

# Reading Matters

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## PUBLICATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, "Someday I'll Love Traci Brimhall" (poem). *One*, issue 29, Dec. 2023: <https://one.jacarpres.com/issue-29/#Traci%20Brimhall>

• **Mark Crosby**, "A Copy of Richard Bentley's Edition of *Paradise Lost* in William Hayley's Library c. 1802." *Blake An Illustrated Quarterly*, vol. 57, no. 3, Winter 2023/24, 14 paras: <https://blakequarterly.org/index.php/blake/issue/view/90>

• **Thomas X. Sarmiento**, "Course Design as Critical Creativity: Intersectional, Regional, and Demographic Approaches to Teaching Asian American Literatures." *Asian American Literature: Discourse & Pedagogies*, vol. 12, 2023, pp. 47-68: <https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/aaldp/vol12/iss1/6/>

## PRESENTATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, reading at Victims of Violence Remembrance Day, Kansas Organization of Victim Assistance. KS Attorney General's Office, Topeka, KS. 20 Dec. 2023.

• **Philip Nel**, "Drag Queens, Stories About Black People, and Other Dangers" (moderator), *Modern Language Association*. Philadelphia, PA. 6 Jan. 2024.

"Nostalgia in and for Children's Literature" (panel chair and organizer). *Modern Language*

*Association*. Philadelphia, PA. 6 Jan. 2024.

• **Shirley Tung**, "The Making of *John Milton and the Freedom of the Press*." Oxford Centre for Life-Writing, Wolfson College, University of Oxford. 28 Nov. 2023.

• **Karin Westman**, "Grief and Loss in Children's and Young Adult Literature" (panel chair and organizer). *Modern Language Association*. Philadelphia, PA. 7 Jan. 2024.

"Just in Time: The State in and of State Universities: The View from WVU and Beyond" (panel chair and organizer). *Modern Language Association*. Philadelphia, 4 Jan. 2024.

## AWARDS

• **Cassidy Hartig** (BA '24) received a travel grant from the Office of Scholar Development and Undergraduate Research

• **Mary Kohn** and **Lisa Tatonetti**, in collaboration with JCCC colleague Tai Edwards, received an NEH grant (Humanities Initiatives at Colleges and Universities) for "Kansas Land Treaties Project."

• **Philip Nel** received a Faculty Development Award from the Office of Research for travel to serve as an invited speaker at the University of Antwerp Children's Literature Summer School.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Riley Brokeshoulder** (BA '25) and **Lillianna Lamagna** (BA '25) have been selected by the TRIO Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program to participate in the 29th cohort of McNair Scholars.

## FEATURED IN MEDIA

• **Beth Jones** (MA '25) and her zombie novels (written as L.C. Mortimer) were recently featured in Char Strong's "Zombies are still cool" in *The Morning Sun* (Pittsburg, Kansas, 18 Jan. 2024).

• **Anne Phillips** and **Greg Eiselein** were interviewed by the Associated Press for a story about the discovery of several previously unattributed works by Louisa May Alcott. The story appeared in multiple newspapers and news websites, including the AP site.

## NEWS FROM ALUMNX/AE/I

• **Lisa Hase Jackson** (MA '07) has published the poetry collection *Insomnia in Another Town* (Clemson UP, 2024), which was selected by Claire Bateman for the 2023 Converse Alumni Book Prize.

• **Dylan Holt** (MA '22) started a new position with TRIO Educational Supportive Services.

• **Catherine Strayhall** (BA '17) has published the first poetry collection *Dress Me Like a Prizefighter* (Spartan P, 2024).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Wednesday, February 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Department Colloquium
- **Monday, February 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** An Introduction to the MA Project and Thesis Information Session
- **Wednesday, February 21, 3:30-5:00 p.m.** English Career Seminar
- **Friday, February 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** 33rd Annual Cultural Studies Symposium
- **Friday, March 1, 4:00-5:00** Scott McCloud on “Comics and Visual Communication”
- **Friday, March 22, 9:00-3:00** Grad Program Visiting Day
- **Friday, March 22, 3:30-4:30** Reading by Brynn Saito
- **Friday, March 22, 5:00-6:00** K-State 48 Hour Film Challenge Launch
- **Friday, March 29, 5:00-6:00** K-State 48 Hour Film Challenge Red Carpet Event

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