

Reading Matters

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PUBLICATIONS

• **Elizabeth Dodd**, *OnEarth Magazine* has posted a podcast of Elizabeth reading her poem, "Marginalia." <<http://www.nrdc.org/onearth/shared/podcasts.asp#>>. The poem appeared in print in the summer 2006 edition, p. 29.

• **Naomi Wood**, review of *His Dark Materials Illuminated* by Millicent Lenz and Carole Scott. *Children's Literature Association Quarterly* 31.1 (Spring 2006): 90-92.

"Honoring Our Mothers: The Legacy and Life of Mitzi Myers." Review of Donelle Ruwe's *Culturing the Child 1690-1916*. *Children's Literature* 34 (2006): 218-21.

PRESENTATIONS

• **Jonathan Holden**, in his Poet Laureate position, has been busy. On September 12, in the evening, he (and Greg German) conducted the first of this year's Stoptalk lecture/readings, with Steve Hind (of Hutchinson) as the guest reader. The next reading will be on October 10, with Stephen Meats.

On September 29, Jonathan gave a reading in Wichita for the Kansas State Library at the Kansas Book Festival. On September 30, Jonathan gave a reading to the Kansas Authors' Club and, that afternoon, conducted a poetry workshop with them.

AWARDS

• **Michele Janette** was "Faculty Member of the Week" at the K-State football game against Louisville on Sept 23.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• **Hannah Adamson** (B.A., 2006) has started Wichita State's M.A. in English Literature program.

• **Patrick Dixon** (M.A., 2005) is beginning his second year of law school at the University of North Dakota. The first year went very well.

• **Anna Goins** (M.A., 2006) is teaching English at Augusta State University in Georgia.

• **Sarah Hamblin** (M.A., 2005) is beginning the doctoral program in English at Michigan State University.

• **Katherine Harder** (M.A., 2004) and her husband Matt are the proud new parents of an adopted newborn daughter, Ari.

• **Patricia Hildenbrand** (M.A., 2006) has accepted a position as Managing Editor for Allen Press in Lawrence, Kansas.

• **Megan Marie** (M.A., 2003) has accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship at Malcolm X College in Chicago, Illinois.

• **Sophia Muthuraj** (M.A., 2006) is working as an intern at Bloomsbury Press in New York City.

• **Hugh O'Connell** (M.A., 2005) is beginning the doctoral program in English at Michigan State University.

• **Alana Pieper** (M.A., 2006) is working for the Kansas Crop Improvement Association right here in Manhattan.

• **Matthew Raese** (M.A., 2005) is beginning the doctoral program in English at the University of Tennessee.

• **Keith Richter** (M.A., 1996) is an English instructor and Writing Center Coordinator at Inver Hills Community College in the Twin Cities (Minnesota).

• **Christina Teague** (M.A., 2006) is currently a “Customer Care Trainer” for Brink’s Home Security in Irving, TX. It’s a professional position with a decent salary, and she’s enjoying it. She is also teaching a writing class in the evenings at a community college in the greater Dallas area. Christina is living in Frisco, working and teaching in Irving.

• **Sarah Townsend** (M.A., 2006) has started her Master of Library Science program at the University of Michigan.

• **Geoff Wyss** (M.A. 1993) has had a short story reprinted in *New Stories from the South 2006*, edited by Alan Gurganus, Algonquin Press. The story, “Kids Make Their Own Houses,” was originally published in *Image*.

• **Jana Zaduke** (M.A., 1995) has completed her M.D. and started her residency in Family Medicine at The University of Kansas School of Medicine.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Wednesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m., Manhattan Public Library.** Sue Stauffacher will read from her work. She is the author of *Donuthead*, which won the 2006 William Allen White Award for grades 3-5. The sequel, *Donutheart*, will be published later this year. She has also published *Harry Sue*, a novel with many allusions to the *Wizard of Oz*.

• **Thursday, October 5, 4:00 p.m., Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.** Sue Stauffacher will give a talk titled: “Marrying the Classical and the Contemporary: Weaving *The Wizard of Oz* into *Harry Sue*.”

• **October 11-14 & 18-21, 8:00 p.m.; October 15 & 22, 2:00 p.m., Nichols Theatre.** KSU Theatre and Dance and Department of Music present *Urinetown*, a musical of a Gotham-like city in which severe draught has prompted the government to ban the use of private toilets, thereby compelling citizens to use public toilets. Corporate corruption and satirical songs ensue. Tickets \$10 for students and children, \$13 for military, \$15 for general public. To order tickets, call or visit McCain Box Office, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 532-6428 or online at <www.ksu.edu/mccain>.

Tickets also available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in K-State Union Little Theatre Box Office. Call Marci Maullar for group discounts: 785-532-6878.

• **Friday, October 13, 4:00 p.m., Union 212.** Beverly Lyon Clark will speak on “Why I Love and Hate Tom Sawyer.” Clark, Professor of English at Wheaton College (Norton, Mass.), is currently editing the Norton Critical Edition of Twain’s *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. She is the author of *Kiddie Lit: The Cultural Construction of Children’s Literature* (2003), the editor of *Louisa May Alcott: The Contemporary Reviews* (2004), and the co-editor of *Girls, Boys, Books, Toys: Gender in Children’s Literature and Culture* (1999).

• **Friday, October 20, 3:30 p.m., Union 212.** Nonfiction Reading by Judith Kitchen, author of *Only the Dance: Essays on Time and Memory, Distance and Direction*, and several other books. She is also the editor of three collections of short essays and a regular reviewer of poetry for *The Georgia Review*.

• **Friday, November 3, 3:30 p.m., Union 212.** Fiction Reading by Darren Defrain, author of the novel, *The Salt Palace* (and KSU graduate, MA 1992). Defrain is the Writing Program Director at Wichita State University. His first novel, *The Salt Palace*, was a *Forward Magazine* Book of the Year Finalist. He reads in celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the Creative Writing Program at Kansas State.

• **Friday, November 10, 7:00 p.m., Strecker-Nelson Gallery.** Poetry On Poyntz. Reading by KSU students and others.

• **Thursday, December 7, 4:00 p.m., Union 212.** Fiction Reading by Dan Chaon. Chaon is the author of the novel, *You Remind Me of Me* and two collections of short stories, *Among the Missing* (finalist for the National Book Award) and *Fitting Ends*.

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