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PUBLICATIONS

- **Elizabeth Dodd**, "Sanctuary" (creative nonfiction column). *Terrain.org: A Journal of the Built + Natural Environments* (15 Feb. 2015): <<http://terrain.org/2015/columns/sanctuary-by-elizabeth-dodd/>>.
- **Michele Janette**, "Novels of Báo Ninh and Dương Thu Hương." *Fictions of the American War in Vietnam*. Ed. Brenda Boyle. NY: Bloomsbury Academic Press, 2014. 47-70.
- **Katherine Karlin**, "We Are the Polites" (story). *The Cincinnati Review* 11.2 (2015): 185-197.
- **Mary Kohn**, "The Way I Communicate Changes but How I Speak Don't": A Longitudinal Perspective on Adolescent Language Variation and Change. Publication of the American Dialect Society 99. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2015.
- **Kimball Smith's** second novel, *Missing Persons*, was released in paperback.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Gregory Eiselein** with Donald Saucier, "Experiences of Academic Engagement and Classroom Community in Learning Communities." *34th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience*.

Dallas, TX. 17 Feb. 2015.

- **Philip Nel**, "Rollins Book Award Winners Q&A" (invited panelist). *Southwest Popular / American Culture Association*. Albuquerque, NM. 13 Feb. 2015.
- **Joe Sutliff-Sanders**, "Choose Your Own Syllabus: How Contract Grading Can Help Students Make Material Meaningful." *Faculty Exchange for Teaching Excellence*. Manhattan, KS. 30 January 2015.
- **Dan Von Holten**, "Chatting about ePortfolios" (panelist), *Digital Rhetoric Collaborative*. Online. 5 Feb. 2015. <<http://www.digitalrhetoriccollaborative.org/2015/02/05/drcchat-on-air-2-chatting-about-eportfolios/>>.

AWARDS

- **Megan Birdsey** (MA '15), **Sierra Hale** (MA '15), **Elizabeth Krausher** (MA '16), **Erica Ruscio** (MA '15), **Alyxis Smith** (MA '15), and **Brent Weaver** (MA '16) each received an Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Research Travel Award.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thanks to a collaborative application initiated by **Don Hedrick**, Kansas State University has been selected as the host site in Kansas for "First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare," a

national traveling exhibition of the Shakespeare First Folio, one of the world's most treasured books. The Folger Shakespeare Library, in partnership with the Cincinnati Museum Center and the American Library Association, is touring a First Folio of Shakespeare in 2016 to all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

- **Jamie Lynn Heller** (née Vandapool; BA 1998) published *Domesticated: Poetry from Around the House* (Georgetown, KY: Finishing Line Press, 2015).
- **Greyson Honaker** (BA '11) published "'Subverting Norms,' on the short stories of Jessica Hollander" (book review) in *New Letters* 81.1(2015): 183-4.
- **Levi Jost** (MA '09) began this spring as a full-time tenure eligible faculty member in the Department of English and Reading at Northwest Vista College, the second newest of the Five Alamo Colleges Campuses in San Antonio. He hopes to defend his dissertation at Southern Illinois University in late spring or early fall.

- **Taraneh Matloob** (MA '11) published "How Would I Like to Read a Mawlawna EBook?": Children's Interests and Concerns When Reading EBooks" in *New Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship* 21.1 (2015): 59-76.

She also published a review of *Audacious Kids* by Jerry Griswold (Baltimore, MA: Johns Hopkins University Press) for *The International Research Society for Children's Literature*, available at <http://www.irscl.com/review_audacious_kids.html>.

- **Amy Scharmann** (BA '10) published "Photons" (story) with *Green Mountains Review* XXVI.2 (30 Jan. 2015): <<http://greenmountainsreview.com/?p=5058>>.

She also published "On the Moon" (story) in *Triquarterly* 147 (2015): <<http://www.triquarterly.org/issues/issue-147/moon>>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Wednesday, March 11, 3:30pm – 4:30pm, ECS 121.** Departmental Grants Workshop.

- **Tuesday, March 24, 7pm–8pm, Alumni Center Ballroom.** Lecture by David Abram, "Climate, Culture and the Commonwealth of Breath."

- **Wednesday, March 25, 10:30am - 12pm, Location: TBA.** Mini-seminar with erin Khuê Ninh, as part of the 24th Annual Cultural Studies Symposium.

- **Wednesday, March 25, 4pm - 5pm, Leasure 013.** 24th Annual Cultural Studies Symposium, lecture by erin Khuê Ninh,

"Autobiography by Indirection: The Debt-Bound Daughter of *Ingratitude*."

- **Friday, March 27, 9am - 3pm.** Grad Program Visiting Day: Prospective graduate students accepted to the English MA program will be able to schedule individual meeting with English faculty members; meet with Anne Longmuir, Director of Graduate Studies, and Karin Westman, Department Head; take a tour around campus; and meet with current graduate students.

- **Friday, March 27, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Union Little Theatre.** Reading by Justin Torres.

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

- **Monday, April 13, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.** Lecture by Laura Micciche, "Reflections on Writing, Time, and Pedagogy."

- **Tuesday, April 14, 4pm - 5pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.** Lecture by Laura Micciche, "Supporting Graduate Student Writing."

- **Friday, April 17, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, ECS 121.** Sigma Tau Delta Induction.

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

- **Wednesday, April 29, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Union 227.** Department Colloquium.

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