

# Reading Matters

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## PUBLICATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, "Fledgling" (poem), *Academy of American Poets Poem-A-Day*. 26 Sept. 2017 <[www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/fledgling](http://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/fledgling)>.

• **Mark Crosby**, Editor and Introduction, *Huntington Library Quarterly, Special Issue: William Blake's Manuscripts* 80:3 (Autumn 2017).

• **Mary Kohn** and Charlie Farrington, "Longitudinal Sociophonetic Analysis: What to Expect When Working with Child and Adolescent Data." *Using Panel Data in the Sociolinguistic Study of Variation and Change*. Ed. Suzanne Evans Wagner and Isabelle Buchstaller. Routledge, 2017. 122-152.

• **Philip Nel**, "7 questions we should ask about children's literature." *Oxford University Press Blog* 19 Sept. 2017 <[blog.oup.com/2017/09/childrens-literature-race/](http://blog.oup.com/2017/09/childrens-literature-race/)>.

"Resolutions for a New Academic Year: A Survival Guide for Higher Education in Perilous Times." *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. 5 Sept. 2017 <[www.chronicle.com/article/Resolutions-for-a-New-Academic/241061?cid=wsinglestory](http://www.chronicle.com/article/Resolutions-for-a-New-Academic/241061?cid=wsinglestory)>.

• **Han Yu**, *Communicating Genetics: Visualizations and Representations*. UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.

## PRESENTATIONS

• **Elizabeth Dodd**, "Residency" (invited speaker). Nature and Culture Seminar, University of Kansas Hall Center for the Humanities. Lawrence, KS. 8 Sept. 2017.

• **Trevin Garcia** (BA '18), "Latino English in the Heartland: An Analysis of /l/ Variation in a New Destination Community." *21st Annual MKN McNair Heartland Research Conference*. Kansas City, Kansas. 23 Sept. 2017.

• **Brittani Ivan** (MA '19), "'Countries of the Mind': The Mundane, the Fantastic, and Reality in the Landscapes of Diana Wynne Jones's *Hexwood* and Garth Nix's *Old Kingdom Series*." *Mythcon 48: All that is Gold Does not Glitter*. University of Illinois. Champaign-Urbana, IL. 29 July 2017.

• **Jim Machor**, "Mark Twain's Most Controversial Nineteenth-Century Novel? Not *Huck Finn* but *Connecticut Yankee*." Reception Study Society Conference. Minneapolis, MN. 23 September 2017.

• **Philip Nel**, "Was the Cat in the Hat Black?: The Hidden Racism of Children's Literature and the Need for Diverse Books" (invited talk).

Oxford University Press. New York City. 21 Sept. 2017.

• **Christopher Stanulonis** (MA '18), "Beowulf: Figure of a Pre-Christian World." *Mid-America Medieval Association*. University of Missouri-Kansas City. 16 Sept. 2017.

## AWARDS

• **Lynsey Akin** (BA '20) and **Matthew Champagne** (BA '18) each received an Arts and Science Undergraduate Research Award to work on **Mary Kohn**'s Kansas Speaks Project.

• **Don Hedrick** is the recipient of the 2017 Ronald N. Gaches Lifetime Teaching Award, and **Mary Kohn** is the recipient of a 2017 Ronald N. Gaches Undergraduate Teaching Award. Both awards are presented by the College of Arts and Sciences.

• **Brittani Ivan** (MA '19) won the Alexei Kondratiev Student Paper Award for best student paper presented at *Mythcon* (University of Illinois, July 2017).

• **Cheyenne White** (BA '19) won an Arts and Science Undergraduate Research Award from the College of Arts and Sciences for Fall 2017 to work with faculty mentor **Steffi Dippold** on the project "Public Memory and the Native American on the Kansas State Capitol."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Traci Brimhall's** "Murder Ballad in the Arctic" was named a "notable essay" and included in *Best American Essays: 2017*, edited by Leslie Jamison.

• **Tanya Gonzalez, Mary Kohn, and Karin Westman** were recognized by the Kansas State Office for the Advancement of Women in Science and Engineering (KAWSE) and the Women of K-State at the Sixth Annual Women of Distinction Recognition Ceremony, 7 Sept. 2017.

• **Tom Sarmiento** has been elected as a Representative At-Large to the Mid-America American Studies Association Executive Board. His term is 2017–19.

## NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• "Seance" by **Brennan Bestwick** (BA '11, MA '16) was chosen by Natalie Diaz for publication in the *Best New Poets*.

• **Ben Cartwright** (MA '04) published *The Meanest Things Picked Clean* (Floating Bridge Press, 2017).

• **Dennis Etzel, Jr** (MA '06) has received the Topeka Human Relations Commission's Troy Scroggins Award. Dennis was recognized for the "strong message of tolerance and justice" in his work.

• **Dylan Pyles** (MA '17) published the essay "True Love Will Find You: My Afternoon in Daniel Johnston's Dining Room" in *Catapult* (19 July 2017) <catapult.co/stories/true-love-will-find-you-my-afternoon-in-daniel-johnstons-dining-room>.

• **Kevin Rabas** (MA '98), current Poet Laureate of Kansas, has been selected to receive a 2017 College

of Arts and Science Alumni Merit Award.

• **Susan Jackson Rodgers** (MA '87) published the novel *This Must Be the Place* (Switchgrass Books, 2017).

• **Adam Szetela** (MA '15) won a Residency Award from School of Criticism and Theory at Cornell University and the Erwin O. Smigel Award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems. He also published five articles, two poems, a short story, and a reference essay. The articles: "The 'Money Fight' in the Age of Trump" (in *The Nation*), "The Quest to Cure One Man's Depression with Ayahuasca" (in *Vice*), "Repression vs. Letting Go" (in *Kindred Spirit Magazine*), "The Faux Antiracism of the Republican Party" and "The Weasel: Corey Stewart" (both in *Monthly Review Online*). The poems: "Song of an Owl" (in *Peeking Cat Poetry Magazine*) and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (in *Black Lives Have Always Mattered*, edited by Abiodun Oyewole). The short story: "Ostatni Dzień Lata, or, the Last Day of Summer" (in *Flint Hills Review*).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Wednesday, October 4, 3:30-4:30pm, Union 227.** English Department Colloquium, Associate Professor Katy Karlin will present "Remembering the Forgotten Woman: The Twentieth-Century Life of Etta Moten Barnett."

• **Monday, October 9, 9:00am-4:30pm, Leadership Studies.** "Indigenous Peoples Day Conference: From Erasure to Activism: Restorying Indigenous Narratives."

• **Thursday, October 12, 7:00-8:30pm, McCain Auditorium.** "#GetCurious: Life, the Universe, and Everything." Readings from and

brief presentations on this year's KSBN common book.

• **Wednesday, October 25, 3:30pm-4:30pm, Union Big 12 Room.** Department Colloquium. Associate Professor Mary Kohn will present on "Kansas sounds like . . . California? Perceptions of Supra-Local Sound Changes."

• **Thursday, October 26, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Cottonwood Room.** Reading by poet Mary Cisper.

• **Friday, October 27, 3:30pm-5:00pm, ECS 017.** Cultural Studies Mini-Seminar II. Sponsored by the Cultural Studies Track, the second of three mini-seminars on "Resistance."

• **Thursday, Nov 2, 4:00-5:00pm Ekdahl Conference Room, Seaton Hall.** Lecture by Christopher Newfield.

• **Friday, Nov 3 3:30-4:30pm, Union Wildcat Chamber.** Author Melissa Chadburn will read from her work.

• **Wednesday, Nov 8, 3:30-4:30pm, Berney Family Welcome Center.** Alumni Connections Career Panel .A panel featuring alumni from various professional careers.

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