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PUBLICATIONS

• **Ania Payne**, "Constricted" (nonfiction). *Bending Genres*, Vol. 30, Dec. 2022. <<https://bendinggenres.com/constricted/>> pp. 658–62.

PRESENTATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, "What Can't the Heart Stop Asking: Poetry and Wonder," Central Lawrence Rotary Club, Lawrence, KS. 11 Jan. 2023.

"Ad Astra," Inauguration of Governor Laura Kelly. Topeka, KS, 9 Jan. 2023.

• **Philip Nel**, "Learning, Unlearning, and the Freedom to Read." Commencement Address. College of Arts and Sciences. Bramlage Coliseum, Kansas State University, 10 Dec. 2022.

• **Shirley Tung**, "Creating Cosmopolitanisms: Eighteenth-Century Women Travel Writers and the Re-imagining of Identity." (Invited talk.) Eighteenth-Century Literature and Culture Research Seminar, Mansfield College, University of Oxford. 24 Jan. 2023.

"Homeward Gagged and Bound: Recuperating the traveling subject in Wollstonecraft's *Letters Written During a Short Residence* (1796)." British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (BSECS) Annual Conference. 5 Jan. 2023.

AWARDS

• **Greg Eiselein** won the Ron Gaches Lifetime Teaching Award, College of Arts & Sciences, Kansas State University.

• **Cassidy Hartig** (BA '23) and **Natassja Norwood** (BA '25) received Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Awards. Steffi Dippold will serve as Cassidy's faculty mentor, and Katy Karlin will serve as Natassja's faculty mentor.

• **Katy Karlin** and **Cameron Leader-Picone**, along with Prof. Shreepad Joglekar from the Department of Art, have won an Interdisciplinary Research Grant from the Chapman Center for their project "The Learning Tree: Still Learning." The project will be conducted in collaboration with the Gordon Parks Museum in Fort Scott and will revisit Parks's 1950 photo essay, "Back to Fort Scott." Junior **Natassja Norwood** will contribute to the project through an Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Opportunity grant.

• **Sara Partin** (MA '23) and **Delaney Sullivan** (MA '24) each received a College of Arts & Sciences Travel Scholarship to present their research at the 2022 Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference in San Antonio, TX

• **Tom Sarmiento** won the William L. Stamey Award for Undergraduate Teaching, College of Arts & Sciences, Kansas State University.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Traci Brimhall**, **Mary Kohn**, and **Karin Westman** served as panelists for "The Highs and Lows of Faculty Life: Lessons from Experience," a professional development event co-sponsored by K-State's Graduate School and its Teaching and Learning Center on January 13, 2023.

FEATURED IN MEDIA

• **Traci Brimhall** was the featured interview on the hourlong program KPR Presents with Kaye McIntyre on Kansas Public Radio, 15 Jan. 2023: <https://kansaspublishradio.org/podcast/kpr-presents/2023-01-15/kpr-presents-kansas-poet-laureate-traci-brimhall>

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• **Phillip Howells** (MA '18) published "Science Fiction and the Absurd: Lauren Olamina as a Symbol of Hope in Butler's Parables" in *The Journal of Popular Culture*, Vol. 55, no. 5, 2023, pp. 1084-1102: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jpcu.13182>

• **Herditya Wahyu Widodo** (MA '14) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of English at the State University of Malang in East Java, Indonesia. He has been working there since 2019 and teaching courses in writing, literature, and cultural studies.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Wednesday, 8 Feb 11:00am.**

English Department hosting a Valentine Book Drop-In to share free books with graduate and undergraduate students.

- **Thursday, 9 Feb 11:00am.**

English Department hosting a Valentine Book Drop-In to share free books with graduate and undergraduate students.

- **Friday, 10 Feb. 3:30pm.**

Reading by Ethan Chatagnier

- **Saturday, 11 Feb. 6:00pm.**

Lightning talks on Romeo and Juliet

- **Wednesday, 15 Feb. 3:30pm.**

Department Colloquium

- **Friday, 17 Feb. 4:00pm.**

32nd Annual Cultural Studies Symposium

- **Monday, 20 Feb. 3:30pm.**

Introduction to the MA Project and Thesis

- **Friday, 3 Mar. 4:00pm.**

Lecture by Ron Goldberg

- **Friday, 31 Mar. 9:00am.**

Graduate Program Visiting Day

- **Friday, 31 Mar. 3:30pm.**

Reading by Michael Mlekoday

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