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PUBLICATIONS

- **Cydney Alexis**, "The Symbolic Life of the Moleskine Notebook: Material Goods as a Tableau for Writing Identity Performance." *Composition Studies* 45.2 (2017): 32-54.
- **Traci Brimhall**, *Saudade*. Port Townsend: Copper Canyon Press, 2017.
- **Elizabeth Dodd**, "Fossil from the Anthropocene" (poem). *Archivation Exploration* 2.2 (2017): <<https://archivationexploration-ojs-ttu.tdl.org/archivationexploration/index.php/ae/issue/view/7/showToc>>.
- "A World of Islands" (essay). *Thinking Continental: Writing the Planet One Place at a Time*. Ed. Tom Lynch et al. U of Nebraska P, 2017. 3-15.
- **Dan Hoyt**, *This Book Is Not for You*. Ann Arbor: Dzanc, 2017.
- **Anne Longmuir**, "A Friendship of 'Mutual Esteem': The Correspondence of John Ruskin and Elizabeth Gaskell." *Gaskell Journal*. 31 (2017): 1-19.
- **Anuja Madan**, "Child Hanuman and the Politics of Being a Superhero." *The Routledge Companion to International Children's Literature*. Eds. John Stephens

et. al. New York: Routledge, 2017. 269-279.

- **Philip Marzluf**, *Language, Literacy, and Social Change in Mongolia: Traditionalist, Socialist, and Post-Socialist Identities and Ideologies*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2018.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Cydney Alexis, Theresa Merrick, Brent Weaver** (M.A. '16), and Nathalie Singh Corcoran, "'I Always Feel Like . . . Somebody's Watching Me': Using Student Data" (panel). *International Writing Centers Association*. Chicago, IL. 11 Nov. 2017.
- **Cydney Alexis**, Elizabeth Busekrus, and Mickey Harris, "Recovering Narrative Authority: How to Reveal the Scholarship Hidden within Your Writing Center Secrets" (workshop). *International Writing Centers Association*. Chicago, IL. 11 Nov. 2017.
- **Steffi Dippold**, "A Prince Went Up a Tree and Climbed into Colonial Typography" (invited talk). *Material Texts Workshop*. University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. 20 Nov. 2017.
- **Kristin Feezor** (English & English Education, B.A. '18), **Emily Moore** (English & Mass Communications, B.A. '18), Margaret Lang (Physics & Modern Languages, B.S./B.A. '18), and Jessica Cotter (English Education, B.A. '18), "Ciphers in the Center:

Decoding Specialized Writing Center Language," (presentation). *International Writing Centers Association*. Chicago, IL. 11 Nov. 2017.

- **Dan Hoyt**, readings from *This Book Is Not for You* (novel):
 - The Replay Lounge. Lawrence, KS. 1 Dec. 2017.
 - Watermark Books. Wichita, KS. 30 Nov. 2017.
 - Pratt Community College. Pratt, KS. 20 Nov. 2017.
 - Dead Rabbits Reading Series. New York, NY. 12 Nov. 2017.
 - KGB Bar Red Room. New York, NY. 10 Nov. 2017.
- **Mary Kohn**, Dan Villarreal, and Tiffany Hattesoehl (Anthropology, B.A. '18), "Local Meaning for Supra-Local Change: A Perception Study of TRAP Backing in Kansas." *NWAV 46: New Ways of Analyzing Language Variation*. Madison, WI. 4 Nov. 2017.
- **Anuja Madan**, "The Prescriptive Futurity of the Hindu Past in the *Ramayana 3392 AD Trilogy*" *International Comics Arts Forum*. University of Washington, Seattle. 2 Nov. 2017.
- **Philip Nel**, "Children of the World, Unite!: Respecting Difference and Building Community Through Books for Young People." *American Studies Association Annual Meeting*. Chicago, IL. 10 Nov. 2017.

• **Kara Northway**, “Works in Progress” (Chair and Respondent). *International Writing Centers Association*. Chicago, IL. 12 Nov. 2017.

• **D.K. Smith**, reading from *Bunny, A Romance* (novel). Arrow Coffee. Manhattan, KS. 15 Nov. 2017.

• **Han Yu**, “Creating Effective Scientific Visual Communication.” *Physics Education Research Group*. Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS. 23 Oct. 2017.

“Engaging Traditional English Majors in Technical Communication: Creative Non-Fiction and Technical Communication.” *Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication*. Savannah, GA. 6 Oct. 2017.

AWARDS

• **Charlotte Hyde** received a K-State University Small Research Grant (USRG) Award for \$2,559 to support her work on “Constructing Knowledge through the Mundane: The Role of Technical Communication in the Apollo Project” in Spring 2018.

• **Katy Karlin**’s essay “How Gerard Manley Hopkins Saved Me” was a finalist in the Poetry Unites Kansas competition.

• **Mary Kohn** received a K-State Faculty Development Award (FDA) for \$3,199.10 for “Sociolinguistic Symposium 22, ‘Local Meaning for Supra-Local Change,’” a collaboration with Dr. Villarreal at the New Zealand Institute of Language and Brain Behavior in Auckland, NZ, 3 July-25 Jun. 2018.

• **Catherine Williams** (M.A. ’18) won K-State’s Graduate Student Council Award for Teaching Excellence.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• **Kenan Orhan** (B.A. ’14) published the short story “Into Air” in *The Common* 14 (2 Nov 2017): <<https://www.thecommononline.org/into-air/>>.

• **Erica Ruscio** (M.A. ’15) now serves as the Children’s Librarian at Rockport Public Library on the North Shore, outside of Boston, MA. She will be supervising the children’s and teens department for this small coastal town library.

• **Adam Szetela** (M.A. ’15) published “The Great War and Upper-Class Masculinity: Poetry from the Plattsburg Training Camp Movement, 1913–1920” in *Studies in American Culture* 40.1 (2017), “Progressive Leaders: How to Reverse the ‘Spiritual Blackout’ that Trump Has Ushered into America” on *AlterNet* (27 Oct. 2017), “How to Write (and Publish) Like a Pro” in *Times Higher Education* (27 Sept. 2017), “After Uruguay” (poem) in *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* 24.3 (2017), “Why I Don’t Write Poems about the South” and “When I Met William C. Williams” (poems) in *Gyroscope Review* 17.4 (2017). He also presented “Neoliberalism and the Spirit of Mindfulness” at the Left Forum Conference and “Inequality and Exploitation in the Ultimate Fighting Championship” and “Race, Struggle, and the Ultimate Fighting Championship” at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Friday, January 26, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Arrow Coffee Co.** Driptorch Reading Series.

• **Friday, February 2, 4:00pm-5:00pm, Leadership Studies Town Hall.** 27th Annual Cultural Studies Symposium. Lecture by Fred Moten, poet and co-author of *The Undercommons: Fugitive Planning & Black Study* (2013).

• **Wednesday, February 14, 3:30pm-4:30pm, Location TBA.** Department Colloquium.

• **Friday, February 16, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Arrow Coffee Co.** Driptorch Reading Series.

• **Wednesday, February 21, 3:30pm-5:00pm, ECS 017.** Career Seminar.

• **Monday, February 26, 3:30pm-5:00pm. Location TBA.** Documentary Viewing and Discussion with Walt Wolfram.

• **Thursday, March 1, 4:00pm-5:00pm, Location TBA.** Lecture by Fulbright Visiting Scholar Tim Mehigan.

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