

Reading Matters

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PUBLICATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, "Family Portrait as Lullaby," "Lullaby With Almost All the Answers," and "Things Which Will Not Appear in This Lullaby" (poems). *Poetry Northwest* 11.2 (2015): 8-9.

"Arctic Tempest, Or How to Appease the Kraken When It Comes For You" (essay). *Passages North* 36 (2015): 45-46.

"Idyll" (poem). *Indiana Review* 36.2 (2015): 153.

• **Tim Dayton**, *Muriel Rukeyser's the Book of the Dead* (University of Missouri Press, 2003) was released in paperback and as an e-book.

• **Katherine Karlin**, "Recommendation: The Learning Tree by Gordon Parks" (essay). *Post Road* 28 (2015): 152-4.

• **Kara Northway**, Pam Bromley, and Eliana Schonberg, "Student Perceptions of Intellectual Engagement in the Writing Center: Cognitive Challenge, Tutor Involvement, and Productive Sessions." *The Writing Lab Newsletter* 39.7-8 (March/April 2015): 1-6.

PRESENTATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, Reading for *Our Lady of Ruins*. *Carr Visiting Authors Series*. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Champaign, IL. 17 Mar. 2015.

• **Gregory Eiselein**, "Engagement, Challenge, and Student Success" (invited keynote lecture). *Enhancing Teaching and Learning Conference: Kansas City Professional Development Council*. Kansas City, MO. 7 Mar. 2015.

• **Carol Franko**, "Nnedi Okorafor's Genre-Blended Intertextual, and Utopian Vision for West Africa." *Midwest Conference on Utopian Studies*. Valparaiso, IN. 20 Mar. 2015.

• **Philip Nel**, "Was the Cat in the Hat Black?: Structural Racism in Children's Literature" (invited talk). DePauw University. Greencastle, IN. 10 Mar. 2015.

• **Bonnie Nelson**, "The Alternate Universe of Sarah Scott and Charlotte Perkins Gilman." *The American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies*. Los Angeles, CA. 20 Mar. 2015.

• **Joy Smith**, "Mourning, Memory, and Melancholy in Edgar Allan Poe's Elegies." *Poe Studies Association's Fourth International Edgar Allan Poe Conference*. New York, NY. 27 Feb. 2015.

• **Tosha Sampson-Choma**, "Resisting Hegemonic Black Male Identity in Andrea Levy's *Fruit of the Lemon*." *National Council for Black Studies*. Los Angeles, CA. 13 Mar. 2015.

AWARDS

• **Cydney Alexis**, **Traci Brimhall**, and **Mary Kohn** received Faculty Enhancement Awards from the College of Arts and Sciences.

• **Alexis** and **Kara Northway** received Student Governing Association Student Centered Tuition Enhancement Funding in the amount of \$26,500 for the Writing Center for 2015-2016.

• **Elizabeth Case** (MA '16) and **Robert Sanders** (MA '16) each received an Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Research Travel Award.

• **Elizabeth Dodd** has been awarded a residency from Oregon State University's Spring Creek Foundation for the 35-year Research Pulse at Mount St. Helens.

- **Cameron Leader-Picone** received a 2015 NEH Summer Stipend award for his project titled “Rearticulating Race in Twenty-First Century African American Literature.”

- **Northway** and Shay Dodson (Pilots Program) were awarded a Spring 2015 Kansas State University Tilford Incentive Grant for Totally Tutoring.

- **Alex Stinson** and **Chris Sims** (MA ’16) received scholarships to attend the 2015 Digital Humanities Summer Institute (DHSI) at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada.

- **Karin Westman** received the Children’s Literature Association 2013 Article Honor Award for her essay “Beyond Periodization: Children’s Literature, Genre, and Remediating Literary History” as part of the “Forums: Manifestos” published in the *Children’s Literature Association Quarterly*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Karin Westman** completed the 2014-2015 Wellesley Institute for Women in Higher Education. The Institute provided four three-day sessions during the academic year where participants share an intense, interactive curriculum designed to provide the knowledge, skills, and perspectives for advancing as leaders across all institution types.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

- **Crystal Gentry** (MA ’07) published her novel *Web of Faith* (Topeka: Gemstone, 2014). This book started as her Final Writing Project.

- **Taraneh Matloob** (MA ’11), currently a doctoral candidate at Oakland University, has been awarded a Children’s Literature Association Graduate Student Research Grant.

- **Kadee Whaley** (MA ’13) published her Final Writing Project as a peer-reviewed article: “‘There’s nothing wrong with my body’: Xander as a Study in Defining Capability of the Disabled Body in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*” in *Slayage* 12.2/13.1 (Winter 2014/Spring 2015). <<http://www.whedonstudies.tv/current-issue.html>>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Friday, April 10, 7pm - 8pm, Strecker-Nelson Gallery (406 1/2 Poyntz).** Poetry (and Short Prose) on Poyntz.

- **Saturday, April 11, 9am - 3pm, Kansas State University.** University Open House.

- **Monday, April 13, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.** Lecture by Dr. Laura Micciche, Associate Professor in the Department of English and Comparative Literature at the University of Cincinnati, on “Reflections on Writing, Time, and Pedagogy,” designed for GTAs and instructors of writing.

- **Tuesday, April 14, 4pm - 5pm, 114 Burt Hall.** Dr. Laura Micciche presents her lecture on “Supporting Graduate Student Writing.”

- **Friday, April 17, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, ECS 121.** Spring Induction for new members of Sigma Tau Delta, the English honorary society.

- **Thursday, April 23, 4pm - 5pm, Union 226.** Lecture and reading by Jeanne Birdsall.

- **Sunday, April 26, 3:30pm - 5pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.** A Chaucer Celebration, to recognize the gift of a special edition of Chaucer to Hale Library’s Special Collection by former English Department faculty member Dr. William (Bill) Hummel and his wife, Sally.

- **Wednesday, April 29, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Union 227.** The 12th Annual Graduate Student Literature Symposium, sponsored by the British and American Literature Track.

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