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PUBLICATIONS

• **Deborah Murray**, “Grist of Bees.” *Snapdragon: A Journal of Art and Healing*. Vol. 7, issue 1, Spring 2021, p. 16. <https://www.snapdragonjournal.com/>

PRESENTATIONS

• **Katy Karlin**, “Considering #MeToo: Sexual Assault in Popular Culture” (panelist), *Association for the Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Midwinter Conference*, 6 March 2021. Via Zoom.

Discussion on Gordon Parks’s *The Learning Tree* (panelist). Beach Museum, Kansas State University, 28 January 2021. Via Zoom.

• **Philip Marzluf**, “Traveling Tongues: Language Ideologies from Travel Writing in Mongolia and Northern China.” *Writing Research Across Borders*. Online. 5 Mar. 2021.

AWARDS

• **Elizabeth Dodd, Greg Eiselein, Don Hedrick, Philip Nel, Lisa Tatonetti, Naomi Wood, and Han Yu** have each received a Professorial Performance Award (PPA), awarded by the Provost at the recommendation of the Department Head and Dean, to faculty who have served six years or more at the rank of Professor and who have achieved once

again the qualifications for promotion.

• **Randi D. Loyd** (BA ’21) has won the Sunflower Scholarship, which will pay her tuition for KU Law School (which she will begin attending this fall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karin Westman represented Kansas State and the College of Arts and Sciences on March 10 for the 2021 Humanities Advocacy Day, visiting remotely with congressional staff to lobby elected officials for funding for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Title VI/Fulbright-Hayes, and the National Archives (NARA)

FEATURED IN MEDIA

• Following Dr. Seuss Enterprises’ decision to cease publication of six Seuss books due to their racist imagery, **Philip Nel** was frequently called on as an expert on Seuss and racism in children’s literature. In March, he spoke to over 25 media outlets (print, TV, radio/podcast) and was featured on or quoted in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *The L.A. Times*, *Esquire*, *Slate*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *CNN Tonight with Don Lemon*, *CNN: Smerconish*, the *CBS Evening News*, *CBC News’ The National*, and *Peacock/NBC’s The Week with Joshua Johnson*, *ABC Radio (Australia)*, and *VGTRK (Russian state TV)*, among others.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• **Molly Houser** (MA ’20) published “Dead of Winter” (in *New American Legends*, 1 Mar. 2021) and “View from the Door” (in *Rune Bear Weekly*, 7 Jan. 2021).

• **Christopher Linforth** (MA ’09) won the 2020 Orison Fiction Prize for his book manuscript, *The Distortions*. Linforth will receive a \$1,500 cash award as well as publication of his book by Orison Books. More details at <https://www.orisonbooks.com/post/announcing-the-winner-of-the-2020-orison-fiction-prize>

• **Desiree Schippers** (BA ’19) published “it b like that” in *The Examined Life Journal*, issue 8 (Spring 2020).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Thursday, Apr. 8, 6:30–8:00 p.m.** All-University Open House
- **Friday, Apr. 9, 9:00–5:00 p.m.** All-University Open House
- **Saturday, Apr. 10, 9:00–3:00 p.m.** All-University Open House
- **Friday, Apr. 16, 8:00–5:00 p.m.** University Well-Being Day
- **Friday, Apr. 23, 3:30–4:30 p.m.** Sigma Tau Delta Induction
- **Friday, Apr. 23, 5:30–6:30 p.m.** Retirement Celebration for Tim Dayton and Jim Machor
- **Wednesday, Apr. 28, 3:30–4:30 p.m.**, Dept Colloquium
- **Thursday, Apr. 29, 4:00–5:00 p.m., Zoom.** Lecture by Julie Kohner

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