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Dear Colleagues,

The Graduate Faculty of English at the University of Kansas is pleased to announce the **5th Jayhawk Sneak Peek Visit** to be held at the Lawrence campus, scheduled for **18-19 October 2018**. This special event will introduce a group of promising potential applicants from historically underrepresented groups (first-generation college attendees, African American, Latinx, Native American, Asian-American, Northeastern, West Coast) to our department and campus a few weeks **before** graduate applications are due. We ask that you assist us by identifying students who may be interested in attending.

We are currently able to defray the costs of overnight lodging, breakfast, and lunch. (We are not able to cover transportation at this time, but if a student applies and is admitted to the English Department's graduate program, we will cover the expenses for a Spring visit to campus.)

During the October Sneak Peek Visit we shall offer two mini-symposia: one describing our programs in literary and interdisciplinary study, creative writing, and rhetoric/composition/English language studies, and another one providing useful tips about how to be an especially competitive applicant. We will also arrange for free participation in events at the Unexpected Caribbean Symposium, which will be taking place on campus October 18-20, 2018. Current students in KU's graduate programs will assist in our initiative by escorting the visitors on tours of the campus, the office of the Project on the History of Black Writing, and the city of Lawrence.

Potential applicants should address an unofficial transcript, a short note of endorsement from a faculty advisor, and a draft of their Statement of Purpose, indicating their proposed field of study and readiness/preparation for graduate school, by **Wednesday, September 12, 2018**, to Dr. Giselle Anatol, Director of Graduate Studies, at ganatol@ku.edu. Please direct questions about the application process to Dr. Maryemma Graham, Committee on Diversity Recruitment and Retention, at mgraham@ku.edu.

We're excited to introduce our department to students who might not have considered KU as a viable site for graduate studies. For more information on our offerings, please visit our website: <http://english.ku.edu/>. We deeply appreciate your help.

Cordially,



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