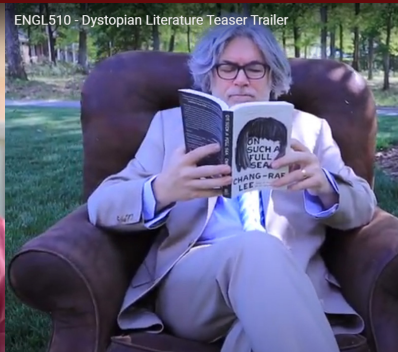


# WINTHROP ENGLISH UPDATE

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Winthrop English Department Awards for 2020



ENGL 510 - Dystopian Literature Teaser Trailer



Dr. Casey Cothran, Dr. Robert Prickett, and Dr. Dustin Hoffman filmed short videos for English majors.

## STAYING CONNECTED THROUGH COVID-19

Spring 2020 was not what any of us were expecting, but the faculty and students in the Department of English came together to make it work. Faculty dove into new technology to give their students the best possible online-learning experience, and our English majors rose to meet the challenge of learning in entirely new ways. Writing Center Director Dr. Devon Ralston, the wonderful English graduate assistants, and the tutors in the Writing Center ramped up their offerings of online tutorials in order to ensure that students across the university would continue to have the support they needed to succeed in their courses. Despite the struggles and disappointments that came from cancelled travel and events, the Department focused on finding ways to stay connected and continue to celebrate our students' amazing accomplishments.

Professor Amanda Campbell and the Winthrop Literary Society organized

weekly Netflix parties so that faculty and students could watch literary-inspired films together while physically being in their own homes. Over the course of the semester, the group hosted virtual parties to watch the first episode of the mini-series *Self-Made: Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker*, the first episode of *Locke & Key* based on Joe Hill's graphic novels, and *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*.

Instead of gathering together to celebrate the department's scholarship and award winners, Dr. Casey Cothran, chair of the department, recorded a virtual Scholarship & Award Ceremony to celebrate and honor some of our outstanding English majors and faculty members. The virtual ceremony also launched the department's new YouTube channel.

Finally, with Winthrop's Commencement ceremony being postponed until August 15, the

department decided to do something special to celebrate our students who anticipated graduating this spring. Dr. Jo Koster and administrative specialist Kara Cauthen worked together to create a video celebration of the B.A. and M.A. candidates from the class of 2020.

There are still a lot of questions about what the fall semester will look like here at Winthrop, but we know that the faculty and students in the Department of English will be ready to face these new challenges head on.

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