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PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

• Tim Dayton, “Slavery and Capitalism in the US South” (session chair), Sixth Historical Materialism Annual Conference. London. 29 Nov. 2009.

“Love and Arms and Song”: Romantic Anticapitalism in the Poetry of Alan Seeger.” Sixth Historical Materialism Annual Conference. London. 27 Nov. 2009.


Workshopped with high school English and Drama students on Shakespeare, Cottonwood Falls High School Fall Festival. 10 Oct. 2009.


• Josh Pearson, “‘The Husband’s Office’: The Doubling of Domestic and Civil Power in The Comedy of Errors.” Legal Fictions in Early Cultures, a graduate conference held by the Group for the Study of Early Cultures at UC Irvine. 13 Nov. 2009.

AWARDS

• Elizabeth Dodd’s “Disorder” was listed as a Notable Essay of 2008 in Best American Essays, selected by Robert Atwan, series editor (Boston: Mariner Books, 2009).

• Don Hedrick, USRG awarded, Fall 2009, on gambling in early modern London.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• Shane Seely (MA 1998) is winner of the Philip Levine Prize from Anhinga Press for his book, The Snowbound House, which was released last month. He is a Senior Lecturer in the English Department at Washington University in St. Louis, where he teaches composition and creative writing and acts as Assistant Director of the university’s freshman writing program.

• Aarika Wellnitz (BA 2009) has won a scholarship to Washburn University Law School, where she will begin her studies in the spring 2010 semester.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• Thursday, December 3, 2009, Beach Museum, 4:30 - 5:30 PM. Talk on "Recreating Oz in Comics".

• Friday, December 4, 2009, ECS 121, 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Cultural Studies Mini-Seminar IV.

• Sunday, December 6, 2009, Manhattan Public Library, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Brief presentation on the Caldecott Medal, discussion of new picture books from 2009, and selection of our own Caldecott winner.

• Tuesday, December 8, 2009, Union 213, 4:00 - 5:00 PM. A discussion of New Moon, the latest film adaptation of Stephanie Meyer’s Twilight series.

• Friday, March 5, 2010, Union 212, 3:30 PM. Fiction Reading by Ann Pancake.

• Friday, April 2, 2010, Union 212, 3:30 PM. Reading by Honor Moore.

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