The Monthly Newsletter of Kansas State University’s Department of English

Reading Matters

Vol. 28, No. 3. November 2013

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS


• Jim Machor, “Mark Twain’s Fan Mail, or a Fist Full of Dullards: The Quirky, the Cranky, and the Kooks.” Reception Study Society Conference. Marquette University, Milwaukee. 28 Sept. 2013.


• Kara Northway, “‘[M]y spirit is moved, the fire is kindled, and I must speake’: Nathan Field’s Epistolary Defense of the Vocation of Player.” 7th Blackfriars Conference. Staunton, VA. 23 October 2013.


AWARDS

• Hunter Gilson (BA ’14) won an Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Travel Award for his project, “Metacognition: A Two-way Street,” which will be presented at the Midwest Writing Center Association’s conference in Skokie, Illinois.

• Ora McIntosh (BA ’16) has been awarded a McNair Scholarship to develop her fiction with the assistance of Katy Karlin as her mentor.

• Brent Weaver (BA ’15) won an Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Award for his project, “Queering Native American Literature,” which he will pursue during his internship with Lisa Tatonetti.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• Kelsey Hopson (BA 2011) visited the department recently. At a Writing Center staff meeting, she shared details with the tutors regarding her current position as a technical writing intern at CCH in Wichita, KS (CCH is part of Wolters Kluwer).

Kate Nygren (MA 2013) and Dory Cochran (MA 2013) joined with current graduate students Kelsey Hixson-Bowles and Alicia Beeson in their workshop, “Derailing the Hierarchy: How to Hear the Strategies of Struggle” at the Midwest Writing Centers Association in Skokie, Illinois, 19 Oct. 2013. Kate is currently working on her Ph.D. in English at KU. Dory is Reference & Instruction Librarian at Utah State University in the Reference Department at Merrill-Cazier Library. In addition to working with several of the English composition courses, she is the subject liaison for the Music, Psychology, and Family, Consumer, and Human Development.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Friday, November 1, 2013, ECS 017, 3:30 pm. Alumni Connections.

- Friday, November 1, 2013, 406 1/2 Poyntz (Strecker-Nelson Gallery), 7 pm. Poetry & Short Fiction on Poyntz.

- Wednesday, November 6, 2013, Union 227, 3:30 pm. Department Colloquium. Lecture by Professor Don Hedrick on "Fun": how it began as a commercial value, a "discourse," in Elizabethan theater.

- Friday, November 8, 2013, Leadership Studies Town Hall, 4 pm. Lecture by Jennifer Phegley.

- Friday November 15, 2013, ECS 017, 3:30 pm. Sponsored by the Cultural Studies Track, the last of three mini-seminars on Roland Barthes's Camera Lucida.


Reading Matters is a monthly publication of the Department of English, 108 ECS Building, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506-6501. Editors: Philip Nel, Cindy Stueder, and Mitzi Farmer. The deadline for the next issue of Reading Matters is December 2, 2013 at 5 p.m. Central Time. Please send your news to Philip Nel, care of the above address or via email at <philnel@ksu.edu>. Thank you.

Reading Matters is on the web at http://www.ksu.edu/english/reading