

# BRANCH NEWS

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**Monday  
April  
12**

**4:00 pm**

**ZOOM  
Waiting Room  
opens  
3:45 pm**

An email  
Zoom link  
invitation will  
be sent April  
9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Program Leader:  
Gerald Schiffhorst

**English-Speaking Union** Central Florida Branch

**Professor Anna Maria Jones**

*Victorian Afterlives:  
How the 19th Century is alive  
In Today's Culture*

The Victorians are still with us—from film and book adaptations of Sherlock Holmes and Alice in Wonderland in countless languages to award-winning neo-Victorian novels like A. S. Byatt's *The Children's Book*. Dr. Anna Maria Jones, Professor of English at the University of Central Florida, specializes in studying the use of Victorian England in contemporary literature. Her talk will present some fascinating examples of these "Victorian afterlives" and suggest possible reasons for the persistent appeal of the nineteenth century to 21<sup>st</sup> century readers and writers.

# President's Message



During this month of April, I would like to share another ESU National sponsored Program: The Middle School Debate. This program is undertaken in a partnership with Claremont McKenna College and teaches grades five-eight students the fundamentals of language arts skills as well as critical thinking skills through the medium of public speaking. The students are engaged in weekly debate activities and Saturday tournaments. Last year students debated in twenty-two tournaments with the Championship taking place on Zoom. Two thousand four hundred students participated in one thousand three hundred fifty debate rounds totaling forty thousand minutes of debate! Some five hundred volunteers have assisted.

Our branch is continuing to offer stellar programs on Zoom in both April and May; hopefully, you will be able to join us.

**April 12, 4:00 p.m.** Professor Anna Maria Jones's topic is titled "Victorian Afterlives."

**May 17, 4:00 p.m.** Susan Rosoff will speak on "David Hockney: From Yorkshire to Hollywood and Back Again."

I would also like to highly recommend the "Happy Hour Talks" being offered by ESU National; you will receive email notifications with easy access to register.

**April 7, 4:00 p.m.** "Basket of Hope: Finding Success Beyond Setbacks" by Gideon For-mukwai

**April 14, 5:00 p.m.** "Are You Using English Correctly: The Art of Rhetoric and Prose" featuring Ward Farnsworth interviewed by Roger Stacey.

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**May 5, 4:00 p.m.** "Why Shakespeare Matters Today?" with Carol Ann Lloyd

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*"For myself I am an optimist, it does not seem to be much use being anything else."*

*Winston Churchill*

Warmly,  
Barbara W. Hughes

# Slate of Officers

## 2021-2022 Nominees

### **ESU CENTRAL FLORIDA BRANCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS 2021-2022**

Members: We will vote for our 2021-2022 Board at our May 2021, meeting via email. The ESU Central Florida Branch proposal to have a “do-over year” with current officers and board members continuing through 2021-2022 has been passed by the present board members. Thus, the following slate is being presented to you the membership for a vote in May, 2021.

President:	Barbara W. Hughes	Continuing
Executive Vice President:	Socky O'Sullivan	Continuing
VP Endowment:	Jan McClure	Continuing
VP Membership:	Gilda Gomez	Continuing
VP Programs:	Nancy Williams	
VP Scholarship:	Chair Appointed	
	Reta Jackson	Continuing
VP Shakespeare Comp.:	Chair Appointed	
	Ginger Bryant	Continuing
Treasurer:	Jackie Abrams	Continuing
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2020-2023	Sharyn Jontz	
	Glenda McClure	
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2019-2022	Reta Jackson	Continuing
	Ginger Bryant	Continuing
	Sheri Hjelm	Continuing
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	Elaine Laegeler	Continuing
	Curt Dedge	Continuing

## CENTRAL FLORIDA ESU 2020-2021 PROGRAM SEASON

*\*All programs are on Monday at the University Club of Winter Park unless otherwise indicated.*

**Monday, April 12, 2021, 4:00 p.m. (Zoom) - Victorian Afterlives: How the 19th Century is Alive in Today's Culture** - Professor Anna Maria Jones

**Monday, May 17, 2021, 4:00-5:00 p.m. (Zoom) Annual E-SU Meeting**  
Susan Rosoff- "David Hockney: From Yorkshire to Hollywood and Back Again"

If you would like to view any of our past ESU Branch Programs, you may access them by visiting the ESU Central Florida Branch Youtube Channel link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHSbTEUXk8z13quMw34MHSQ>



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### DID YOU MISS THE ESU NATIONAL HAPPY HOUR SERIES?

**Just Click Below to Watch!**

Liz Williams  
[Creole Food: America's Oldest Cuisine](#)

David Hassler  
[Celebrating World Poetry Day with the Wick Poetry Center Traveling Stanzas](#)

James Stebbings  
[The Topsy-Turvy World of Gilbert and Sullivan: Their World, Their Lives, and Their Music](#)

Kathryn Aalto  
[Writing Wild: Women Poets, Ramblers, and Mavericks Who Shape How We See the Natural World](#)

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**THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION  
CENTRAL FLORIDA BRANCH  
Membership Application**

- ☐ I wish to become a member of the English-Speaking Union, Central Florida Branch.  
☐ I wish to renew my membership of the English-Speaking Union, Central Florida Branch.

Please send a check for \$45 (single membership) or \$60 (couple membership) to the **English-Speaking Union, 144 East 39th Street, New York., NY 10016.**

Name and Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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