SERVICE

Through service, students can contribute to the strength of the department and the wider community while developing important leadership skills. As committee members, organization leaders, and conference organizers, students play a crucial role in shaping the future of the department and the University as a whole. Here is a partial list of organizations and events that our students contribute to and help lead:

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ENGLISH (AGSE). AGSE represents the graduate students on the department’s faculty Executive Committee, serves as a liaison between students and faculty, greets and orients new students, holds meetings to discuss student concerns, and hosts fundraising, informational, and social events. Each year the organization chooses a group of students to represent it in faculty committee meetings.

GENERAL EDUCATION IN LITERATURE PROGRAM ASSOCIATE. Each year the department’s General Education in Literature (GEL) program hires a group of experienced teaching assistants to serve as Program Associates. The duties of the Program Associates include leading the pre-fall orientation for new teaching assistants, helping lead the fall 1 s.h. colloquium for new GEL teaching assistants, and advising a small group of 4-6 new teaching assistants through the academic year. The announcement to apply for a Program Associate position goes out to all GEL teaching assistants in the spring. All those with a teaching assistant appointment the following year are eligible to apply.

CRAFT CRITIQUE CULTURE is an annual interdisciplinary conference focusing on the intersections of critical and creative approaches to writing both within and beyond the academy. It brings together established scholars and graduate students for a two-day conference around a selected theme. The conference is planned and run by students who serve on the organizing committee, moderate panels, volunteer, and present papers.

THE IOWA JOURNAL OF CULTURAL STUDIES describes itself as “a fully open access peer-reviewed publication edited by graduate students at The University of Iowa that mixes traditional approaches and contemporary interventions in the interdisciplinary humanities and interpretive social sciences.” See http://ir.uiowa.edu/ijcs/

COGS. UE Local 896-COGS is the graduate student union at the University. Union members can serve in various capacities. As the COGS website explains, “At all levels of our Union – Local, Regional, and National – democracy dictates. Members directly elect all Officers, Committee Chairs, Stewards, and Delegates on an annual basis.” See http://cogs.org/