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## Breakfast at Belmont

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

8:30 am

Room 4094, Wedgewood Academic Center  
Belmont University

**“The Road to Downton Abbey:  
The English Country House in Fact & Fiction”**

**Douglas Murray, Ph. D.**

**\$12 per person**

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Parking is available in the garage  
beneath the  
Wedgewood Academic Center.  
(#8 on the map)

Enter off 15th Avenue South.

The northernmost elevators  
(those closest to Wedgewood) take  
you directly to Room 4094.

**Do not miss the Regional Finals of the Shakespeare Competition.  
Saturday March 7, 2015**

**9:30—12:00**

**Troutt Blackbox Theater, Belmont University  
Corner of Belmont Boulevard and Compton**

This testimonial came from Donna Brewer.  
Donna received our British University Summer School Fellowship at the Globe in 2010.

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January 13, 2015

Dear Sir or Madame:

Words cannot describe just how much the Shakespeare in Performance course has revitalized my teaching. In my 10th grade honors English classes, I begin each semester by showing my students pictures from Shakespeare's Globe that include images of their teacher everywhere, from Heaven to Hell in this replica of Shakespeare's performance space. Our opening study of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is enriched by instructional practices that emphasize classroom performance theater for students, forcing them to their feet so they experience Shakespeare's plays, embodying the directed actions for themselves. Our performances are driven by activities I learned from practitioners at Shakespeare's Globe. My performance of scenes from *Macbeth* on the Globe's stage revealed the power of memorization, initiating my challenge that students memorize portions of Shakespeare's texts. This enables them to discover the highest level of meaning by programming Shakespeare's words into each student's long-term memory. My time in England brought Shakespeare's works to life for me and added enthusiasm to my instructional presentation of material that many students find dated and irrelevant. I am forever grateful for this transformational experience that empowered me to engage students and help them find modern relevance for classic literary works.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Donna Brewer'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna Brewer  
Instructor in English  
Tullahoma High School

**GET TO KNOW**  
**Rickey Chick Marquardt**  
**Co-chair of Education**

Rickey is a Nashville native. She holds an A.A. from Aquinas College, Nashville, TN, a BA with Honors in Speech and Theatre from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and a J.D. from the Nashville School of Law. She served Third National Bank as Vice President and Legal Counsel, and through the Office of the Attorney General she enjoyed 18 years of service to the State of Tennessee. She has devoted countless volunteer hours to fundraising and friend-raising in the arts with groups including: The Nashville Shakespeare Festival; The Oxford Imps, Oxford, England; The Independent Drama Society, Boston, Mass.; Circle Players, Nashville; the Clarence Brown Theater, Knoxville; Montgomery Bell Academy; Harpeth Hall; Room in the Inn; and most recently The Musical Heritage Center, Pegram, TN. Upon retirement from the practice of law she joined Aquinas College as Director of Development and Community Relations contributing to the development of two major acquisitions for the college, one locally and one internationally. She is presently the Director of Development at the Nashville Shakespeare Festival. Rickey is the mother of four grown sons, three of whom are triplets. Her sons live, work and thrive respectively in: Boston, Mass.; Dublin, Ireland; London, England and Berlin, Germany.



**Welcome new members:**

- Andrea and John Calfee, Jr.
- Nell and John Henderson
- Kippie Leland
- Rickey Chick Marquardt
- Jennifer and Gus Puryear, IV

Do you have a friend interested in participating in ESU activities? Email their address to [lsiesser7@gmail.com](mailto:lsiesser7@gmail.com) and we'll mail them a membership brochure.

**2014 BUSS winner - an inspiration for the program.**

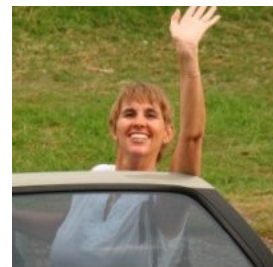
**Lori DiCiaula** teaches at Fairview High School, has entered her students in our Shakespeare Competition, and attended the teachers' seminar at the London Globe last summer on an ESU B.U.S.S. scholarship. She has a B.A. (cum laude) from Cumberland University in Lebanon, an M.A. from University of the South in Seawee and has been teaching since 2007.



Lori spoke to the membership at the reception for the Page Scholar at **Joan Campbell's** home in February. After her presentation, which included numerous appealing anecdotes on her experiences and showed her renewed enthusiasm for teaching English, an ESU member was heard to say: "Money well spent".

**2015 Page Scholar: Cecilia Hunter**

**Ceci Hunter** is a Primary Math's Teacher and Coordinator at St Andrew's Scots School, Buenos Aires, Argentina. **Alejandro Solerno**, our Page scholar in 2011 came from the same school. While in Nashville, Ceci visited Currey-Ingram Academy, Christ Presbyterian Academy (her school was founded by Presbyterians and has links with a Presbyterian private school in Memphis), Nashville Prep Charter School, University School of Nashville, Peabody School of Education, Julia Green Elementary School, and Glendale Elementary School (bi-lingual in English and Spanish like her own school in Buenos Aires). She was chauffeured by **Ann Calhoun** and **Jean Litterer**, was warmly received and learned a great deal at each stop. The **Calhouns** (Wednesday dinner), **Joan Campbell** (bed and breakfast and a Thursday reception) and **Susan Sinclair** (Friday dinner) were gracious hosts during her visit. Our thanks to them.



## *Walter Hines Page Scholar visit 2015* continued

**Email from Ceci Hunter:** I am still downloading my pictures and going over my notes, getting everything organised for my final report. However, I do not want to wait until then to thank each and every one of you for the impeccable organisation, for your loving care, for the wide variety of schools - each with its characteristics, each enlightening in its own way, each so welcoming!!!

As I mentioned personally I will be eternally thankful for all of this and for each social gathering, party, concert, dinner and outing. You always made me feel part of your families and your enthusiasm for all that the ESU stand for was contagious and very motivating.

I know this is not over yet! Many more experiences will sum to the ones already lived as I contact the teachers and plan experiences for our students to interact and learn together.

Again, in the words of a Nashville member: *"ESU money well spent"*. Ed.



*Ann Calboun and Susan Sinclair*



*Ann Calboun, Anne Guerra, Ceci Hunter, Susan Sinclair, Sandra Frank*



*Richard Frank*

### *Reception for the Page Scholar at Joan Campbell's*

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