

# Reading Matters

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## PUBLICATIONS

• **Elizabeth Dodd**, "Dead Reckoning." Review of *A Sunday in God Years* by Michelle Boisseau. *Tar River Poetry* 49.1 (Fall 2009): 50-52.

"The Ekphrastic Poem," *The Working Poet: 75 Writing Exercises and a Poetry Anthology*, ed. Scott Minar. Pittsburgh: Autumn House Press, 2009. 109-113. (Includes samples by KSU students Jeff Phillips, Jennifer Seguine, and Madeleine Wetta.)

• **Tanya González**, "Art, Activism and Community: An Introduction to Latina/o Literature." *Ethnic Literary Traditions in American Children's Literature*, ed. by Michelle Pagni Stewart and Yvonne Atkinson. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009.

• **Don Hedrick**, review of Diana Henderson's *Alternative Shakespeares 3*, *Review of English Studies* 60 (Sept. 2009): 644-47.

## PRESENTATIONS

• **Tim Dayton**, "Slavery and Capitalism in the US South" (session chair), *Sixth Historical Materialism Annual*

*Conference*. London. 29 Nov. 2009.

"'Love and Arms and Song': Romantic Anticapitalism in the Poetry of Alan Seeger." *Sixth Historical Materialism Annual Conference*. London. 27 Nov. 2009.

"American Poetry, the Historical Materialism of Ideology, and the Great War" (invited). Marxism in Culture Seminar, University College, London. 25 Nov. 2009.

"Alan Seeger: Medievalism as an Alternative Ideology." *24th International Medievalism Conference*, Siena College, Albany, NY. 9 Oct. 2009.

• **Don Hedrick**, Shakespeare Division session (moderator), *Midwest Modern Language Association*. St. Louis, MO. 13 Nov. 2009.

"Productive Boredom," *Rethinking Marxism Conference*. U Mass, Amherst, MA. 7 Nov. 2009.

"Actor Wagers and London's Inner Vegas," *Blackfriars Conference*. Staunton, VA. 22 Oct. 2009.

Workshopped with high school English and Drama students on

Shakespeare, Cottonwood Falls High School Fall Festival. 10 Oct. 2009.

Poster presentation on the workshop and grant for the July "Camp Shakespeare," *Imagining America Conference*. New Orleans, 2 Oct. 2009.

• **Philip Nel**, "Obamafiction for Children: Imagining the Forty-Fourth President." *American Studies Association Annual Meeting: Practices of Citizenship, Sustainability and Belonging*. Washington, DC. 6 Nov. 2009.

• **Josh Pearson**, "'The Husband's Office': The Doubling of Domestic and Civil Power in *The Comedy of Errors*." Legal Fictions in Early Cultures, a graduate conference held by the Group for the Study of Early Cultures at UC Irvine. 13 Nov. 2009.

• **Karin Westman**, "Children's Literature and Modernism: A Case Study." Seminar: "Modernist Studies Without Modernism." *11th Annual Modernist Studies Association Conference*. Montreal, Canada. 5 Nov 2009.

## AWARDS

• **Elizabeth Dodd's** "Disorder" was listed as a Notable Essay of 2008 in *Best American Essays*, selected by Robert Atwan, series editor (Boston: Mariner Books, 2009).

• **Don Hedrick**, USRG awarded, Fall 2009, on gambling in early modern London.

## NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• **Shane Seely** (MA 1998) is winner of the Philip Levine Prize from Anhinga Press for his book, *The Snowbound House*, which was released last month. He is a Senior Lecturer in the English Department at Washington University in St. Louis, where he teaches composition and creative writing and acts as Assistant Director of the university's freshman writing program.

• **Aarika Wellnitz** (BA 2009) has won a scholarship to Washburn University Law School, where she will begin her studies in the spring 2010 semester.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Thursday, December 3, 2009, Beach Museum, 4:30 - 5:30 PM.** Talk on "Recreating Oz in Comics".

• **Friday, December 4, 2009, ECS 121, 3:30 - 5:00 PM.** Cultural Studies Mini-Seminar IV.

• **Sunday, December 6, 2009, Manhattan Public Library, 1:00 - 4:00 PM.** Brief presentation on the Caldecott Medal, discussion of new picture books from 2009, and selection of our own Caldecott winner.

• **Tuesday, December 8, 2009, Union 213, 4:00 - 5:00 PM.** A discussion of *New Moon*, the latest film adaptation of Stephanie Meyer's *Twilight* series.

• **Friday, March 5, 2010, Union 212, 3:30 PM.** Fiction Reading by Ann Pancake.

• **Friday, April 2, 2010, Union 212, 3:30 PM.** Reading by Honor Moore.

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