

Reading Matters

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PUBLICATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, “As seasons change, enjoy the bounties of a poetry harvest. Words nourish us with sensation, memory.” (essay) *Kansas Reflector* 30 Nov. 2023: <https://kansasreflector.com/2023/11/30/as-seasons-change-enjoy-the-bounties-of-a-poetry-harvest-words-nourish-us-with-sensation-memory/>

• **Gregory Eiselein** with Jodi Kaus and R.J. Youngblood, “Powercat Financial to Financial Well-Being: Cross-Campus Collaborations to Improve Student Financial Well-Being.” *Financial Advising as a Tool for Student Success and Educational Equity*. Edited by J.D. Johnson and J.A. Seabold, University of South Carolina and National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience & Students in Transition, 2023, pp. 6-11.

• **Thomas Xavier Sarmiento**, Christopher Perreira, and M. Bianet Castellanos, guest editors of and authors of introduction to *Unsettling Global Midwests*, special issue of *American Studies* with *American Studies International*, vol. 62, no. 3, 2023, pp.7–19.

PRESENTATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, Traci Brimhall, presentations at:

- KC Farm School, Kansas City, MO. 2 Dec. 2023

- *Johnson County Writer's Festival*, Overland Park, KS. 3-4 Nov. 2023.

• **Krista Danielson**, “In the Beginning, There Was Coyote: Survivance in Thomas King’s *Green Grass, Running Water*.” *Western Literature Association Conference*. The Shoshone-Bannock Reservation, Fort Hall, ID. 13 October 2023.

• **Elizabeth Dodd**, Flint Hills Discovery Center “Humanities Hike.” Manhattan, KS. 14 Oct. 2023.

• **Jordan Dombrowski** (MA '24), **Ian Lutz** (MA '24), Sarah Snyder (BS '24, English Ed), and **Delaney Sullivan** (MA '24), “Multi-Ethnic Middle-Grade Readers: Growth, Nourishment, and Development of Diverse Voices In and Out of the Classroom” (panel session). *Kansas Association of Teachers and Educations (KATE) Conference*. Wichita, KS. 4 Nov. 2023.

• **Abby Knoblauch**, “What to Expect When You’re Expected to Write in College.” *Kansas Association of Teachers and Educations (KATE) Conference*. Wichita, KS. 3 Nov. 2023.

• **Mary Kohn**, “You Say Tomato, I Say Tomahto: One Hundred Years of Sound Change in Kansas” (invited talk). Ellis County Historical Society. Hayes, KS. 16 Nov. 2023.

• **Thomas Xavier Sarmiento**, “Trauma-Informed Teaching and Learning in Queer and Trans Studies: Resource, Idea, and Dream Sharing” (roundtable panelist).

National Women's Studies Association. Baltimore, MD. 27 Oct. 2023.

• **Lisa Tatonetti** and Stephanie Switzky, “Growing Toward the Future: Integrating Indigenous Literature and Film in Your Classroom.” *Kansas Association of Teachers and Educations (KATE) Conference*. Wichita, KS. 3 Nov. 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Thomas Xavier Sarmiento** will serve as a faculty advisor /consultant for a Humanities Kansas “Humanities for All” Grant on “Literary Landscapes of Kansas, from the Ground to the Airwaves” (PI: Tina Casagrand Foss, Executive Director, *The New Territory* magazine).

FEATURED IN MEDIA

• **Mary Kohn** was quoted in *The Washington Post* in Danielle Abril, Alyssa Fowers, and Elena Lacey’s “Do you talk more like a millennial or a boomer at work? Take this quiz to find out” (20 Nov. 2023): <https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/interactive/2023/gen-z-boomers-office-lingo-slang>

NEWS FROM ALUMNX/AE/I

• *105 Meadowlark Reader: A Kansas Journal of Creative Nonfiction* nominated **Jesse Tyler Lobbs (MA '16)** for a Pushcart Prize for the essay “The Garden of Eden in Concrete” (2023).

- **Emily Midkiff (MA '12)** talked about her award-winning book *Equipping Space Cadets: Primary Science Fiction for Young Children* for Inside Higher Ed's Academic Minute: <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/quick-takes/2023/11/21/kids-and-sci-fi-books-academic-minute>
- **Morgan Stone (BA '22)** published "Working with Student Athletes" in *Midwest Voices: The Midwest Writing Center Association Newsletter* (Issue 3, 17 Nov. 2023, pp. 5–6).
- **Catherine Strayhall (BA '17)** published the poem "Dear Kansas" in the current issue of *Kansas! Magazine*.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Saturday, December 2, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Mock Caldecott
- **Wednesday, December 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** SAGE Meeting
- **Monday, February 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** An Introduction to the MA Project and Thesis Information Session
- **Friday, February 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** 33rd Annual Cultural Studies Symposium

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