

# Reading Matters

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## PUBLICATIONS

• **Elizabeth Dodd**, "Green Places: The Poetry of James Wright." *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* 13.2 (Summer 2006): 17-32.

"Fragments" (essay) and "Call and Response" (headnote) in *Landscapes with Figures: The Nonfiction of Place*, ed. Robert Root. University of Nebraska Press, 2007. 64-86.

• **Anne Longmuir**, "The Scotch Verdict and Irregular Marriages: How Scottish Law Disrupts the Normative in *The Law and the Lady* and *Man and Wife*." *Wilkie Collins: Interdisciplinary Essays*, ed. Andrew Mangham Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007. 166-177.

## PRESENTATIONS

• **Jerrold E. Bohn** read his poetry to and talked about poetry with Matt Egging's eighth grade students at Toganoxie Middle School. 12 Feb. 2007.

• **Dean Hall**, "The Tiger's Daughter: Anita and Kiran on the Immigrant Experience." *16th Annual British Commonwealth and PostColonial Studies Conference*. Savannah, Georgia. 16 Feb. 2007.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Tues., February 27, 4:00 p.m.**, Union 212. English Dept. Colloquium: Tim Dayton, "'In Times Like These': American Poetry and the First World War."

• **Weds., March 7, 5:30 p.m.**, Fiedler Auditorium. Dr. Tom Mulinazzi, from the University of Kansas, will speak on professional/academic ethics and engineering students. The Upper Division Writing Program is sponsoring the event.

• **Thurs., March 8, 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.**, Tadtman Board Room, Alumni Center. Cultural Studies Conference Keynote Lecture: "Queer Animation: The Pixar Films and Alternative Political Imaginaries" by Judith Halberstam

• **Fri., March 9, 8:00 p.m.**, Little Theater. Live performance by El Vez, "The Mexican Elvis," part of Kansas State University's 16th Annual Cultural Studies Conference.

• **Sat., March 10, 3:30 p.m.** Union 207. Cultural Studies Conference Lecture: Francesca Royster, "What we Talk about when we Talk about Lil' Kim: Sexuality, Respectability and Black Feminist Futures."

• **Thurs., March 15, 4:00 p.m.**, Union 212. Melani Rae Thon will give a fiction reading. Her fiction has been translated into French, Italian, German, Spanish, Croatian, Finnish, and Farsi. Her most recent books are the novel *Sweet Hearts* and the story collection *First, Body*. Thon's new fiction appears in the *O. Henry Prize Stories 2006*, *Push Cart Prize XXX*, and the literary journals *Agni*, *Five Points*, *Storyquarterly* and *Antioch Review*. Professor Thon teaches creative writing at the University of Utah.

• **Tues., March 27, 4:00 p.m.** Union 212. English Dept. Colloquium: Jim Machor, "After All Those Novels, Now Short Stories?: Reading Melville's Short Fiction in the American 1850's."

• **Weds., April 4, 7:30 p.m.**, K-State Student Union. Kevin Young will give a poetry reading. Young is the Atticus Haygood Professor of English and Creative Writing and curator of the Raymond Danowski Poetry Library in the Woodruff Library and Emory University. Professor Young is the author of four collections of poetry and the editor of *Library of America's John Berryman: Selected Poems*; *Everyman's Library Pocket Poets* anthology *Blues Poems*, and *Giant Steps: the New Generation of African American Writers* (2000), which features poetry, fiction and nonfiction by the next wave of black writers. His 2003 collection of blues-based love poems, *Jelly Roll: A Blues*, was a finalist for the National Book Award and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize, and won the Paterson Poetry Prize. His most recent book is *For the Confederate Dead* (2007).

• **Fri., April 13, 8:00 p.m.**, Tadtman Boardroom, KSU Alumni Center. Amy Fleury will give a poetry reading. Amy Fleury's collection of poems, *Beautiful Trouble*, won the 2003 Crab Orchard First Book Award and was published by Southern Illinois University Press in 2004. Her poems have appeared in *The American Life in Poetry*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Southern Poetry Review*, *North American Review* and the *Southeast Review*, among

others. Her fiction has been published in the *21st* and *The Yalobusha Review*. Professor Fleury has been a recipient of the Nadya Aisenberg Fellowship from the MacDowell Colony and a Kansas Arts Commission fellowship in poetry. She lives in Topeka, where she teaches at Washburn University. A K-State Alumna (B.A. and M.A.), she reads in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the creative writing program.

• **Thurs., April 26, 4:00 pm.** Union 212. English Dept. Graduate Student Symposium: title TBA. Sponsored by the English Department Literature Track.

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