PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

• Julie Brogno, “The ‘Messy’ Practice of Teaching: GTAs and Diversity Writing.” *Conference on College Composition and Communication*. Chicago, IL. 24 Mar. 2006. Along with Deborah Murray’s paper (listed below), Julie’s paper formed a panel titled “Re-framing the Classroom Culture: Teacher Training and Diversity.”


ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Jonathan Holden, as part of his Poet Laureateship, has, with the help of his former student Greg
German, set up Kansas Poets “Shoptalk” Series, a series of interviews with Kansas Poets to be broadcast over Telenet 2 on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:20 p.m. The series premier is on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. The premier broadcast will feature Greg German, reading from his manuscript The Last Day of Harvest, and will feature Lori Bergen as interviewer. Future Tuesday evening readings will feature such writers as Amy Fleury, Stephen Meats, and Elizabeth Dodd. The program is sponsored with an $11,000 grant from the Kansas Arts Commission.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• Deborah Murray caught up with Stephanie Cox (MA 1991), at the recent Conference on College Composition and Communication (a.k.a. 4Cs) in Chicago. Steph is an adjunct instructor at Boise State University in Idaho, where she lives with her husband Mike and their 18-month-old daughter, Maude. Steph's paper, “Critical/Care: Judgment, Empathy, and Teacher Burnout,” was part of a panel called Emotional Labor: The Work of Teaching. Other KSU graduates attending the conference included Chris Keller (MA 1997), Megan (Urbanek) Marie (MA 2003) and Kaleen (Fritson) Knopp (MA 1998).


• Cari Williams (BA 2003), who is living in Shawnee, is a high school English teacher at Kansas City Christian.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• Friday, March 31, 3:30 p.m., Union 212. 3rd Annual Graduate Literature Symposium, featuring Jackson Ayres, Elise Barker, Sandra Cox, and Sophia Muthuraj.

• Thursday, April 6, 4:00 p.m., Union 212. Michael Waters will read from his work. Waters is Professor of English at Salisbury University in Maryland and teaches in the New England College MFA Program in Poetry. His books of poetry include Darling Vulgarity (2006); Parthenopio: New and Selected Poems (2001), Green Ash, Red Maple, Black Gum (1997), Bountiful (1992), The Burden Lifters (1989), and Anniversary of the Air (1985). He has co-edited Contemporary American Poetry (8th Edition, 2006) and Perfect in Their Art: Poems on Boxing from Homer to Ali (2003), and has edited A. Poulin, Jr.: Selected Poems (2001) and Dissolve to Island: On the Poetry of John Logan (1984). He has been the recipient of a Fellowship in Creative Writing from the National Endowment for the Arts, several Individual Artist Awards from the Maryland State Arts Council, and three Pushcart Prizes.

• Friday, April 7th, 3:30-5:00 p.m., ECS 17. Alumni Careers Panel. Alumni from a variety of career backgrounds will return to K-State to talk about their professions and how they got there from K-State. Everyone is invited.

• Thursday, April 20, 4:00 p.m., Union 212. Margot Livesey will read from her work. Livesey was born and grew up on the edge of the Scottish Highlands. Her father taught a boys’ private school and her earliest memories are of moors, sheep and many boys in uniform. After taking a BA in literature and philosophy at the University of York in England, she spent most of her twenties in Toronto writing, waitressing and finally managing a restaurant. Subsequently she moved to America and began teaching creative writing. Since then she has taught in numerous writing programs including the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Boston University and the University of California at Irvine. She teaches at Emerson College in Boston. Livesey is the author of a collection of stories and five novels, including Criminals, The Missing World and Eva Moves the Furniture.

• Thursday, April 27, 4:00 p.m., Union 212. Michele Janette: "Words after War: Creating a Canon of Vietnamese-American Literature."

• Friday, April 28. Daniel Breslauer, Emeritus Professor of religious studies, University of Kansas. His specialization is Jewish literature, history, and Rabbinical interpretation, on which he has published widely. Time and location TBA.

• Sunday, May 7, 6:00 p.m., K-State Alumni Center. Annual Awards Banquet. Specifics TBA.

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