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— Anna Flores,
Second place winner in poetry, Glendon and Kathryn Swarthout Awards in Writing, 2021
Students and faculty in the Department of English represent many cultures and backgrounds. By breaking down barriers, English builds up a community that values, welcomes and amplifies unique perspectives. In turn, these diverse perspectives lead to important conversations and research. Of the more than 2,700 students pursuing degrees in the Department of English, 34 percent are students of color, 44 percent are Pell Grant eligible and 32 percent are the first in their families to attend a university.

As someone who was educated in public schools and attended community college, I feel aligned with ASU’s anti-elitist ethos, with its commitment to measuring itself ‘not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed.’ I want to be a part of that essential work.”

Mitchell Jackson
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