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PUBLICATIONS

• **Jacque Boucher**, "The Erie County Bereavement Collective." *The Journal: A Literary Magazine*, vol. 43, no. 3, pp. 17-30

• **Mary Kohn**, Walt Wolfram, Charlie Farrington, Janneke Van Hofwegen, and Jenn Renn, *African American Language: Development from Infancy to Adulthood*. Cambridge University Press, 2020.

• **Philip Nel** and Eric Reynolds, eds., Crockett Johnson's *Barnaby, Volume Four: 1948-1949*. Foreword by Trina Robbins. Essays by Jared Gardner and Stephen Becker. Biographical Essay and Notes by Philip Nel. Seattle, WA: Fantagraphics Books, 2020.

• **Winniebell Zong** (MA '21), "Imago" (poem), *Barren Magazine*, issue 17 (Nov. 2020): <https://barrenmagazine.com/imago/>

PRESENTATIONS

• **Jacque Boucher**, Traci **Brimhall**, Luisa Muradyan, **Mawi Sonna** (MA '21), and **Winniebell Zong** (MA '21), "Is Anyone Out There: Fostering Community in Rural Spaces" (panelists), C.D. Wright Women Writer's Conference. 7 Nov. 2020. Via Zoom.

• **Katie Cline**, "'I'm sick of being the afterthought, the joke': Hilda Spellman's Empowering Domesticity in Netflix's *Chilling*

Adventures of Sabrina." YA Studies Association Conference. 4 Nov. 2020. Via Zoom.

• **Elizabeth Dodd**, "I've Never Been a Foreigner ~ The Transformative Power of Study Abroad against Xenophobia and Racism" (panelist). Reimagining Internationalization at K-State: Faculty Perspectives. 17 Nov. 2020. Via Zoom.

• **Gregory Eiselein**, "Celebrating Louisa May Alcott" (organized and chaired online research seminar), The Louisa May Alcott Society. 29 Nov. 2020. <http://www.louisamayalcottociety.org/2020/10/celebrating-ima-alcott-society-is.html>

"What Matters to Me and Why: Squad Goals" (invited talk). Co-presented with Tara Coleman, Mandi McKinley, Mariya Vaughan, and Brent Weaver. Kansas State University, 12 Nov. 2020. <https://www.k-state.edu/leadership/events/whatmatterstomeandwhy.html>

"Engaging and Supporting First-Generation Students: A Multi-Modal Approach" (invited talk). Co-presented with Kiley Moody and Rebeca Paz. The Teaching & Learning Center's Professional Development Series. Kansas State University, 11 Nov. 2020. <https://youtu.be/QymddJBt4IA>

• **Philip Nel**, "Radical Children's Literature" (panelist, with Julia Mickenberg, artist K-Fai Steele and author Jacob Kramer). Greenlight Bookstore, Brooklyn, NY. 15 Nov. 2020. Via Zoom. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-BGxYci4RY&list=PL72EE87562845CB6D&index=10>

"Why Adults Refuse to Admit Racist Content in the Children's Books They Love" (invited talk). The College of New Jersey. Ewing, NJ. 13 Nov. 2020. Via Zoom.

"The Creative Child and Inequalities of Identity" (Panel chair). American Studies Association Conference. 12-15 Nov. 2020. Cancelled due to COVID-19.

AWARDS

• **Jacque Boucher's** "The Erie County Bereavement Collective" has been nominated for The Pushcart Prize. Her "Self-Portrait as Final Girl, After" has been nominated for Best of the Net, and her "Toponym" has been nominated for Best New Poets 2020.

• **Shirley Tung** has won the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ASECS) 2020-2021 Innovative Course Design Competition for ENGL 698: "The Cult of Celebrity: From the Eighteenth Century to the Present Day." Tung has also received a 2020 Gaches Undergraduate Teaching Award from the College of Arts and Sciences

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• **Gavin Colton** (MA '18) published the flash fiction "The Window" in *La Piccioletta Barca* (issue 16 / March 2020): <https://www.piccioletta Barca.com/posts/the-window>. His story "The Lippy" appears in *The Wax Paper* (issue 11 / October 2020).

• **Adam Szetela** (MA '15) published the essays “The Dangers of Moral Talk: On Justin Tosi and Brandon Warmke’s ‘Grandstanding’” in *The Los Angeles Review of Books* (17 Oct. 2020) and “The Trouble with Introspective Liberals” in *The Los Angeles Progressive* (16 July 2020). He also published the story “Clowns” in *Another Chicago Magazine* (20 Oct. 2020), featuring an illustration from **Erica Ruscio** (MA '16). Adam has also started a Ph.D. in English at Cornell University.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Saturday, Dec. 5, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Zoom.** Mock Caldecott
- **Friday, Feb. 19, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Zoom.** Reading by Sean Hill
- **Friday, Mar. 26, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.** Reading by L. L. McKinney

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