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PUBLICATIONS

• **Ania Payne**, "Unsocialized." *Complete Sentence Literature*, 22 May 2021. <<https://www.completesentencelit.com/post/unsocialized>>.

PRESENTATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, "Words of a Feather" (panelist). *Kansas Book Festival*, Topeka, 18 Sept. 2021.

• **Lisa Tatonetti**, "Indigenous Presence, Indigenous Futures: From *The Marrow Thieves* to *Rutherford Falls*." Kansas State University, 21 Sept. 2021. Online.

"Re-envisioning Native American Identities in Visual Art and Literature" (invited panelist and moderator). Marilyn T. and Byron C. Shutz Lecture Series: "SPEAK UP! Building Racial Justice through Art, Writing, and Pedagogy," University of Missouri, Kansas City, 16 Sept. 2021. Online

"2021 Common Work of Art/First Book Welcome." Kansas State University, 2 Sept. 2021. Online.

AWARDS

• **Mary Kohn** and co-authors Walt Wolfram, Charlie Farrington, Janneke Van Hofwegen, and Jenn Renn received the 2022 Leonard Bloomfield Book Award from the Linguistic Society of America for *African American Language:*

Development from Infancy to Adulthood (Cambridge UP, 2020).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Teri Jacques** (BA '24), **Natalie Liptak** (MA '23), and **Abigail Whitney** (BA '24) have been selected to serve as Library Ambassadors.

FEATURED IN MEDIA

• India Yarborough turns to **Mary Kohn's** linguistics expertise in "Can you pronounce these 10 city names correctly? If so, there's a good chance you're from Kansas" for *The Topeka Capitol-Journal* (30 Sept. 2021): <<https://www.cjonline.com/story/news/local/2021/09/30/you-know-youre-from-kansas-how-to-know-pronounce-these-words-cities-correctly/5898868001/>>.

• **Tom Sarmiento** recorded "A "second wind" in America": Bienvenido Santos's Kansas Connection" for the Kansas Humanities Hotline (1 Oct. 2021): <<https://www.humanitieskansas.org/grants-programs/initiatives/humanities-hotline>>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Tuesday, Oct. 19, 10:45–11:30 a.m., 2nd Floor, ECS Building.** Fall Open House for Major, Minors, and Certificate Students (Part I)

• **Tuesday, Oct. 19, 7–8 p.m., Zoom.** Fall Open House for Major, Minors, and Certificate Students (Part II)

• **Wednesday, Oct. 20, 4–5 p.m., Zoom.** Lecture by Debbie Reese

• **Friday, Oct. 22, 4–5 p.m., Zoom.** Reading by Viet Thanh Nguyen

• **Wednesday, Oct. 27, 3:30–4:30 p.m., Zoom.** Department Colloquium featuring Dr. Michele Janette: "The Camera in America: Dao Strom's Grass Roof, Tin Roof as Critical Refugee Literature"

• **Friday, Oct. 29, 6:30–7:15 p.m., Nichols 127 & Zoom.** Frankenstein Lightning Lecture Series featuring Dr. Shirley Tung, Gabrielle Coffey (MA '22), Dr. Mark Crosby, and Spencer Young (MA '22)

• **Friday, Nov. 5, 3–4 p.m., Zoom.** Alumni Connections

• **Friday, Nov. 12, 3:30–5 p.m.** Cultural Studies Mini-Seminar I

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