

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



## Joseph Newell GRADUATE STUDENT

CARY, MS

### Why English?

I'VE ALWAYS HAD A LOVE FOR READING AND WRITING. THE TYPE OF LITERATURE THAT SPOKE TO ME WHEN I WAS YOUNGER WAS POETRY, AND THAT HAS ENHANCED AND EVOLVED SINCE.

### AWARDS

Richard F. Patteson Endowed Scholarship in English, William H. Magruder Scholarship, and Howell H. and Elizabeth S. Gwin Scholarships



### PUBLICATIONS

"Cotton's Art" and "Summer's Anatomy" published in vol. 10 of MSU's *The Streetcar* (p. 6 and 74). The poems focus on the history of social issues like race and racism and reflect on the response to those issues through observation of nature.

### HOBBIES

- Take road trips
- Go fun places
- Go to church
- Sing in the choir

### Favorite books read for class:

Sam Selvon's *The Housing Lark*; Jeanette Winterson's *Oranges are not the Only Fruit*; Dickens' *Oliver Twist*, and a collection of poetry with Langston Hughes, Emily Dickinson, and Robert Frost.

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

I AM A MEMBER OF MSU'S SIGMA TAU DELTA AND PHI BETA KAPPA CHAPTERS. I BECAME A MEMBER OF BOTH DURING THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR.