PUBLICATIONS


“A Day of Mourning for Nightcrawlers” was featured at the National Poetry Month: Poem-a-Day project by Ghost Road Press on 3 April 2006. www.ghostroadpress.com.


- **Megan Cook**, “Am I One or Am I the Other?: Identification with Nature or Civilization in Gary Paulsen’s Hatchet.” *Craft, Culture, and Critique Conference*, University of Iowa. 8 April 2006.


- **Andrea Engelken**, “Into the Green: Eco-Active Discourse and the Narratives of Prodigal Summer.” *Craft, Culture, and Critique Conference*, University of Iowa. 8 April 2006.

- **Dennis Etzel, Jr.**, “Sexy Love Poetry Written for Ecobody: The Use of Love and the Erotic in Patiann Rogers’ Poetry.” *Craft, Culture, and Critique Conference*, University of Iowa. 8 April 2006.

- **Anna Goins**, “The Environment as Character and Place in Margaret Atwood’s Oryx And Crake.” *Craft, Culture, and Critique Conference*, University of Iowa. 8 April 2006.

- **Lisa Hase**, “Spiritual

- **Megan Cook**, “Am I One or Am I the Other?: Identification with Nature or Civilization in Gary Paulsen’s Hatchet.” *Craft, Culture, and Critique Conference*, University of Iowa. 8 April 2006.

- **Patricia Hildenbrand**, “Ghosts and Absences: Interconnections in Barbara Kingsolver’s Prodigal Summer.” *Craft, Culture, and Critique Conference*, University of Iowa. 8 April 2006.

- **Philip Nel**, “Under the Hats of Seuss and His Cats; or, The Annotated Cat in the Hat” (invited lecture). Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities, Case Western Reserve University. Cleveland, OH. 7 April 2006. (This and the two lectures below comprised a “Distinguished Lecture Series” on “The Politics of Children’s Literature.”)

“Writing from the Left: Crockett Johnson and Ruth Krauss” (invited lecture). Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities, Case Western Reserve University. Cleveland, OH. 5 April 2006.


- **Donna Potts**, “Love Poems, Elegies, I am Losing My Place”: Michael Longley’s Environmental Elegies.” *American Conference for*


• Tulora Roeckers, “Charles Wright and Landscape: An Eco-critical Look at A Short History of the Shadow.” Craft, Culture, and Critique Conference, University of Iowa. 8 April 2006.


• Karin Westman has won the College of Arts and Sciences William L. Stamey Teaching Award for undergraduate teaching.

• The following English majors have been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest academic honor society in America: Alicia Bowman, Anna Kristina Diaz Jurey, Samuel Collins Posladek, Carla Renee Schuster, Paul Alan Tigerstrom, Travis M. Winter, and Cara M. Xidis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Donna Potts has been elected to the District II council (Alaska, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, Wyoming) of the American Association of University Professors.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• Billy Auten (MA 2000) and Holly (Hoe) Auten (MA 2000), are running a business to write and/or update websites: www.fireinhand.com

• Brett Ballantini (an MA student in the early 1990s) writes, “My resume post-KSU includes serving as editor of the magazines Basketball News, Basketball Digest, and Bowling Digest, placing a feature in last year’s World Series program, and now this silly little book.” Brett’s book, The Wit and Wisdom of Ozzie Guillen, published in March 2006 by Triumph Books, covers the topics on which White Sox manager Guillen has commented.

• Candace (Butler) Bond (MA 1996) and her husband Lance announce the birth of their son, Lachlan Augustin Bond, who was born on January 5th, 2006. He was greeted at home by his 3 1/2 year old sister, Malena Katherine Ann Bond.

• Aimee Teslaw (MA 2000) is teaching English at College of DuPage (in Glen Ellyn, Illinois) and also working in the Writing Assistance Area there. Her husband, Brent, is finishing an MBA at Northwestern’s Kellogg School; Aimee and Brent are expecting a baby in October. Aimee has also started a small photography business: www.aimeeteslawphoto.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• Sunday, May 7, 6:00 p.m. Banquet Room, Kansas State Alumni Center (1270 Anderson Ave.), English Department’s Annual Awards Banquet. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Mary Siegle at 532-2194 by April 28th.

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AWARDS

• Mickayla Fink has won Kansas State University’s Presidential Teaching Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching.

• Karin Westman has won the College of Arts and Sciences William L. Stamey Teaching Award for undergraduate teaching.

• “Transcending Cold War Culture: The New American Sensibility and Arthur’s Miller’s After the Fall” (invited lecture). Charles University. Prague, Czech Republic. 22 March 2006.

• “Ingrid Bergman’s Contribution to Roberto Rossellini’s Stromboli, Europa ’51, Voyage in Italy, and Fear” (invited seminar talk). Charles University. Prague, Czech Republic. 16 March 2006.


• “For Love or Money?: Contemporary Women’s Fiction in the Marketplace.” Inaugural Conference of the Contemporary Women’s Writing Network. University of Wales. Bangor, Wales, United Kingdom. 22 April 2006.