PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS


NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• Loren Blinde (MA 1999) reports two items. First, she and husband Michael are parents to new daughter, Julia Kathryn Blinde, born on 8 Nov. 2008. Another joint project with Michael is their freelance copywriting and editing firm, “Writing Power” (www.writingpower.net). Current clients include hospitals, financial services firms, and educational institutions.

• Dennis Etzel Jr. (MA 2006) organized the Top City Poetry Reading Series for Spring 2009. Amy Unsworth (MA 2006) will be reading on April 4th. All readings are at Lola’s in Topeka. More information here: http://topcitypoetry.blogspot.com/
• Pamela Johnston (MA 1989) has published a novel, Little Lost River, with the University of Nevada Press. She is an Associate Professor of English and department chair at Texas Lutheran University. She and her husband, Mike Lueker (MA 1992) live in San Antonio, where he is English department chair at Our Lady of the Lake University.

• Diane Dufva Quantic (BA 1962, MA 1966, PhD 1971) retired from Wichita State University where she taught American and, more specifically Great Plains, literature for 34 years. She has published two books, The Nature of the Place: A Study of Great Plains Fiction and A Great Plains Reader. Recently, she visited Becky Bloss Kaufman (MA 1968) in Gastonia, North Carolina and Tish Dace (PhD 1971) at her home on the island of Bonaire. Diane lives in Derby, Kansas with her husband Bruce (BS 1959).

• Shane Seely (MA 1999, creative writing) recently won the Philip Levine Poetry Prize from CSU-Fresno. His book, The Snowbound House, will be published in fall 2009 by Anhinga Press. He is a senior lecturer at Washington University in St. Louis, teaching academic and creative writing and helping to oversee the freshman writing program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• Wednesday, March 25, 2009, time and location TBA. David Quammen will give a reading. Quammen is the author of Song of the Dodo, Monster of God, and most recently The Reluctant Mr. Darwin.

• Friday, April 3, 2009, time and location TBA. Poet Kevin Rabas will give a reading.

• Friday, April 10, 2009, Union Little Theatre, 4:00-5:00 PM. Fiction writer Helena Maria Viramontes will give a reading.

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