

# Reading Matters

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## PUBLICATIONS

- **Elizabeth Dodd**, Elizabeth Dodd, "Concentric Canyon." *Ascent* 2010 <<http://readthebestwriting.com/?p=448>>.
- **Christina Hauck**, "Not One, Not Two: T.S. Eliot and Buddhism." *A Companion to T.S. Eliot*, ed. David Chinitz. Wiley-Blackwell, 2009. 40-52.
- **A. Abby Knoblauch**, "From Burke to *Buffy* and Back Again: Intersections of Rhetoric, Magic, and Identification in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*." *Slayage: The Journal of the Whedon Studies Association*. 8.1 (Spring 2010). Online. <<http://www.slayageonline.com/essays/slayage29/Knoblauch.htm>>.
- **Naomi Wood** and **Karin Westman**, with David Russell, co-editors, *The Lion and the Unicorn* 34.1 (2010): <[http://muse.jhu.edu.er.lib.kstate.edu/journals/lion\\_and\\_the\\_unicorn/toc/uni.34.1.html](http://muse.jhu.edu.er.lib.kstate.edu/journals/lion_and_the_unicorn/toc/uni.34.1.html)>.

## PRESENTATIONS

- **Elizabeth Dodd**, "Reflections on Reg Saner." *Associated Writing Programs Conference*. Denver, Colorado. 9 April 2010.

- **Tanya González**, "Chicana Gothic?: the Aesthetics of Violence and the Environment." *National Association of Chicano and Chicana Studies Association*. Seattle, WA. 9 Apr. 2010.

"Modern Familias? ABC, Comedy, and Latino Masculinity on TV." *Caribbean and Latin American Literature and Culture Division. PCA/ACA Annual Conference*. St. Louis, MO. 2 Apr. 2010.

- **Jacquelynn Kleist**, "Crossing Boundaries: Women's Travel Writing and Female Captivity Narrative." *American Comparative Literature Association Conference*. New Orleans, 2 April 2010.

- **Philip Nel**, "Artists Are to Watch: Crockett Johnson and Ruth Krauss in the 1950s" (invited talk). "*Second to the Right and Straight on 'Til Morning*": *Navigating the Narrative Realm(s) of Children's Texts*. University of British Columbia. Vancouver, BC. 1 May 2009.

- **Kara Northway**, "'The Jest of George Peele at Bristow' and Early Modern Actors' Downtime on Tour." *Shakespeare Association of America*

*Meeting*. Chicago, IL. 1 April 2010.

- **Donna Potts**, "Higher Education's Holy Trinity" (invited talk). *The Georgia Conference of AAUP*. Augusta State University in Augusta, GA. 1 May 2010.

- **Karin Westman**, "The Next J. K. Rowling?: Stephenie Meyer and the Consequences of Genre, Revisited." *Society for the Study of Narrative Literature*. Cleveland, OH. 8 April 2010.

## AWARDS

- **Elizabeth Dodd** was named a University Distinguished Professor.
- **McKenna Hall** (Senior in English) participated in the Prindle Institute's 2010 *National Undergraduate Ethics Symposium*. DePauw University, Greencastle, IN. 8-10 April 2010. Her essay, "There Is a Beach in Mexico," was first written in Elizabeth Dodd's English 665 Creative Nonfiction class.
- **Han Yu's** "Putting China's Technical Communication into Historical Context: A Look at the Chinese Culinary Instruction

Genre” was selected as the 2009 Frank R. Smith Outstanding Journal Article Award in *Technical Communication*. The award will be presented during the Honors Reception and Banquet at the Technical Communication Summit, STC’s 57th annual conference, in Dallas, TX, 2-5 May 2010.

## NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• **Nathan Parker** (M.A. 2009) has accepted a job at Holland Hall prep school in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He reports that he and his wife Katie welcome Joslyn Rose Parker into the world on February 10, 2010 and that she “is healthy, happy, and growing like a weed.”

• **Sean Trolinder** (M.A. 2009) is currently pursuing an M.F.A. in Fiction at Texas State University. He recently had published “Tuba Men Pride” (short story) in *The MacGuffin* 25.3 (Spring 2010): 100-110.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Friday, May 7, 8:30-9:30 PM.** Annual Awards Banquet.

• **Sunday, May 9, Union Little Theatre, 4:00-5:30 PM.** Hedrick’s Revels: *The Tempest*. Join the students of Don Hedrick’s ENGL 670 “Shakespeare in Performance” as they perform selections from Shakespeare’s *Tempest*. Faculty performers include Michael Donnelly and Dave Smit.

• **Wednesday, May 12, Union 212, 3:30-5:00 PM.** Masters of the Universe. A reading by the department’s graduating MA students in Creative Writing.

• **Friday, August 20, Union 209, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.** New Graduate Student Orientation.

• **Wednesday, October 6, Forum Hall, 5:00 PM.** Reading / lecture by M. T. Anderson, prize-winning author of *Feed* and *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation*.

• **Wednesday, November 3, Location and Time TBA.** A lecture by Cheryl Klein of Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine Books on multiculturalism in children’s and young adult literature.

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