Idaho State University student Martha Ramirez was awarded the first JRM Foundation for Humanity Annual Scholarship. [Continue reading...](#)

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## Social Work Students Fill Community Need

On Saturday, volunteers from the Idaho State University social work program were volunteering at the community Homeless Stand Down.

It isn't the first time social work students will be filling crucial needs in the community. Earlier this fall, social work students volunteered at...[Continue reading...](#)



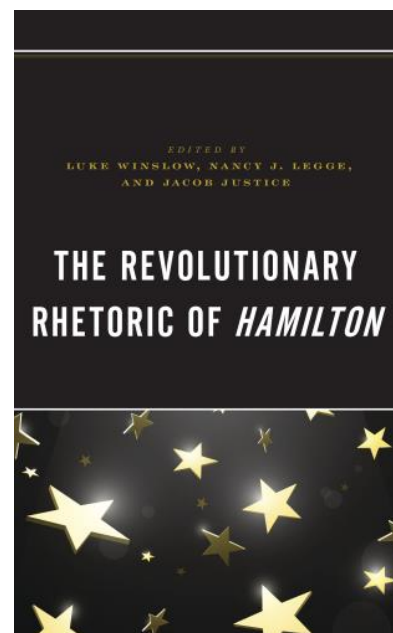
ISU faculty JoAnn Martinez and Jeremy Thomas help at Recovery Fest 2022

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## Idaho State University Professor publishes book on *Hamilton*

In the summer of 2020, America was embroiled in controversy and public protests over mask mandates and the death of George Floyd, who died in police custody. In the midst of these events, Disney+ decided to stream *Hamilton: An American Musical*. In the first ten days of streaming, it received 2.7 million views, exceeding the number who saw the show on Broadway or on any stage across the globe. Given the social and political landscape, the show became the focal point for more debate and protest.

It is within this newly controversial backdrop that the book *The Revolutionary Rhetoric of Hamilton* was written. The book, edited by Luke Winslow, Nancy J. Legge, and Jacob Justice, explores the play within this new, more challenging framework. Nancy J. Legge,



professor of rhetoric at Idaho State University co-edited the book and contributed two chapters. [Continue reading...](#)

### Book information

Winslow, L., Legge, N.J., and Justice, J. (September 2022). *The Revolutionary Rhetoric of Hamilton*. Lexington Books: Lanham, Md.  
Hardback ISBN 978-1-66691-444-3  
ebook ISBN 978-1-66691-445-0  
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## ISU Spanish Masters Students go “Tras Bambalinas” (Behind the Scenes) of *Marisol*



This semester in the Department of Global Studies and Languages at ISU, Dr. Marin Laufenberg's Spanish Master's students are going "tras bambalinas" (behind the scenes) in her seminar entitled "Theatre and Performance in Latin America."

Upon learning that ISU's School of Performing Arts would be presenting Puerto Rican-Neoyorquino José Rivera's 1992 piece, *Marisol*, Dr. Laufenberg asked her students to read the script in preparation for their first opportunity to be [...Continue Reading...](#)

## Idaho State-Civic Symphony One of Thirty Orchestras Selected to Join League of American Orchestras' New Consortium

Idaho State-Civic Symphony is one of thirty orchestras taking part in the League of American Orchestras' Virginia B. Toulmin Foundation Orchestral Commissions Program. The unprecedented national consortium ensures that new works by women composers, each commissioned by the League, will be infused in orchestra seasons to come, with multiple performances throughout the country. ISCS will partner with composer Sarah Gibson for a performance of her new work in the



[Idaho State Civic Symphony](#)

## PBS-TV Host to Visit Idaho State and Deliver Public Talk



**Alexander Heffner**

Host of the long-running television show  
"The Open Mind."

A free community event is slated at Idaho State University for the week prior to America's midterm elections as PBS host Alexander Heffner will deliver a lecture, "Civil Discourse in an Uncivil Age," on **Wednesday, November 2 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Salmon River Suites of the Student Union Building.

Heffner plans to address the state of American democracy as well as the influence of new media on political campaigns, polarization and disinformation. [Continue reading...](#)

### Philoso-Lunch

Fridays, 12–1, LA 248

All are welcome

Bring your own lunch

### Philosophy Club

Mondays, 5-6 p.m., LA 237

Join the discussion weekly

No assigned reading

"Philosophy has a long history of exploring what matters through dialogue and conversation. Talking with others can clarify what you yourself think and lead to a better understanding of why others might think differently. Philosophy welcomes all questions and thrives on breaking down barriers to addressing the ones we care about most.

I see philoso-lunch as an opportunity to engage in philosophy at its best in an informal environment and appreciate the community of philosophical thinkers we have here at ISU. We philosophy faculty enjoy both having these conversations for their own sake and sharing that enjoyment with other students and faculty regardless of their previous background in philosophy."  
Professor Evan Rodriguez

The College of Arts and Letters is pleased to announce and welcome Morgan Stinson to the college as the new Director of Development. A Pocatello native, Morgan

## New Director of Development,

brings seven years of experience in fundraising [...Continue reading...](#)

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*"From performances, concerts, exhibitions and beyond, the students from the College of Arts and Letters contribute immensely to the culture of ISU and our state overall, and I look forward to encouraging others to join me in support."*

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## Morgan Stinson



**Grecia Avalos**  
CMPAdmin. Assistant I

"My favorite season would be fall or winter. I love being able to go to haunted houses or late night walks (aka ghost hunting)."



**Alexis Gillispie**  
Office Admin. Assistant II

"I'm looking forward to making my contribution and working with a team that wants you to succeed and are supportive."



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