English Major Hands-on Learning Assignment (HLA)

As part of the English major curriculum, majors[1] will be required to complete a hands-on learning assignment, or HLA, involving writing in one of the following contexts:

(1) *The Comenian* (Moravian's student newspaper): a feature article or other piece assigned by the editor(s);
(2) The Moravian College Marketing and Communications Office: campus and community-wide blog post, newsletter article, press release, or other piece assigned by a member of the staff;
(3) The Moravian College Theatre Company: program notes or other dramaturgical materials, as assigned by the director.
(4) Laurie Riley '82 Center for Career Success: newsletter article or other work assigned by the director.

The length of each HLA will be determined by the editor, staff member, or faculty member who issues the assignment; most will likely be in the 500-1,000 word range.

Plan early in order to complete this assignment **before** your senior year, when it will be included as part of the portfolio produced by all students in the senior-year capstone seminar for majors. Retain all drafts and all correspondence regarding the assignment to include with the portfolio as well.

To begin the process of deciding on, and completing, the HLA, contact one of the following to learn about possible assignments:

--Mark Harris, Faculty Advisor to *The Comenian* (harrism@moravian.edu; 610-954-8375) or Editor of *The Comenian,* Luzmarie Tavarez (tavarezl@moravian.edu). The Supervisor (not the *Comenian* Editor) must approve the assignment topic before the article is written and sign for the approval of the project after it is completed.

--Christina Tatu, Director of Editorial Content (tatuc@moravian.edu; 610-861-1385).

--Christopher Shorr, Director, Moravian College Theatre Company (cshorr@moravian.edu; 610-861-1489).

--Ryan Smolko, Director of Career Success, Laurie Riley '82 Center for Career Success (smolkor@moravian.edu; 610-861-1518).

General questions about this assignment should be directed to the English Department: Dr. Theresa Dougal [dougalt@moravian.edu; 610-861-1389]).

Note: Work produced for other campus offices or organizations may be proposed (in writing) to a student's academic advisor and/or the English Department Chair, for consideration by the department as an alternative to the HLA possibilities outlined above.

[1] English majors who are also pursuing certification in Education will be exempt from this requirement but are encouraged to complete HLAs as well.