PUBLICATIONS

- **Elizabeth Dodd.** Russ Morgan’s interview with Elizabeth Dodd appears in the *Flint Hills Review* 8 (Fall 2003): 78-83. A review of her latest book, *Prospect*, is in the same issue, pages 84-86.


PRESENTATIONS


ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Philip Nel** was elected to the executive committee of the MLA’s Division on Children’s Literature.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Friday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m., Strecker-Nelson Gallery, 406 1/2 Poyntz Avenue.** “Poetry on Poyntz.” An evening of poetry readings, in conjunction with the English Department’s Creative Writing Program, this event continues the tradition of regular/occasional poetry readings at the Gallery. Readers are not limited to students; if interested in reading, please contact Jay Nelson at Strecker-Nelson Gallery, 537-2099. No admission is charged.

- **Tuesday, Feb. 17, 4:00 p.m., Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.** English Department Colloquium: Philip Nel will speak on “Dr. Seuss at 100: The Legacy of Theodor Seuss Geisel.”
• Friday, Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m., Hemisphere Room, Hale Library. Julia Mickenberg will speak on “Learning from the Left: Children’s Literature and Radical Politics in the United States.” Mickenberg, Assistant Professor of American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, is the author of *Learning from the Left: Children’s Literature and Radical Politics in the United States* (Oxford UP, forthcoming in 2005).

• Thursday, Feb. 26, 3:30 p.m., Hemisphere Room, Hale Library. Michael Patrick Hearn, the foremost expert on L. Frank Baum, will take us “On the Yellow Brick Road to Oz: The Making of an American Classic.” Hearn is the author of *The Annotated Wizard of Oz*, *The Annotated Huckleberry Finn*, and *The Annotated Christmas Carol*.

• Thursday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., K-State Student Union 212. Poet B.H. Fairchild will give a reading of his work. Fairchild’s most recent book is *Early Occult Memory Systems of the Lower Midwest* (W.W. Norton). He is winner of the Kingsley Tufts Award, the William Carlos Williams Award, and has been a finalist for the National Book Award.

• Wednesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Beach Museum of Art, UMB Auditorium. Merrill Gilfillan will give a reading of his work. Gilfillan is the author of short stories, poetry, and nonfiction, including *Burnt House to Paw Paw* and *Magpie Rising: Sketches of the Great Plains*, which won the PEN/Martha Albrand Award for nonfiction.

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