Nine is Fine – Record Number of Undergraduate Interns on Staff of ECU’s Prize-Winning Literary Magazine

Every fall semester at East Carolina University, several students receive the opportunity to be a part of putting together the award-winning North Carolina Literary Review (NCLR). This year, the staff boasts a record number of 9 undergraduate interns.

The internship with NCLR, which is a three-credit English class for these students, is led by English professor Margaret Bauer, the Rives Chair of Southern Literature at ECU, who has been the editor of NCLR since 1997.

Bauer said she has seen a lot of growth in the program since her early years of two or three interns per semester, which is partly due to, in her opinion, more English majors interested in working in publishing. Bauer says, “This internship gives them an opportunity to practice in a work-like environment the writing, reading, and critical thinking skills they are learning in their Humanities classes, in particular.”

Most of the interns Professor Bauer has supervised over the years have been English or communication students, but this year’s interns have a variety of minors: Jordan Crawford, an intern from Raleigh, is pairing his English major with a minor in linguistics, Alyssa Coleman of Greenville is minoring in Music, and Zak Sheppard from Thomasville is minoring in Great Books. Both Dylan Newitt Allen, Erwin and Tay Peed of Washington (NC) are minors in creative writing. Susie Hedley, who is originally from North Carolina but spent most of her childhood in Georgia, is a Film Studies minor. And a senior who came to ECU from New York, Alexis Gadzinski is minoring in Political Science.

Only one intern is not an English major: Melissa Glen, who is from Kinston, NC, is a senior majoring in Journalism and Political Science with a minor in Hispanic Studies.

More information about the 9 interns can be found on the North Carolina Literary Review’s Facebook page. The interns introduced each other in separate posts during the first weeks of classes.