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PUBLICATIONS

• **Elizabeth Dodd**, "Voices: A Review of Michele Boisseau's *Trembling Air*." *Tar River Poetry* 44.1 (fall 2004): 51-53.

• **George Keiser**, "Scientific, Medical and Utilitarian Prose." *A Companion to Middle English Prose*, ed. A. S. G. Edwards. Boydell & Brewer, 2004. 231-47

"Robert Thornton's *Liber de diversis medicinis*: text, vocabulary, and scribal confusion." *Rethinking Middle English: Linguistic and Literary Approaches*, Ed. Nikolaus Ritt & Herbert Schendel Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2005. 30-41.

• **Jim Machor**, "Hawthorne and the Hungarians: A New Hawthorne Letter." *The New England Quarterly* 77.4 (Dec. 2004): 646-50.

• **Susan Jackson Rodgers**, "What Happens Next" (short story). *Prairie Schooner* 78.4 (Winter 2004): 136-143.

• **David Smit**, *The End of Composition Studies*. Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois UP, 2004.

PRESENTATIONS

• **Christina Hauck**, poetry reading with Galway poet Kevin Higgins on 21 Dec. 2004 at Bananaphoblacht, Galway.

• **Philip Nel**, "Children's Literature and the Left" (panel chair). *Modern Language Association*. Philadelphia, PA. 28 Dec. 2004.

• **D. K. Smith**, "'Matter of iust memory': Mapping Culture in Spenser's *Faerie Queene*," *MMLA*. St. Louis, MO. 5 Nov. 2004.

• **Karin Westman**, "The 'Sweet Knowledge' of Experience in Philip Pullman's *His Dark Materials*." *Modern Language Association*. Philadelphia, PA. 28 Dec. 2004.

"Wonder Twin Powers, Activate!": Strengthening Student Research Skills through Faculty-Librarian Collaboration." Co-authored with Sara Kearns and Marcia Stockham, KSU Libraries. "Mission Possible: Excellence in Teaching and Learning." *Second Annual K-State Teaching Renewal Retreat*. Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. 10 Jan. 2005.

AWARDS

• **Elizabeth Dodd** has won the William Rockhill Nelson Award for best nonfiction book of 2003, for her essay collection *Prospect: Journeys & Landscapes* (Univ. of Utah Press, 2003).

• On December 10, 2004, **Jonathan Holden** was named, by the K.A.C., Poet Laureate of the state of Kansas, their first ever. As Laureate, Holden will be available

for reading and workshops around the state. The official ceremony when this is will made public will take place in May, 2005. Holden's most significant recent publication is in *Field's* special issue (#71, Fall 2004) about the poetry and life of the great Austrian poet Paul Celan.

• **Philip Nel's** *Dr. Seuss: American Icon* has been named one of *Choice Magazine's* "Outstanding Academic Books of 2004."

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• **Amy Hoskinson** (M.A. 2003) is a 7th-grade English teacher at French Middle School in Topeka. She is getting married in March of 2005; afterwards, her name will be Amy Manley. She also sends greetings: "Hi Pat! I hope you're having fun being SAGE Pres! Hi to Karin, Anne, and Allison, too! I finally read *Harry Potter*!"

• **Mary Van Leeuwen** (M.A. 2002) and **Kase Johnstun** (M.A. 2001) were married 18 Sept. 2004 in Salt Lake City. Mary is Project Coordinator for Bach Harrison LLC, a research group. Kase is Developmental Editor at Human Kinetics, a publisher specializing in sports and fitness books. Kase published "We were going to kill each other" in a collection of creative non-fiction stories about backpacking in Europe. With Gary Topping, he is currently working on an edited collection of stories concerning growing up in Utah as the "other."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 10 – Saturday, March 12. Fourteenth Annual Cultural Studies Conference: *Visual Culture: Image, Imagination, Ideology*. Keynote speakers will be Scott McCloud, Tom Huck, and Charles Hatfield.

Friday, April 8. Imogene Bolls, K-State English Alumna and poet, will be the special guest for the department's Alumni Event.

Thursday, April 14 & Friday, April 15. Carloes Eire, Pulitzer Prize winner for his book *Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy*.

Friday, April 22. Graduate Literature Symposium.

Early May. Annual Awards Banquet.

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