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## PUBLICATIONS

• **Jim Machor**, "Reception Theory." *Vocabulary for the Study of Religion*. Vol. 3. Ed. Kocku van Stuckrad and Robert Segal. Boston: Brill, 2016. 201-206.

• Shirley F. Tung, "'An Isthmus which Joins Two Great Continents': Johnson, Boswell, and the Character of the Travel Writer in An Account of Corsica." *The A ge of Johnson: A Scholarly Annual* 23 (Dec. 2015): 21-31.

#### **PRESENTATIONS** • Michael Donnelly,

"Tinkering with the Text: Adaptors and Censors of Shakespeare." *Shakespeare Faire: Shakespeare For All Ages.* Manhattan Public Library. 20 Feb. 2016.

Three Shakespeare sonnets: #12, #19, and #129 (performance). Manhattan Arts Center. 6 Feb. 2016.

• Robert Probst, ":) NO EMOJI :( :( : ( : Defining the PC through Interaction with Fictional Consciousness in *Life is Strange.*" *KU Film and Media Studies Graduate Symposium.* University of Kansas. Lawrence, KS. 13 Feb. 2016.

## • Tosha Sampson-Choma,

"Reviving Desdemona: Toni Morrison and William Shakespeare." *Shakespeare Faire: Shakespeare For All Ages.* Manhattan Public Library. Manhattan, KS. 20 Feb. 2016.

• Joe Sutliff Sanders, "Writing about Comics (Whether Your Professor Likes It or Not)." *Little Apple Comic-Con*. Manhattan, KS. 27 Feb. 2016.

"Shakespeare and Comics." *Shakespeare Faire: Shakespeare for All Ages.* Manhattan Public Library. Manhattan, KS. 20 Feb. 2016.

• Shirley F. Tung, "East Meets West in Elysium: Liminal Landscapes in Montagu's Letters from Turkey and Italy." South Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (SCSECS) Annual Meeting. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. 27 Feb. 2016.

## AWARDS

• Corinne Matthews (MA '17) and Emily Miner (MA '17) received research travel awards from the College of Arts and Sciences.

• Steffi Dippold, Tosha Sampson-Choma, and Shirley Tung received Faculty Enhancement Awards from the College of Arts and Sciences.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Undergraduate English majors Karyn Elliott (BA '16) and Sara Hernandez (BA '16) and graduate student **Rebecca Rowe** (MA '16), along with Madison Plouvier (BA Theatre '18) and Shiana Tyler (BA Theatre '18), have been selected to attend the "Shakespeare and Performance Intensive" at the American Shakespeare Center in Staunton, VA, on June 3-5, 2016.

# NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• Charlesia McKinney (BA '14) published "When the Nazis are Misunderstood: Addressing Racist Rhetoric in the Composition Classroom" in the Journal of Critical Scholarship on Higher Education and Student Affairs 2.3 (Feb. 2016): <http:// ecommons.luc.edu/jcshesa/vol2/ iss3/11>.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

• Wednesday, March 9, 8:30am - 12:30pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library. NEH Regional Grant Application-Writing Workshop.

• Wednesday, March 9, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, 123 Leadership Studies. Department Colloquium: Naomi Wood, Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies, will present "Discarded Image and Expanding Universe: The Metaphysics of C.S. Lewis and Madeleine L'Engle."

• Thursday, March 10, 4pm -5pm, 401 Hale. Reading group on Francesca Royster.

• Wednesday, March 23, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, 123 Leadership

**Studies.** Department Colloquium: Faculty from the Literature Track will present four ways of reading William Blake's poem "London."

• Thursday, March 24, 4pm -5pm, 401 Hale. Reading group on Ron Parks.

• Friday, March 25, 4pm - 5pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library. Lecture by Adeline Koh, "All the Feels: Whiteness and Emotions in Digital Public Discourse."

## • Wednesday, March 30, 7pm -8pm, Union Ballroom.

Performance by the 1491s, an internationally known Indigenous satire group.

• Thursday, March 31, 4pm -5pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library. Lecture by Julie Kohner, "Echoes of the Past."

• Friday, April 1, 4pm - 5pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library. Lecture by Farah Jasmine Griffin.

• Saturday, April 2, 9am - 3pm, Alumni Center. ChALC Conference: Truth, Memory, and Power in Children's and Young Adult Literature, with keynote speaker Kristin Cashore.

• Thursday, April 7, 4pm - 5pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library. Lecture by Ronald Parks.

• Friday, April 8, 12:00pm -1:30pm, Alumni Center, 2nd Floor (Tadtman Board Room). 25th Annual Cultural Studies Alumni Roundtable Lunch.

## • Friday, April 8, 4pm - 5pm, Union Little Theatre. 25th Annual Cultural Studies Symposium, featuring a lecture by Francesca Royster on "Uneasy Listening" 'Country,' Music, and Black Queer Longing."

• Thursday, April 14, 7pm - 8pm, Union Little Theatre. Reading by Julian Hoffman.

• Saturday, April 16, 9am - 3pm. Open House.

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