PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS

• Elizabeth Dodd attended the Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature and made three presentations: “Reaching the Point” (creative nonfiction reading, 8 May 2009); “The Wild Rising” (poetry reading, 9 May); and “A Word or Two for Nature: Rereading Scott Russell Sanders’ Wilderness Plots” (critical paper, 8 May).


Poetry Reading, Sheridan’s Wine Bar, Galway, June 6, 2009.

• Megan Von Bergen, “These Fragments I Have Shored...
AWARDS

• **Elizabeth Dodd**’s latest book, *In the Mind’s Eye: Essays Across the Animate World* won the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment’s Best Creative Book Award in May, 2009.

• **Michael Mlekoday** represented the city of St. Paul at the 20th annual National Poetry Slam, 3-8 Aug 2009, and won the championship. 68 teams from the United States, Canada, and Europe competed in the tournament which was held in West Palm Beach, Florida. This was the first time since 2002 that a team from the Midwest even made it to the Finals Stage.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI


• **Laura Loveall** (M.A. 1998), is now employed at Elsevier, a medical book publishing company in St. Louis. As Project Manager, she is in charge of a team of copy editors, proofreaders, and indexers. Laura’s daughter Julia (born while Laura was in Manhattan) is 12.

• **Taylor Mali** (M.A. 1993) has a new book: *The Last Time As We Are*, published by Write Bloody Press.

• **Carla Reimer** (M.A. 2005) is now executive director of the Federation of BC Writers (www.bcwriters.com), an organization that supports emerging and established writers.

• **Kate Sweeney** (M.A. 2006) won the 2008 YellowJacket Press Chapbook Contest for Florida Poets, and her chapbook of poems, *Better Accidents*, appeared in the spring of 2009. Kate currently teaches writing at the University of Tampa.

• **Beth Wendland** (M.A. 2006) recently accepted a position as an Instructional Designer at the University of Michigan.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Friday, September 4, 2009, ECS 121, 3:30 PM.** Cultural Studies Mini-Seminar: Walter Benjamin.

• **Wednesday, September 23, 2009, 4:00 pm, Union 213.** Department Colloquium: Cara Northway.

• **Saturday, October 3, 2009, Union Little Theater / Hale Library / Alumni Center, 8:30 AM - 9:30 PM.** Recreating Oz: Annual Convention of the International Wizard of Oz Club.

• **Friday, October 9, 2009, ECS 121, 4:30 -6:00 PM.** Cultural Studies Mini-Seminar II. Walter Benjamin.
• Sunday, October 11, 2009, Hale Library Hemisphere Room, 3:00 - 4:30 PM. Showing of Billy Collins documentary.

• Wednesday, October 14, 2009, Union Ballroom, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Academic Majors Fair.

• Wednesday, October 14, 2009, Union 213, 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Department Colloquium.

• Wednesday, October 21, 2009, K-State Alumni Center Ballroom, 5:30 PM. Poetry reading by Billy Collins.

• Friday, November 6, 2009, ECS 121, 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Cultural Studies Mini-Seminar III.

• Wednesday, December 2, 2009, Union 213, 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Department Colloquium

• Friday, December 4, 2009, ECS 121, 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Cultural Studies Mini-Seminar IV.

• Friday, March 5, 2010, Union 212, 3:30 PM. Fiction Reading by Ann Pancake.

• Friday, April 2, 2010, Union 212, 3:30 PM. Reading by Honor Moore.

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