



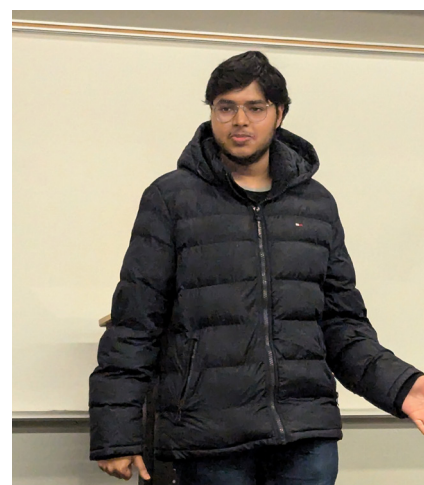
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STORY SLAM WINNER



ALEXIS ANDREWS

EAST-WEST UNIVERSITY STORY SLAM FINALISTS

Thank you to our Story Slam Finalists for showing up and telling their story for our students to hear. The narratives were at times heartbreaking, sometimes uplifting, and always meaningful. This amazing event helps students open up and relate to each other through story telling. Have a story you want to share? Join our next story slam! Contact Dr. Bill Hillmann bill@eastwest.edu



Andre Williams

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CLUBS/SPORTS

Helping Hands

The Helping Hands Student Organization Kick-off Meeting will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024.

What is Helping Hands?

Helping Hands is a club designed to use volunteer work as a way to give back to the community while simultaneously increasing student involvement. Joining Helping Hands is an opportunity to bring together likeminded students and make positive impacts on their communities. This club will allow students to work together on meaningful projects, develop leadership skills, create lasting change, and most importantly, it can build a sense of community for the students involved. This can also promote social responsibility and civic engagement among the members and the communities.

Club Officers: Destyne Adell-Nealis, Andrea Cisneros, and Fernanda Cisneros

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Contact:

Coach Posley at tposlev@rocketmail.com or visit him in the gym today!

Where: East-West University Basketball Gym
2nd Floor, West Building Gymnasium

POETRY CLUB

The New Poetry Club Kick-off Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024.

What is the Poetry Club?

The Poetry Club is a student-led initiative designed to bring students together to share their passion for poetry.

If you are interested and would like to learn more about the club, check out the kick-off meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

Club Leaders: Meymun O. (Dr. Bill Hillmann, Club Support)

Location: 4th Floor West Building (Dr. Hillmann's SPEECH classroom)

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Abogourin	Mazidatou	Morales	Natalie
Asmath Unissa	Fnu	Morales	Adrian
Aviles	Fhernando	Moreno	Raul
Baltazar	Cesar	Nassuuna	Mary
Beal	Jacob	Nemecio	Emily
Burinova	Gulnaz	Ortega	Tania
Campos	Eulises	Padilla	Cristopher
Chauhan	Rehnuma	Patel	Virang
Conejo	Gisselle	Patel	Ravikumar
Deres	Hibret	Radisic	Filip
Fernandez Bordon	Leticia	Ramirez	Isa
Glispie	Cameron	Ramirez-Reyes	Milagros
Gosnet	Elvis	Salgado	Evelyn
Hajeera Unissa	Fnu	Siddiqui	Saniya
Hernandez	Ariel	Syed	Meraj Ali
Jani	Khushi	Thakkar	Bhumi
Lelyk	Sofiya Mariya	Trejo	Carlos
Lelyk	Ulyana	Truss	Maurice
Lloyd-Williams	Rose	Turner	Taniya
Magallanes	Alexandra	Vahora	Arsilbhai
Martinez-Mayer	Mordecai	Vahora	Zaid
Mata	Abigail	Vohra	Ayan
Melgar	Andrea	Yturriaga	Javier
Mendez-Herrera	Kevin		
Mohammed Abdul	Wasey		

Honor's List Spring '24

Acosta-Diaz	Kevin	Lewis	Malissa
Ahmed	Sabeen	Martinez	Yaquelin
Ahmed	Rafay	McGee	Shantera
Allen	Bryan	McNair	Joshua
Ansari	Eraj	Medina	Kimberly
Ballesteros	Angelica	Moreno	Alexandra
Barakat	Islam	Murillo	Jimena
Barrera	Elizabeth	Ordonez	Izaiah
Bernal	Jocelyn	Ortiz	Andreas
Bernal	Mario	Patel	Naiyaben
Burnett	Bryce	Puthran	Priyanka
Camargo	Abigail	Rice	Demonta
Deltoro	Andrea	Rodriguez	Soledad
Dominguez	Tamara	Rogers	Shellicia
Finnigan	Adam	Sanchez	Diego
Gupta	Nagesh	Sanders	Sherena
Hernandez	Arly	Tate	Gerald
Hernandez	Joshua	Thomas	Latricia
Jamison	Rodger	Vahora	Naeem
Jefferson	Mya	Vasquez	Ashley
Johnson	Alexis	Verdin	Carlos
		Walker	Dekyla
		Walker	Tianna

IMPORTANT DAYS TO REMEMBER

- '24 Fall quarter**- Sept. 30th- Dec. 13th
 Midterm Exams- 10/30 & 10/31
 Final Exams- 12/11 & 12/12
- '25 Winter Quarter** - Jan. 13th- March 27th
 Midterm Exam - 02/12 & 02/13
 Final Exam- 03/26& 03/27
- '25 Spring Quarter**- April 7th- June 19th
 Midterm Exams- 05/07& 05/08
 Final Exams- 06/18 & 06/19
 Major Field Assessment testing- 05/16
 Graduation Ceremony- 06/21
- '25 Summer Quarter** - July 7th- Aug. 28th
 Midterm Exams- 07/30 & 07/31
 Final Exams- 08/27 & 08/28

No Classes/ Breaks

Thanksgiving break	11/28-12/01
Winter Break	12/14- 01/12
Dr. MLK Day	01/20
Spring Break	03/29- 04/06
Memorial Day	05/26
Summer Break	06/21- 07/06



STUDENT WORK



Charlamagne



Barbara Walters

Conan
O'Brien

Being an English Major Rant by Alyssa Hernandez

Why are you studying a language you already know?

English is actually one of the easiest languages to learn. You really don't know everything about the English language. There is much more to the English language than just speaking, you have to learn different tones, different words and different sayings. There are so many different ways to communicate with others, you don't even know how to scan the room before you open your big ass mouth. How do you know what to say? How do you know what to talk about? Oh, your beautician license or business degree didn't teach you how to code switch when you enter different rooms with different people. How are you going to communicate with actual professionals when it's time to put your big boy pants on and ACTUALLY HAVE A REAL CONVERSATION.

But what are you going to do with a English degree?

Correct folks like you, because the correct way to ask is "what are you going to do with AN English degree?" But I actually want to be a PR and help companies build a better face, and I want to be a writer and get work published, maybe even write a play.

You can be a teacher, why you dont want to be a teacher?

Then I have to babysit folks like you, folks that don't listen, don't wanna learn, folks that just expect the answers to pop right out and into yo head, NO! And don't even ask why i don't want to teach crumbsnatchers. I don't have the time to sit around and go back and forth with no crumbsnatcher's parents because they can't understand my rules in the classroom. You know folks don't play about they kids and i'm not going to play with my sanity, no.

I just dont get why you want to take english and you already speak it.

Well i can already see where this is going. Duh we all speak English, but in school we dive deeper. I look into tones of what the author is saying, we look for hidden messages, compare different stories, or writing styles. There's so much to learn, comprehend and so much to think about. You are just so simple minded you hear English and all you think about is the damn language. When you do hair or lashes you only do one style? When you were in school did they just teach you one technique and that's it you a stylist?

Why is it taking you so long to graduate then you been in school forever?

Life. you think just because i take English classes and i speak English i can just fly by and get a degree? Yes. see that's the problem and another reason i can't be a teacher is because you can't grasp the concept of learning.

I don't even know what that means but i know how to learn, i graduated.

I can see they were just passing all the students where you were going to school. Grasping the concept of learning is basically fully understanding the material. what is the problem? what is the author saying? there are so many ways to interpret things, the challenge, are you right? did you interpret the text fully?

Reading is boring, writing is too much. i could never

I know you can't. Reading is only boring for one of two reasons, ne you don't understand the text so you just skip through and "read the words". You may also find reading boring because of the environment you're in, you may be trying to read in a place where it's harder to focus. Writing is too much for you because you don't know how to use your words. Articulating your thoughts might not be your cup of tea.

I'm not dumb, i can read and use my words

Bam! got you! that right there- i just got through explaining possible reasons on why you might think the way you do. I never called you dumb baby. you didn't grasp the concept of what i was trying to say

you said i can't read or write. you just said it in a polite professional way

No, i simply explained common issues other students like you might have
No you think you better and smarter than me because you getting a degree in English. You ain't all that smart na
you think im better and smarter than you

i know big words too

say a big word then

supercalifragilisticexpialidocious



Jorge Ramos



Toni Morrison



Seinfeld



Shellicia Rogers

She sat on the train knees slightly spread apart chin nestled in the palm of her hand. Head tilted to look out the window. Typically, she attempts to hide the weariness from the world but today she simply didn't have the strength. The world would just have to see the chinks in her armor."

The sun goes down on another day of forging ahead. What lies tomorrow? Only it knows. Is she ready to tackle the unknown that the tomorrow holds? The sun is setting. Will she embrace the new day?... Sweet melodies play off in the distance, calming her spirits. The sun is heading down, it will return with a promise... Could she be accepting of whatever it is? So heavy lies the burdens unknowable of the days beyond now. Can she be ready before the sunrise? How hard it is to be in the present and not still wonder if the future is better. Better than the moments of right now. How perfectly and beautifully cruel it all must be to have both hope and fear laid at your feet all before the new day arrives. Would she be able to step into the power of tomorrow? The Sun so majestic you can't set your eyes upon it until just before it retires to the other side of the world for the night. While it is gone is there enough time to prepare for what it brings once it is upright in her sky?.... Yeah, I think so



Miracle Jones

*in response to the poem Invictus By William

The poem line that speaks to me the most is "I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul. This poem line speaks to me the most because to me, it is saying no matter what happens in my life, i'm the one with full control of what my fate is and how it looks for ME. One specific obstacle I have or even had in my life is loss. An example of that is back in 2022. I lost my brother to gun violence, that caused me to want to give up and I eventually ended up practically dropping out of high school but I ended up going back and in 2023 I lost my grandmother and that made life much harder. I think one strength I have that helps me overcome my difficulties is resilience. I learned that strength from my mom and I use it by just pushing myself. The harder the difficulty is, the harder I push myself and the more I believe in myself. I personally think that the poem could help people stay stronger. I feel this way because the poem is like words of encouragement and some people use words of encouragement to push themselves to keep going.

Alyssa Hernandez

Have you ever felt like you're being watched? Have you ever felt like your every move was being watched? if you answered yes to either question, that is because you have. There are cameras everywhere, places you wouldn't even think of. almost everything is being recorded if not everything. the world we live in, it's almost like we live in a panopticon ourselves. There are so many examples of us, people, everyone being watched.

Social media is a great example of living while being watched as if we are in a panopticon. EVERYTHING someone posts on social media is being monitored. when you post something on social media, it is for your friends and family to see. but there are so many people it will reach before your post gets online. you may have to wait for a post to upload, you may think it is the carrier service or wifi. While that may be the case, or your post is going through a process to get approved. Before you sign up for social media there are rules that you have to abide by and terms and agreements you must read before signing up. This long form is basically you agreeing to not only to sign up for social media but to have posts screened at any time. Meaning there are people who you don't even know watching your account. They see the context before friends and family.

Another example in the social media world is other people you may know or don't necessarily like you. some social media outlets don't let you know who is searching you up. Although you can filter users, it is a small world, people know people. someone can look at your account from their page or someone's mutual page. there is a high possibility that someone is watching your page and you don't even know it. Have you ever gotten a friend request from someone you don't even know? In most cases they've been through your profile without you even knowing.



Jennifer Jones

This Essay is a “how to” essay. It will teach you how to be a good Mother. Specifically to a 11 month old who is also a Scorpio. One of the first steps is knowing how to make a bottle and how to feed a baby whether you want to breastfeed or use formula. Either way the baby has to be fed every three to four hours and if you have a scorpio I would advise you to learn how to make bottles faster and learn how to hide them until it's ready. Otherwise you might get screamed at so I advise if you don't have any experience to take a class so that you won't be clueless on what to do when your baby gets here.

The next step is setting up a sleep schedule whether you have a partner or not. It may be best to switch on and off tasks. If you make a bottle the next time the baby needs a bottle it can be your partner's turn. You can use that schedule with switching all tasks Bathing, diaper changes, playtime etc. It may also be best if you sleep when the baby is asleep. Take naps together so that way you won't be over stimulated or very tired. Otherwise there might be a scorpio child throwing things at you or yelling “Ma Ma” until you wake up.

Step Three, Co sleeping is not recommended. Co-sleeping is when you sleep in the bed with a baby. This is very unsafe and you shouldn't do it especially if you are a deep sleeper. You can accidentally roll over your baby or your baby can roll off the bed. This also can make your baby very attached to you, they probably won't ever stop sleeping you or won't ever let you lay them down for a nap unless you're right there.

Step Four, baby proofing your home. Your baby might start moving around and crawling at like 5 to 6 months. It also may be best if you put your baby on the floor and let them free play by themselves. So that they can burn out energy and learn how to be independent. While they are doing this though you don't want them to get hurt. They are very curious and might want to pull cords, touch sockets, reach for shelves etc. While they are doing these things you want to make sure that they don't get hurt. So if your baby goes for a socket and you have a cover you saved your baby from getting hurt. Or if your baby bumps their head and you have something soft around the area you saved yourself a trip to the emergency room for a possible head injury.

Step five, it is very important to get health care insurance for your child. Hospital bills are very expensive and they are going to charge you for every single thing if you don't have insurance. Shots are mandatory for children all the way until they are old enough to go to the doctors by themselves. Your baby has to go to the doctor every two months when they are first born. It changes once your baby turns one years old. Vaccines are mandatory and can help prevent your baby from getting sick. However some people think that vaccines can make your baby sick. So just make sure every shot you agree for your child to take you have read and did your own research about it.

Step Six, never be afraid to ask for help even if you feel like you don't have your family or friends you can always seek help from real professionals. It's okay to not feel like yourself after a baby and sometimes people can take their anger out on their child, because they are holding their feelings in. This is your child and you have bonded over the pass nine months so a baby knows when you are frustrated as well. So just always be healthy while trying to care for a young baby because they go off your emotions as well.

Step Seven, make time for yourself and your partner. After having a baby that's probably all you and your partner talk about and do. You should still go on dates with just you two so that you guys can stay in love with each other and still do things with each other without the baby. You might have to find a babysitter of course. Also still make time for yourself self care days are important. You might feel bad for getting your nails done knowing you have a baby because you could have brought them something with the money. It is okay if your baby has everything that they need, it is okay for you to spoil yourself sometimes as well.





AQUIRAH JOHNSON

The journey I took to become the person I am today was hard. I had to start making my own money at 17. When I got my First job and my first paycheck, I was basically on my own. My parents stopped doing stuff for me and buying me things. They still fed me but there were times I had to get it on my own. I've been basically on my own but staying with my parents. Being forced to be an adult at a young age is draining. It drove me into depression. I overthink a lot and when I turn into an overthinker I think about everything that is going on in my life which makes me sad because I'm not where I want to be. As I got older it got worse. I literally now have to feed myself and have my own transportation. I try hard to save up but every time I save I either need it for food or my phone bill. I stress and push myself everyday so I can become rich and won't have a worry in the world. I advise people to not give up in life no matter how hard you struggle and to always remember that better days are coming.

CAPRI TALLEY

When dealing with stress I tend to slack and fall behind in class, I worry I cry and I go silent. I always wonder what could have been done differently to get me out of this stage. People may see it as if I'm being over dramatic or even LAZY. Dealing with stress and going to school is a lot because some days people want to give up and throw their life away. I can relate to this in so many ways because I'm the same way. Some ways i coped with stress i write down my thoughts or i listen to music. I write until I feel like my point is across or when my fingers cramp up. I just don't listen to any type of music. I listen to music that has a meaning to what I'm dealing with. A quote that always stuck with me is "Every path I make, every road leads back". This particular quote spoke to me because no matter the path I took I always got pushed back but that didn't stop me from being successful in life.

ALYSSA HERNANDEZ

I found the article How to Tame a Wild Tongue, to be very powerful and very relatable. As a Hispanic woman living in Chicago, I face similar challenges as Gloria Anzaldua. Anzaldua titled this work, how to tame a wild tongue, which is perfect for this book. She feels like she's stuck in an internal and external battle with her identity. The outside world tells her she's one thing and her home tells her she's the opposite. This is a battle a lot of minorities face, growing up Anzaldua had to learn to stand her ground and rebel against societal norms on speaking. She faced criticism for comfortably speaking freely, because certain people and cultures don't speak in the same tongue. For example, *nosotras*, Spanish for "We" for females, Gloria had never heard that before, or it may not be common in her culture. Anzaldua explained how she felt "robbed of her female being" on page 39. Her whole life she did not know that other cultures used different words depending on female or male until she came across other cultures. This was an eye opening for me as it was for Gloria because I was taught it was formal to use *nosotros* y *nosotras*.

Being chicano also affected Anzaldua's tongue and language as well. Page 29 explains that her native language differs from other cultures, like dropping initial letters to some words. Instead of saying *para* (for) she may say *pa*. To her home it may sound normal but for others one may believe she is speaking to her father. She also gave another example of washing machine, most cultures say *lavadora*, where Anzaldua may say *machina de lavar*. You have to pay attention to the surroundings, some cultures may be confused with what you are saying. One personal example for me would be money. Some cultures say pesos, but there are cultures that say dolores for dollar. Pesos is currency in Mexico, where the peso is less than a dollar, so if you tell someone their total is three pesos and they are of the Mexican culture you may not get what you are looking for. This would be another example of reading the room.

Gloria Anzaldua had to learn where and how to speak amongst different cultures. She had to fight battles like some cultures thinking she is saying something wrong, or even not being Hispanic enough. I think taming a wild tongue was a way for Anzaldua to learn different terms to be able to communicate with other people in other cultures. From personal experiences I had to learn to tame my own wild tongue. Growing up my household spoke "Puerto Rican Spanish", so when I spoke with other Hispanic cultures they often corrected me, there were words like *tres*, *ellos* and *dos*. Naturally speaking I don't pronounce the "s". I was told I really don't speak Spanish and I was not actually Hispanic. Overall, how to tame a tongue was very powerful and relatable, especially for me and other Hispanic students.





D'ARIYAH PORTER

Dariyah Porter

My Messed Up Life

Hi everyone my name is Dariyah Emma porter and I'm gonna share a story that's based on a true story you see when I was in my third grade year I was a target to bullies to pick on me over anything even the smallest things and I remember that one time when I was so young, and it was a bunch of kids that were higher grade level than me and it was a group of boys and they jumped me. Rough me up pretty bad to the point where I ended up in the hospital and on top of it I was bruised up as well and that not even the worst part. I was even bullied by my own relatives treating me like crap. I remember this one relative, which was my aunt who literally beat me and I would get blamed for stuff that her kids did it really hurt because it felt like I didn't have anybody no family no real friends. It was just me alone but things even other time when I took advantage of by someone I called my uncle he literally took advantage of me basically a kid and the worst part about it is, his girlfriend, which is my cousin she didn't do anything about it. She just let it happen even when I literally was crying and screaming for my life she didn't do anything, and before I even got taken advantage of even threatening me with the knife. I was so scared that they felt like that I was gonna lose my life I even try to escape from him but every time when I did, he will literally find me after that he apologized and said would you be my niece again at first I was hesitated, but I said OK and then he took us to the park afterwards, and then he called me over there when he was sitting on the bench and told me tell no one what I done to you and I said OK and every faithful day I never told so not even my own parents, but I wish I did because I would've said something sooner. He would've been locked up for what he done to me, but after that faithful tragic day, I realized that I wasn't gonna be a weak person anymore. I was gonna stand up for myself and stand up for what is right for me and I did just that I stood up to my stood up to my own relatives and I was so happy when I did I couldn't take anymore so all the women out there who might've went through the same thing I did my deepest message to you. You have a voice. You have a right to stand up for yourself even if it's not the right time that you don't have a voice because the voice will come to you, but if you do have a voice, you can use it because at the end of the day as women you have a choice to use your voice because like people always say at the end of the day, it's your right you're legal right.

our freshman D'ariyah Porter makes outfits herself; designs are made by her sister or by D'ariyah herself



Diamond Bland

Never Judge A Book By Its Cover

My motto is, never judge a book by its cover.

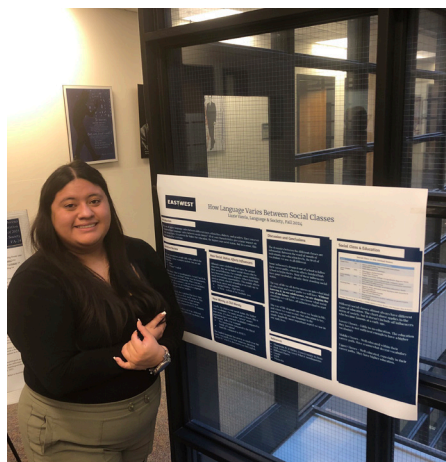
When I was growing up I was very tight with my uncle and my aunt, but especially my uncle. He was the father figure I've never had. My aunt and uncle were highschool sweethearts and got married at a very young age. We all went out together, had fun and celebrated as a family. I always came over because their home felt like a second home to me. After some time, I started to notice some changes inside their relationship, we stopped going out as much, my uncle wasn't home much; little things at first but they started to add up. Then one day they broke apart, leaving me feeling abandonment. I started blaming my aunt, 'Why did you take my bestfriend away?' "Why did you take someone who was my only father figure". Turns out he had cheated on my aunt, but I was very young at the time, so how would I know that right? Some time passed and this is the time around when I was in highschool. My aunt had finally told me what had happened between them and what she felt but I was too stubborn to listen or understand her. Some time passed and I came out as lesbian, I had gotten my first girlfriend, and like my aunt and uncle's relationship, everything was going well. But guess what had happened to me? I got cheated on by my first girlfriend. I felt the exact feeling my aunt had felt, betrayed, embarrassed, saddened. It broke my heart when I realized what I had done towards my aunt. I judged her situation without knowing a clue about it, and her being a graceful woman who only wanted what was best for her niece, wanted to save my uncle's image to keep me happy. I apologized to her and we are now in a better relationship than before. The lesson I learned from this story is to never judge a situation you've haven't been through, and hurt someone close to you like I have because there are always two sides to a story.

LINGUISTIC EXHIBITIONS

Dr. Polski's Language and Society class held a Linguistic Exhibition this quarter, where the students showcased their quarterly projects. The students came up with, and researched and analyzed their questions. Shellicia R. spoke about building identity through code switching and crossing. She also came up with great sociolinguistic interview questions for her project, in which you may find the answers interesting. Lizzie V. spoke with her colleagues about the dynamic between social classes and how it affects our ways of speaking. Her projects also compared 'old money' and 'new money'. Milagros R. presented about the effects of status planning and language-choosing one language over another. Bryce B. explained the possible ways languages can die. Francisco L. helped other students understand why different dialects change.

Fun facts from Presentations

1. Spanish influences Misiones Portuguese- through borrowed words and expressions
2. There are 0 speakers left whose first language in latvia is Livonian
3. Being bilingual can be considered a way a language can be lost.
4. Crossing is the practice of a speaker adopting linguistic features or styles associating with a different social or ethnic group



Hi my name is maymuna osman, and I am 18 years old.

In 2022 I wrote a poem called “2009”. This poem talks about mourning the loss of my family to a terrorist attack. I use poetry to raise awareness about terrorism, so that hopefully society doesn’t point their fingers at victims like me and my family who are just survivors.

The American media uses any excuse to make muslims look extremist and terrorists, but the truth is that countries that suffer from terrorism are the muslim countries, meaning if we are terrorists then how are we the ones migrating from our contries to find a better life? Not to mention there is not one single evidence of a muslim person terrorising non-muslims in this very country. Which is why I write poetry.

2009

I slowly eased my eyes, as shadows started to surrender.
The good dreams that lingered from my visions have come to an end.

Still wondering where I was hit by
And reality that made me despise

Yet...you hid my eyes from every scar, stone, and storm.
Reckless thoughts and I were left alone.

Holding on so tight

when she helped me with her only hand. The other holds her chest...covered with woods and
pains

Bodies of blood painted the floor like a crimson tide, in the early morning

While frightening light filled the sky.

Looks up for hope, yet only gets lost when bounded by the thunder that strikes...fear I was
taught, “don’t fear my dear.” she replied to my cries.

These creatures who move like mortals yet only cry demands...

Their ignorance turns to hate, that’s how evil operates.

Their blasting hope and faith from our faces...calling themselves ‘white knights’ yet sin as if

God was never mentioned, in holy scriptures

Or they never witnessed God’s miracles

Teach me how to pray? And I will never pause it

Not even millennium years make up for today

The days and nights were the same,

The guns shot over our heads.

Swerved not for once but for what felt like eternal days...

I turned and I turned, only to face reality

My sanity restrains me from going insane

Then I realized...

The womb of my mother felt way more safe than this

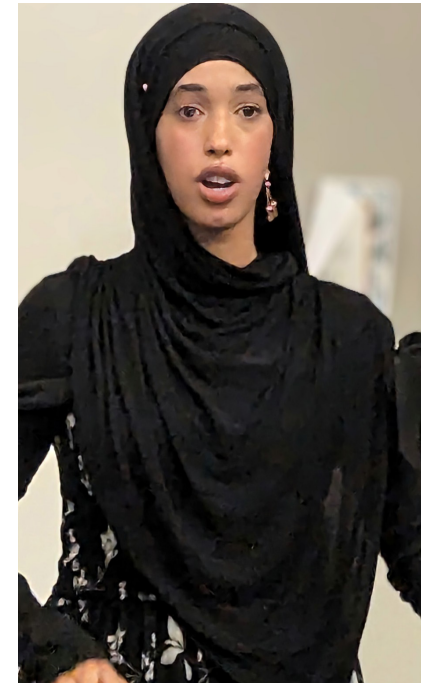
You say you have a faith, yet play with humanity

Society wants justice for only the blue eyed, and pale skin community, no offense but my human
right faded before it has formed. racism was always in your vocabulary. You like saying “it’s
the 20 first century” yet nothing has changed, muslims are constantly fading, no one counts the
death of successors because of their faith. A world with masks can be insane

Scars only appear when wounds won’t fade.

The stars that fall remind me of the massacre that remain after a life less soul was taken, the
danger that was used to scare, and something they called deadly games

The only justice you define for my kind is insanity.



Meymun Osman
STORY SLAM WINNER





Learning styles

Visual learning- do you need visual representations to help understand the work?

Mark up your text, as you go through the reading/problems make little marks or symbols to help you find your answers or notes

Auditory learning- do you learn better when speaking and listening?

Listen to audio books, practice reading out loud, watch ted talks and have open discussions with peers

Reading/ writing learning- do you learn by interacting with the text?

Much like a visual learner mark up your text, highlight add notes and quiz yourself



Student Poems



Nostalgia in the Fall

By: **Shacari Garvin**

When the air strengthen
and the trees dye their hair.

I long for the past,
it's something in the air,

That makes me want to be a kid again,
in a trance, for something I'll never get again.

A flood of memories, streams of tears.

Time to go grow up,
Face to face, with my biggest fears.

Growth

By **Zachary Swezy**

In silence thick, the heart can break,
A burden held, with each mistake.

Yet in the quiet, strength can grow,
From shadows dark, new light will flow.

Student Advice

- Come to class and come in on time
 - Take notes
- Participate in class discussion
 - ASK QUESTIONS!!!
 - Remain positive

Student success tips:

1. Plan out your work
2. Organize yourself
3. Find a nice quiet distraction free zone
4. Attend all of your classes
5. Ask questions!!!!!!
6. Assess your learning style
7. Review your work and notes
8. Take breaks

Student Affirmations

- ☐ I AM BECOMING MORE INTELLIGENT EVERY-DAY
- ☐ I BELIEVE IN MYSELF AND MY ABILITIES
- ☐ I AM CAPABLE OF LEARNING NEW IDEAS AND GRASPING NEW CONCEPTS
- ☐ MY DESIRE TO LEARN CONSTANTLY INCREASES
- ☐ I CAN LEARN EVERYTHING I SET MY MIND TO
- ☐ I WILL PASS ALL OF MY CLASSES
- ☐ I BELIEVE IN MYSELF



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

JAVIER YTURRIAGA

Hello! My name is Javier Yturriaga and I am a senior here at East West University. I was contacted by the staff writer for the Phantom Press newspaper - Alyssa Hernandez - for the Student Spotlight section. The main purpose of the student spotlight is to showcase the talents of an individual student that here at East West. Below you can read more about me!

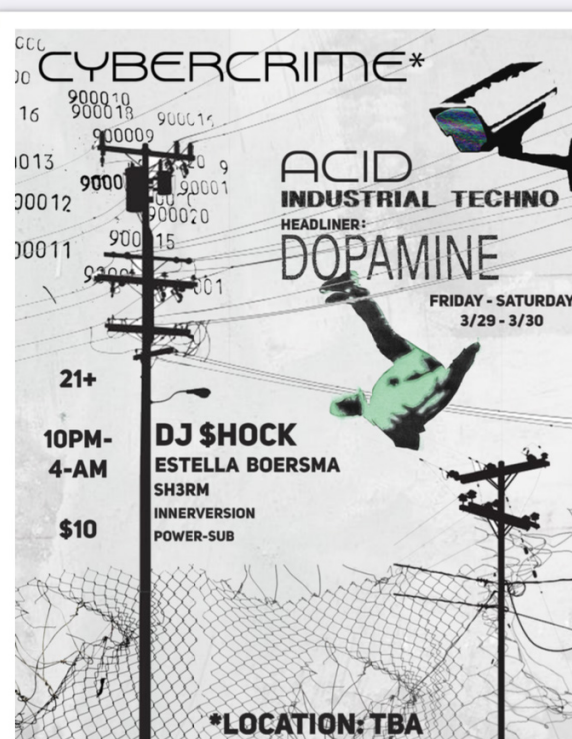
ABOUT ME:

I am a computer science major in the digital media program here at East West University. My goal for when I graduate is to be a digital media specialist. So, during my time here I have become skilled in some of the industry standard tools that are used in this field. For example, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and Premier pro. These are the tools that I use to do things like graphic design, editing, audio/video production, etc. I have an Instagram page that I have created for the purpose of showcasing my work, mainly graphic designs that I have created, the Instagram is @designsbyjavier. Below I have attached some examples of the designs that I have created which you can also find on that Instagram. Feel free to give me a follow and like my posts!

MY WORK:



This is a design that I created for the Straight Edge community. The design is titled "SXE" which stands for Straight Edge and I created it using Adobe Illustrator. I wanted to go with a Y2K style of aesthetic for this design. You can also find this design on my Instagram page @designsbyjavier.



This design is a promo post for a rave/electronic music event that I created using Photoshop. For this design I made sure that it had all the necessary information displayed including the name of the event, the names of the DJs, time, date, etc. Aesthetically I was going for a more grimy "cyberpunk" type of look.

Have some work you want to show your colleagues? Want to be the next student spotlight to tell other your story to other students? Email Dr. Polski for more information mariap@eastwest.edu

