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PUBLICATIONS

- **Philip Nel**, "Laughter and Resistance: Humor as a Weapon in the Age of Trump." *Horn Book* May-June 2017: 22-28.
- **Kara Northway**, Review of Jackie Grutsch McKinney, Pam Bromley, and Eliana Schonberg's *Strategies for Writing Center Research*. *Writing Center Journal* 36.1 (Spring 2017): 171-72.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Traci Brimhall**, Reading from *Sophia & The Boy Who Fell* and *Saudade*. River Pretty Arts Foundation. Springfield, MO. 28 April 2017.
- **Gregory Eiselein**, "The Art Poems of Emma Lazarus." *Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference*. San Diego, CA. 15 April 2017.
- **Tanya González**, "Immigration and Latinx Camp in *Jane the Virgin*." *Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference*. San Diego, CA. 14 April 2017.
- **Michele Janette**, "A Swarm of Hurtful Splendor: Lily Hoang's *A Bestiary* as an Assemblage for the Diasporated." *Association of Asian American Studies Annual Conference*. Portland, OR. 14 April 2017.

- **Minadora Macheret**, "Bandit God: A Collection of Poems." *Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference*. San Diego, CA. 15 April 2017.

"On Breathing" (reading). *Sigma Tau Delta Convention*. Louisville, KY. 30 March 2017.

- **Wendy Matlock**, "Poets and Philosophers: Debate in Medieval Thought" (panel discussion, with Jeffrey Hause). Creighton University. Omaha, NE. 3 April 2017.

"The Marriage Debate in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*," two sections of Honors 101 (Honors Foundation Sequence II: The Rise of the West). Creighton University. Omaha, NE. 3 April 2017.

- **Kara Northway**, "'I have lost it': Epistolary Apologies, Justifications, and Benefits to Misplacing *The Wild-Goose Chase* and Other Plays." *Shakespeare Association of America*. Atlanta, GA. 6 Apr. 2017.

- **Tosha Sampson-Choma**, "Living in Two Worlds: The Dual Identities of Women of Color at Institutions of Higher Education." *Teapots with Character: Women of Color Workshop*. Black Faculty and Staff Alliance of Kansas State. Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS. 13 April 2017.

"Maya Angelou: The Revolutionary." *College Language Association*. Columbia, MO. 6 April 2017.

"Navigating the English Trajectory: From Undergraduate Major to Graduate Faculty Member" (invited class lecture). Messiah College. Mechanicsburg, PA. 1 April 2017.

"Life Lessons from Literature." JED Talk Series, Housing and Dining Jardine Apartment Programming. Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS. 14 March 2017.

- **Thomas Sarmiento**, "Fostering (Un)Disciplined Scholars Online: A Filipina/o/x/American Studies Roundtable" (roundtable chair and organizer). *Association for Asian American Studies*. Portland, OR. 15 Apr. 2017.

"The Promise of Queer Filipinx Midwestern Domesticity in *Edith Can Shoot Things and Hit Them*." *Association for Asian American Studies*. Portland, OR. 14 Apr. 2017.

- **Han Yu**, "Tree of Life in Popular Science Communication." *Conference on College Composition and Communication*. Portland, OR. 17 March 2017.

AWARDS

- **Steffi Dippold** won the Anthony N. B. and Beatrice W. B. Garvan Fellowship in American Material Culture from the Library Company of Philadelphia.

- **Minadora Macheret** won first place for the Sigma Tau Delta Convention Theme in Creative Writing for her nonfiction essay “On Breathing,” 1 April 2017.
- **Mandy Moore** won an Arts & Sciences Research Travel Award to present at the Children’s Literature Association Conference in Miami Beach, Florida.
- **Tosha Sampson-Choma** and Kimathi Choma received the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award from Messiah College, Mechanicsburg, PA, 2 April 2017.
- **Shirley Tung** has won a Spring 2017 Faculty Development Award to present her research at two international conferences this summer: the American Comparative Literature Association at the Universiteit Utrecht (The Netherlands) and the British Association for Romantic Studies at the University of York (UK).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thomas Sarmiento** will be serving on the Executive Board of the Mid-America American Studies Association as an Elected Representative At-Large starting June 2017.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

- **Hallie Kristalyn** (BA ‘15) accepted a job teaching first grade in Holcomb, KS.
- **Seth Kristalyn** (MA ‘16) accepted a full-time position teaching at Garden City Community College.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Saturday, May 6, 6:00 pm-8:30 pm, Banquet Room, Alumni Center.** Annual Awards Banquet
- **Thursday, May 11, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm, Union Big 12 Room.** Graduate Student Farewell Reading

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