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PUBLICATIONS

• Elizabeth Dodd, "The Artist and His Mother" (poem). *Flint Hills Review* 17 (2012): 10-11.

PRESENTATIONS

- Elizabeth Dodd, "The Badger" and "Watershed Burns with Lightning" (poems) on display at National Science Foundation Headquarters, part of the Longterm Ecological Research Program's exhibit, *Ecological Reflections: Sense of Place in Changing Places*, 28 Feb. – 15 June 2013.
- A. Abby Knoblauch, "The Assessment of Trauma/The Trauma of Assessment." *Conference on College Composition and Communication*. Las Vegas, NV. 14 Mar. 2013.
- **Philip Nel**, "Was the Cat in the Hat Black? Seuss and Race in the 1950s." (invited). University of Washington. St. Louis, MO. 22 Mar. 2013.

Same invited talk given at College of Charleston. Charleston, SC. 18 Mar. 2013

• Kara Northway, "'[S]end vs word if this motion will satisfy you': Early Modern Theater Management through Letters." *Shakespeare Association of* *America*. Toronto, Canada. 28 Mar. 2013.

- Rachel Ohmes, "Food and Formal Dining as a Connection Between Gentlemanly Aspirations and Masculinity in David Copperfield." *GSEA Literary Voices Conference*. University of North Texas. Denton, TX. 22 Mar 2013.
- Donna Potts, "AAUP Shared Governance Success Stories." Naropa University. Boulder, CO. 8 Mar. 2013.

AWARDS

- **Philip Nel** has been named a University Distinguished Professor.
- Joe Sutliff Sanders has won a Children's Literature Association Faculty Research Grant.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• Michael Noll (B.A. '03) earned his MFA in Creative Writing from Texas State, served as writer-in-residence at the Katherine Anne Porter House, and now is a lecturer at Texas State. He has also created a website dedicated to posting writing exercises based on published, online stories, and novel excerpts: readtowritestories.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday, April 3, 2013, English/Counseling Services 017, 4:30 pm. Reading group on Robin Bernstein's *Racial Innocence*.
- Friday, April 5, 2013, Leadership Studies Town Hall, 4:00 pm. Lecture by Robin Bernstein, Harvard University, on "Signposts on a Road Less Taken: John Newton Hyde's Anti-Racist Images of African American Children."
- Saturday, April 6, 2013, Alumni Center Tadtman Boardroom, 3:30 pm. Celebration to honor Jonathan Holden's retirement.
- Friday, April 12, 2013, Union Little Theatre, 3:30 pm. Reading by Susan Jackson Rodgers.
- Saturday, April 13, 2013, Alumni Center, 7:00 pm. Hallows and Horcruxes Ball: A Wizard Rock Concert for Literacy.
- Wednesday, April 17, 2013, Union 226, 3:30 pm. Lecture by Cameron Leader-Picone on "On the Blackness of Post-Blackness." Part of the English Department's Spring Colloquium.

- Saturday, April 20, 2013, 9:00 am. All University Open House.
- Wednesday, April 24, 2013, ECS 017, 3:30 pm. Conversations about Diversity. Sponsored by the Track in Composition and Rhetoric
- Wednesday, May 1, 2013, Union 227, 3:30 pm. 10th Annual Graduate Student Literature Symposium.
- Friday, May 3, 2013, Alumni Center Ballroom, 10:30 am. Historian Stephanie Coontz will present a lecture on "Mad Men, Working Girls, and Desperate Housewives: How Far Have Men and Women Come from the 1960s?"

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