

# Reading Matters

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## PUBLICATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, "Arts & Sciences" (poem). *The New Yorker*, 23 Oct. 2023, pp. 60-61.

"What Gold Gives Us" & "Hating the Phoenix Is" (poems). *32 Poems*, no. 4, 2023, pp. 29-30.

• **Beth Jones** (MA '25) (writing as L.C. Mortimer), "The Castle Cauchemar." *Swords in the Shadows*, edited by Cullen Bunn, Outland Entertainment, 2023, pp. 176-193.

• **Lisa Tatonetti**, "Two-Spirit, Not Trans: Joshua Whitehead's Erotic Sovereignty." *Male Femininities*, edited by Dana Berkowitz, Elroi J. Windsor, and C. Winter Han, New York UP, 2023, pp. 90-105.

## PRESENTATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, presentations at:

o Flint Hills Discovery Center "Humanities Hike." Manhattan, KS. 14 Oct. 2023

o Humanities Kansas Happy Hour. Manhattan Library, Manhattan, KS. 12 Oct. 2023

o Kansas Arts Councils Symposium. Salina, KS. 11-12 Oct. 2023

o Kansas Author's Club, Junction City, KS. 6 Oct. 2023

• **Michele Janette**, "A Conversation: History, Law, and Literature around *They Called Us Enemy*" (roundtable speaker). Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS. 2 Nov 2023.

• **Mary Kohn** and Alexej Savreux, "The Future of Language: A Panel" (panelist). Blue Valley Library, Johnson County, KS. 24 Oct. 2023.

**Kohn and Cassidy Hartig** (BA '24), "'We work hard and get nothen for it': Regional Variation in Pin/Pen Merger in a Post-Reconstruction Corpus."

o New Ways of Analyzing Language Variation. Queens, NY. 14 Oct. 2023.

o Linguistic Association of the Southwest. Denver, CO. 6 Oct. 2023.

• **Abby Knoblauch**, "Toward a Fat Pedagogy: Challenging Anti-Fat Bias in the Composition Classroom" (lightning talk). English Department Colloquium. Kansas State University. 11 Oct. 2023.

• **Philip Nel**, "Race, Place, and Activist Childhoods" (panel chair and co-organizer). *American Studies Association*. Montreal, Canada. 3 Nov. 2023.

• **Ania Payne**, "Expanding the Social Imaginary Through Community Writing Partnerships." *Conference on Community Writing*. Denver, CO. 13 Oct. 2023.

"Writing Across the Community to Build Homes, Community, and Hope" (poster). Engagement Scholarship Consortium. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. 4 Oct. 2023.

"Creating Community Partnerships That Last — Turn Tightropes into Bridges" (panelist). Engagement Scholarship Consortium. Michigan

State University, East Lansing, MI. 4 Oct. 2023.

• **Tom Sarmiento**, "Unsettling Global Midwesterns" (panelist). *American Studies Association*. Montreal, Canada. 4 Nov. 2023.

"Postcolonial Configurations, Crip Colony, and Beauty Regimes: New Pathbreaking Books in Transpacific Filipinx Studies" (panel chair). *American Studies Association*. Montreal, Canada. 3 Nov. 2023.

• **Hunter Scott**, "How to Have Sex in an Epidemic: A Second Approach" (panelist). *Pacific Ancient and Modern Languages Conference*. Portland, OR. 26 Oct. 2023.

• **Lisa Tatonetti**, "Movements, Ancestors, and Altars in Red, Black, & Two-Spirit Intersections: The Arts & Poetry of M. Carmen Lane & Alán Pelaez Lopez." *Western Literature Association Conference*. Fort Hall, Idaho, 12 Oct. 2023.

• **Karin Westman**, "An Introduction to Children's Literature and/in Modernism." "Roundtable: Children's Literature and/in Modernism" (organizer and moderator). *Modernist Studies Association*. Brooklyn, NY. 28 Oct. 2023.

## AWARDS

• **Delaney Sullivan** has won the 2023 Graduate Student Council Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence. She will serve as one of K-State's nominees for the annual Midwestern Association of

Graduate Schools Excellence in Teaching Award.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Val Kollar** (BA '25), **Allison Meerian** (BA '26), **Emma Stacy** (BA '27), and **Maggie Steuer** (MA '24) have been selected to serve as K-State Library Ambassadors.

## FEATURED IN MEDIA

• **Gregory Eiselein** was interviewed for an episode of NPR's/WBUR's All Things Considered (31 Oct 2023) to discuss the discovery on a new pseudonym used by Louisa May Alcott and the recovery of several stories and poems previously unattributed to her: <https://www.wbur.org/radio/programs/all-things-considered>. The text version is here: <https://www.wbur.org/news/2023/10/31/louisa-may-alcott-pen-names-new-pseudonym?>

• **Lisa Tatonetti** was interviewed with Tai Edwards, director of the Kansas Studies Institute, about their work on the Chapman Center's Land Treaty Project for a Kansas Public Radio segment titled "Scholars Illuminate History of Kanza Indians and Nation's First Land Grant University" (12 Oct. 2023): <https://kansaspublicradio.org/local-news/2023-10-12/k-state-jccc-scholars-illuminate-history-of-the-kanza-indians-and-nations-first-land-grant-university>

## NEWS FROM ALUMNX/AE/I

• **Susan Edgerley** (BA '76) and Gloria Freeland, supporter of the department's Jerome Johannning Award for GTAs in English, were inducted into the 2023 Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame.

• **Adam Szetela** (MA '15) published "Can Anyone Still Make It as a Country Singer in Nashville?" (*The Guardian*, 6 Oct. 2023), "Chuck Palahniuk Returns to Miami With

New Novel in Tow" (*Miami New Times*, 14 Sept. 2023), "The Radical Politics of Enter Shikari" (*The Progressive*, 3 June 2023), "Comedy Star Theo Von and His Mullet Are Coming to Town" (*The Boston Globe*, 27 Feb. 2023), "Avocado Zombie" (*Pembroke Magazine*, vol. 55, 2023), and "The Boy We Killed" (*Pleiades*, vol. 43.1, 2023). He also presented "Social Media and the Reinvention of Literary Culture" at the American Literature Association in May 2023, and won the 2023 Midwest Popular Culture Association's Contemporary Popular Culture Paper Award in October.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Friday, 9 November 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Reading by writer and guest speaker Taylor Brorby

• **Friday, 10 November 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Alumni Connections, panel session featuring English alums, as they talk about their career paths following their degree in English

• **Wednesday, 29 November 3:30-4:30 p.m.** SAGE Department Colloquium

• **Thursday, 30 November 6:00-7:00 p.m.** Grad Program Online Preview

• **Saturday, 2 December 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Mock Caldecott

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