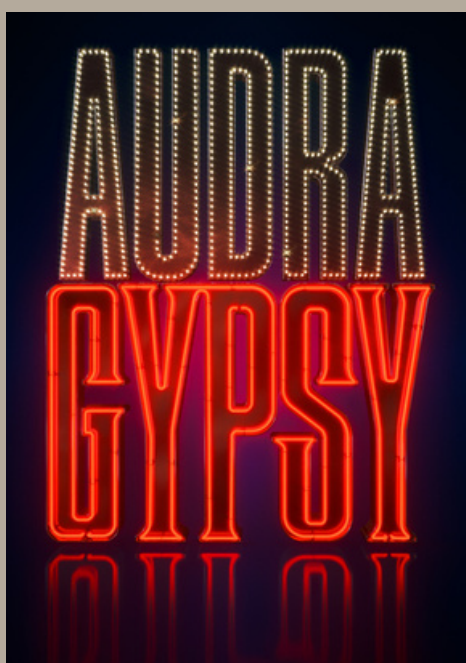


NYC BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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Take a look at some of our upcoming events. We have so many fun and exciting things to look forward to.

The ESU celebrates English as a shared language to foster global understanding and goodwill by providing educational and cultural opportunities for students, educators, and members

MEMBERSHIP
THEATER PARTY

Join us for an exciting Theater Party beginning at 6:30PM for wine and cheese at Headquarters before we see Gypsy on December 11, 2024. The show starts at 8PM! Enjoy an evening filled with captivating performances and great company for just \$75 per person. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the magic of theater together. Don't miss out—reserve your spot today!

A Limited number of tickets! First come-First served.

for more information contact [DeAndre Short](#)

[Renew your membership or join the ESU](#)



Winter Park, Florida Downtown

SAVE THE DATE!

The English-Speaking Union
Founder's Award Gala

Honoring
Dr. E. Quinn Peeper
ESU National Chairman
His Britannic Majesty's Honorary Consul to Louisiana

Saturday, March 15, 2025
Winter Park Racquet Club
Winter Park, Florida

2025 Honoree: Dr. E. Quinn Peeper

We are pleased to announce Dr. E. Quinn Peeper will be honored with the ESU 2025 Founders Award. Dr. Peeper's dedication to the ESU is exemplified by his progression from Local Board Member to New Orleans Branch President, and ultimately to his roles as National Board Member President and National Chair. His steadfast commitment to advancing the ESU's mission at local and national levels, while cultivating international understanding and goodwill makes him an exemplary choice for this honor.

The Founders Award: Recognizing Excellence

Established in 1991, the Founders Award honors individuals who exemplify the vision of Sir Evelyn Wrench, the ESU's founder. Recipients are recognized for their outstanding contributions to Anglo-American relations, international friendship, and the promotion of English as a tool for global communication.



Past ESU Founder's Award Recipients

- 1991: The Right Honorable Margaret Thatcher, OM, FRS, MP
- 1995: Hon. J. Sinclair Armstrong, OBE
- 2009: William R. Miller, CBE, KSt.J.
- 2015: Hon. Edwina Sandys, MBE & Dr. Paul Beresford-Hill, CBE, KSt.J.
- 2017: Dr. Andrew Romay & Marie Dora "Doe" Thornburg, OBE
- 2019: Robert P. Morse (posthumously)
- 2020: Dr. Laurence Morse, ESU Luard alumnus



For more information: Rossana Ivanova (862) 224-4244, rivanova@esuus.org.



*The ESU Players presentation of *The Chalk Garden* by Enid Bagnold*

**All performances are held at
144 East 39th Street, NYC**

for more information contact [Louise Muse](#)

"BRINGING SHAKESPEARE TO LIFE IN YOUR CLASSROOM WITH DR. NICK WALTON" *An Upcoming Online PD Workshop for ESU Educators*

Are you a New York City educator looking to bring the Bard to life in your classroom? The ESU is thrilled to announce an upcoming professional development workshop open to teachers participating in the National Shakespeare Competition, TLab, or any of the ESU's education programs. Led by renowned Shakespeare scholar Dr. Nick Walton live via Zoom from Stratford-upon-Avon, this online session will help educators find fresh, engaging ways to introduce Shakespeare to students.

Dr. Walton is the Shakespeare Courses Development Manager for Shakespeare's Birthplace Trust in Stratford-upon-Avon in the UK. He has decades of experience making Shakespeare accessible, relevant, and fun for modern students. In this one-hour session, Dr. Walton will share hands-on techniques and insights into Shakespeare's world, giving teachers the tools to spark students' curiosity and foster a deeper understanding of his timeless works.

THE ESU PLAYERS

SAVE THE DATE!

November 6

Poetry at the ESU

The New York Branch is Hosting the ESU Happy Hour

November 14

Agatha Christie's *The Orient Express*

December 12

A Very British Christmas Party which will include a Panto.



This workshop is ideal for high school English and drama educators, particularly those participating in the ESU National Shakespeare Competition. Participants in this online workshop may earn Professional Development credits under the New York City Department of Education.

Don't miss this opportunity to bring a new level of excitement and insight into your teaching!

**Date & Time: Saturday, November 23
from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon EST
Platform: Zoom (Link to be provided
upon registration)**

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

for more information contact [Maryellen Liotta](#)



VOLUNTEER WITH ENGLISH IN ACTION!

Interested in making a difference in the lives of students worldwide? As an English in Action volunteer, you can help newcomers practice English and build a long-lasting relationship with them. You don't need any prior teaching experience. Be a window into U.S. life and join our community!

[Sign up for an Info Session today!](#)

[Click here to hear some of our EIA Volunteer Stories](#)

ESU DEBATE TOURNAMENT SEASON HAS BEGUN!

November is a busy month with the ESU Debate Leagues participating in their first, all day tournaments of the season competing with students from different schools in their league.

Over 200 novice debaters learned from experienced debaters and coaches this past October in the Novice Debaters Workshop & Scrimmage and are now ready to debate:

New York Middle School Debate League - Saturday, November 9 at Nightingale Bamford and Packer Collegiate School
East Coast High School League - Saturday, November 9 at Dwight School
Jersey Shore Debate League - Saturday, November 16 at The Ranney School

The students will debate a variety of topics from the middle school debate tournaments "Virtual reality technology does more harm than good" and "the US should not send humans to space" to the high school debate tournament topics of: "Abolish the Electoral College" and "Washington D.C. should be granted statehood"

For more information about the ESU NYDL 2024/2025 season, click [Here](#)

for more information contact [Alice Uhl](#)



Demo Debate at Novice Workshop



2024 TSTP on Stage at the Globe

ESU TLAB SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN NOW FOR SUMMER STUDY IN THE UK!

It's never too soon to think about next summer's professional development in the UK. ESU NYC Branch 2025 TLab Scholarship applications are open now for NYC teachers to study in the UK.

Since 1957, the ESU has provided summer study abroad scholarships to middle and high school teachers such as 2024 ESU TLab Scholar Elyse Lewis at Shakespeare's Globe in London, Oxford and Edinburgh. Teachers return revitalized and inspired to share their new teaching strategies, knowledge and international perspective with over 200,000 students.

For 2025 NYC Branch TLab Scholarship applications and more information go to: <https://www.esuus.org/newyork/tlab-3/>



In October, our immigrant students took part in a guided walking tour of the Stavros Niarchos branch of the New York Public Library (NYPL). Participants browsed the different collections at the branch. They learned the many ingenious ways that the library manages the millions of books in its possession. They even had the opportunity to find books in their first languages such as Spanish and Russian. Students also learned about the many vital services available at the NYPL including career counseling, IT training and podcast recording rooms.

This tour was part of the cultural and civic learning opportunities provided by the ESU Andrew Romay New Immigrant Center (ARNIC). ARNIC facilitates the integration of recent immigrants. The free program supports immigrants in developing the skills, tools and resources to overcome barriers and thrive in the U.S.

THE ESU ANDREW ROMAY NEW IMMIGRANT CENTER (ARNIC)

The ESU Andrew Romay New Immigrant Center (ARNIC) is a free program that facilitates the integration of immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees into U.S. life. We provide immigrants with the tools and resources to overcome barriers and build successful lives in the U.S. Our center offers English classes, conversation practice and career services.

[Learn more about the center here.](#)



[Read more about the program at esu-arnic.org.](#)

for more information contact [Karl Hart](#)



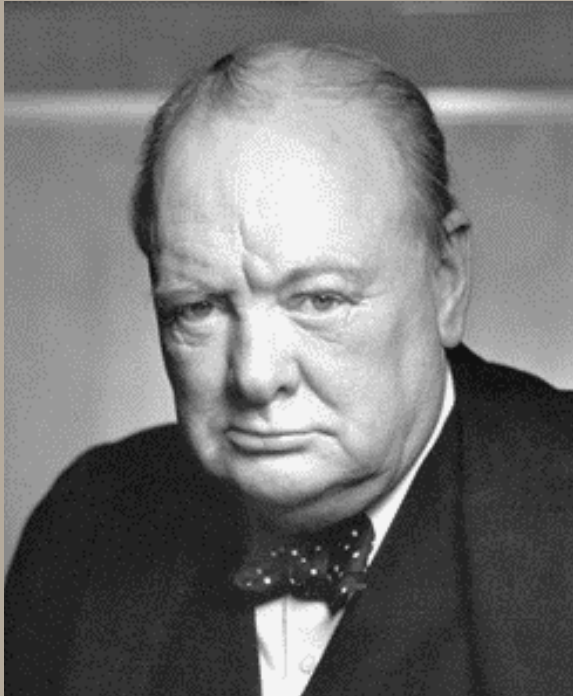
SAVE THE DATE!

A Special Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Sir Winston Spencer Churchill

Hosted by The Winston Churchill Society
of New York, Inc.

Keynote Presentation by Katherine
Carter

Author, Historian and Property Curator of
Chartwell
(The former home of Sir Winston
Churchill)



Hosted by The Winston Churchill Society of New York, Inc.

Date: November 14, 2024

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: The Westchester Country Club

Rye, New York

Purchase Tickets

Tickets are now on sale at \$300.00 per person. Seating is limited, so act soon!

Evening includes open bar, sit down dinner, cigars and a complimentary
autographed copy of Katherine Carter's new book:

Churchill's Citadel: Chartwell and the Gatherings Before the Storm

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

(Bowties Optional)

Contact graicht@raichtlawpc.com with any questions or
to inquire about sponsorship opportunities



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