

Reading Matters

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PUBLICATIONS

- **Erica Hateley**. *Shakespeare in Children's Literature: Gender and Cultural Capital*. New York: Routledge, 2009.
- **Jonathan Holden's** poem "Western Meadowlark" was just published in an anthology of bird-poems, *The Poets Guide to the Birds*, ed. by Judith Kitchen and Ted Kooser (Anhinga Press, 2009): 95-96. This poem is included in Holden's latest manuscript, *Glamor*, which is at various competitions.
- **Anne Longmuir**, "Emigrant Spinsters and the Construction of Englishness in Charlotte Brontë's *Villette*." *Nineteenth Century Gender Studies* 4.3 (2008): <<http://ncgsjournal.com/issue43/longmuir.htm>>.
- **Phillip Marzluf**, "Small Failures and Compromises: The Institutional Life of Diversity." 18 Dec. 2008. Invited Guest Blogger on *CCCC Conversations on Diversity*: <<http://cccc-blog.blogspot.com/2008/12/small-failures-and-compromises.html>>.
- **Sean Trolinder**, "The Memorial Park" (short story). *Yippee Magazine* 1.1 (Winter 2009): 14-20.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Jim Machor**, "Rethinking the Romance-to-Realism Paradigm through Reception Studies," Division on Nineteenth-Century American Literature, *Modern Language Association Convention*. San Francisco, 28 Dec. 2008.
- "Reception and Reprinting as Remaking: Catharine Sedgwick, National Authorship, and Children's Literature," Special Session on "Reception Criticism, Book History, and American Literary Studies: Points of Convergence," *Modern Language Association Convention*. San Francisco, 30 Dec. 2008.
- **Deborah Murray, Kara Northway, and Karin Westman**, "Driving Further While Still Saving Energy: Using Quick and Efficient Writing-to-Learn Strategies in the Classroom." *Sixth Annual Teaching Retreat*. Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS, 13 Jan. 2009.
- **Karin Westman**, "Children's Literature and War" (session chair and organizer), *Modern Language Association Convention*. San Francisco, CA. 28 Dec. 2008.

- **Philip Nel** (with Julia Mickenberg), "Tales for Little Rebels: A Collection of Radical Children's Literature." Bluestockings Bookstore, New York, NY. 20 Dec. 2008. Will be broadcast on C-SPAN2's Book TV, 31 Jan and 1 Feb 2009: <<http://www.booktv.org/program.aspx?ProgramId=10058&SectionName=Politics>>.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

- **Loren Blinde** (MA 1999) reports two items. First, she and husband Michael are parents to new daughter, Julia Kathryn Blinde, born on 8 Nov. 2008. Another joint project with Michael is their freelance copywriting and editing firm, "Writing Power" (www.writingpower.net). Current clients include hospitals, financial services firms, and educational institutions.
- **Dennis Etzel Jr.** (MA 2006) organized the Top City Poetry Reading Series for Spring 2009. **Amy Unsworth** (MA 2006) will be reading on April 4th. All readings are at Lola's in Topeka. More information here: <http://topcitypoetry.blogspot.com/>

• **Pamela Johnston** (MA 1989) has published a novel, *Little Lost River*, with the University of Nevada Press. She is an Associate Professor of English and department chair at Texas Lutheran University. She and her husband, **Mike Lueker** (MA 1992) live in San Antonio, where he is English department chair at Our Lady of the Lake University.

• **Diane Dufva Quantic** (BA 1962, MA 1966, PhD 1971) retired from Wichita State University where she taught American and, more specifically Great Plains, literature for 34 years. She has published two books, *The Nature of the Place: A Study of Great Plains Fiction* and *A Great Plains Reader*. Recently, she visited Becky Bloss Kaufman (MA 1968) in Gastonia, North Carolina and Tish Dace (PhD 1971) at her home on the island of Bonaire. Diane lives in Derby, Kansas with her husband Bruce (BS 1959).

• **Shane Seely** (MA 1999, creative writing) recently won the Philip Levine Poetry Prize from CSU-Fresno. His book, *The Snowbound House*, will be published in fall 2009 by Anhinga Press. He is a senior lecturer at Washington University in St. Louis, teaching academic and creative writing and helping to oversee the freshman writing program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Wednesday, March 25, 2009, time and location TBA.** David Quammen will give a reading. Quammen is the author of *Song of the Dodo*, *Monster of God*, and most recently *The Reluctant Mr. Darwin*.

• **Friday, April 3, 2009, time and location TBA.** Poet Kevin Rabas will give a reading.

• **Friday, April 10, 2009, Union Little Theatre, 4:00-5:00 PM.** Fiction writer Helena Maria Viramontes will give a reading.

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