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## PUBLICATIONS

• **Daniel A. Hoyt**, "We Swam Until the Sun Went Down" (essay). *Manhattan Magazine*, Winter 2020, pp. 12-14.

• **Tosha Sampson-Choma**, "The Legacy of the Black Arts Movement in the Children's Literature of Toni Morrison and Sherley Anne Williams." *Research on Diversity in Youth Literature*, 3.1/3.2 (Winter 2020): < <https://sophia.stkate.edu/rdyl/>>

• **Thomas X. Sarmiento**, "In Transit." *Sparked: George Floyd, Racism, and the Progressive Illusion*, edited by Walter R. Jacobs, Wendy Thompson Taiwo, and Amy August. Minnesota Historical Society, 2021, pp. 49-52.

## PRESENTATIONS

• **Cydney Alexis**, "Effective Writing Habits." National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers — K-State Student Chapter. 27 April 2021. Online.

• **Tim Dayton**, with Mark Van Wielen, "American Literature and Culture of WWI: A National Poetry Month Program." National WWI Museum and Memorial, 20 April 2021. Online: <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jh4O39Sog7o>>

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• **Philip Nel**, "The Dr. Seuss Controversy: Racism and Children's Literature." Conversation with Joseph Dellosa. Palm Beach County Library, Belle Glade, Florida. 7 April 2021. Online.

"Dr. Seuss Is Not Cancelled: Racism, Culture, and Children's Books." Invited contribution to panel discussion on Dr. Seuss and Contemporary Children's Literature featuring Michelle Martin, Pat R. Scales, and Guy Sims. Free Library of Philadelphia. 7 April 2021. Online.

• **Kara Northway**, "Playwrights' Letters from Prison, 1593-1613." Invited contribution for "Shakespeare and the Common Good Atlanta," a college class on Shakespeare for formerly incarcerated persons. 15 April 2021. Online.

"Sir, you mete me by the common measurer of poets': Measures of Professional Work in Playwrights' Letters, 1587-1675." Meeting of the Shakespeare Association of America, 3 April 2021. Online.

• **Thomas X. Sarmiento**, "Recognizing the Heartland of US Empire: Filipinxs, Queerness, and the Midwest" (keynote). *Undergraduate Literature Conference*, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO. 16

April 2021. Online.

• **Lisa Tatonetti**, "Transforming Communities to Reflect Indigenous History, Present, and Future." *48th Annual Symposium on the American Indian*, hosted by the Center for Tribal Studies Symposium, Northeastern State University. 15 April 2021. Online.

"KSFB Information Session: The Marrow Thieves." K-State First Book. 7 April 2021. Online.

• **Shirley Tung**, "The Cult of Celebrity: From the Eighteenth Century to the Present Day." *American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies 51st Annual Meeting*. 10 April 2021. Online.

"Boswell's Biographical Acts of Union." *American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies 51st Annual Meeting*. 9 April 2021. Online.

"Tabula Rasa to Terra Incognita: Landscape and Identity in the Enlightenment" (panel chair). *American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies 51st Annual Meeting*. 7 April 2021. Online.

## AWARDS

• **Daniel A. Hoyt's** Hanoi Rocks Will Live Forever was a finalist for the 2020 Spokane Book Prize.

• **Shirley Tung** received the 2021 ASECS Innovative Course Design Award for ENGL 698 "The Cult of Celebrity: From the Eighteenth

Century to the Present Day,” first announced here in December 2020 and presented at the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies 51st Annual Meeting on April 8, 2021.

Her course materials will be published at <https://www.asecsteachingthe18thcentury.org/innovative-courses> on June 1st.

- **Winniebell Zong** (MA '21) received a 2021 International Leadership Award from the K-State Alumni Association.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- English Department faculty and graduate students celebrated K-State's 2021 Virtual Open House with poetry lightning talks by faculty and graduate students and a virtual Poet-in-the-Box: <https://englishkstate.org/2021/03/04/virtual-open-house-2021/>

- In place of its annual awards banquet, the English Department celebrated the department's award recipients online: <https://englishkstate.org/2021/05/01/2020-2021-annual-awards/>

## NEWS FROM ALUMNI

- **Charlesia McKinney** (BA '14) has been awarded a Diversity Dissertation Fellowship from Middle Tennessee State University. The award offers one year of residency and a commitment to teach two courses as she finishes her dissertation at the University of Kansas. Charlesia has also been awarded a Summer Research Fellowship from the University of Kansas.

- **Kenan Orhan** [Dannenber] (BA '15) will publish his short story collection, *The Birdkeeper's Moral*, with Random House.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Tuesday, May 11, 5:00 -6:00 p.m.** Shakespeare Mock Trial
- **Thursday, May 13, 5:30–6:30p.m.** Farewell Reading
- **Monday, May 17, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** “The Tulsa Race Massacre at 100: Creative Writers Reflect on Its Impact, Legacy, and Lessons”

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