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# PUBLICATIONS

• Elizabeth Dodd, "Complexity Begins Responsibility." *Journal of Ethnic American Literature*. Special Issue Celebrating Michael Harper. 6 (2016): 21-37.

• Traci Brimhall,

"Künstlerroman" (poem). *FIELD* 95 (Fall 2016): 50.

PRESENTATIONS
Traci Brimhall, Readings from *Rookery*. South Carolina Poetry Society. Charleston, SC. 11 Nov. 2016.

• Steffi Dippold, "Of Un-Just Men, or The Bag-Stabbing Logic of 'Rebels No Saints' (1661)." *The Remnant Collection Lecture Series*. Hale Library. Manhattan, KS. 7 Nov. 2016.

## • Don Hedrick,

"Paratheatricality in Shakespeare's London and London's Shakespeare (panelist) and co-director with Edel Semple (Univ of Cork). *World Shakespeare Congress*. Stratford -Upon-Avon and London, UK. 29 July 2016.

• Michele Janette, "Queering Nu'o'c as Home: Deviant Belonging in the Vietnamese Diaspora" (panel moderator). *American Studies Association Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO. 18 Nov. 2016.

# • Mary Kohn, Addison Dickens

(BA '17, Anthropology), and **Trevin García**, (BA '18), "A New Majority: Latino English and the Third Vowel Shift in Liberal, Kansas." *NWAV 45: New Ways of Analyzing Language Variation*. Vancouver, CA. 5 Nov. 2016.

"That Spanish Twang': Speaker Rhythm and Accommodation in a Great Plains High School." *NWAV 45: New Ways of Analyzing Language Variation.* Vancouver, CA. 4 Nov. 2016.

• Mary Kohn, Tiffany Hattesohl (BA '18, Anthropology), and Carly Stithem (MA '16), "A New Majority: Latino English in Liberal, Kansas." Institute for Student Learning Assessment Diversity Summit. Manhattan, KS. 3 Nov. 2016.

• **Philip Nel**, "Desegregating the Imagination: A Manifesto for Anti-Racist Children's Literature." *American Studies Association Annual Meeting.* Denver, CO. 18 Nov. 2016.

"Where American Studies is at Home/Not Home: Working in Different Disciplinary and Professional Contexts" (panelist). *American Studies Association Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO. 18 Nov. 2016.

#### • Elizabeth Potter (MA '17),

"Three Fingered Revolution: The Disfigured Black Man in Obi." First Impressions: Faces, Clothes, and Bodies (1600-1800) Conference. University of York's Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies. York Medical Society. York, UK. 10 Nov. 2016.

•Tosha Sampson-Choma, "Booker T. Washington: Conciliatory Speaker or Strategic Proponent of Social Justice." *The Remnant Trust Lecture Series.* Hale Library. Manhattan, KS. 1 Dec. 2016.

• Thomas X. Sarmiento, "Negotiating Post/coloniality: Filipina Femininities in *Letters to* Montgomery Clift." National Women's Studies Association. Montréal, Québec. 13 Nov. 2016.

• Joy Smith, "Feast and Famine Foodways: Delicacies, Drink, and Desire in Laura Ingalls Wilder's *The Long Winter.*" South Central Modern Language Association. Dallas, TX. 3 Nov. 2016.

• Lisa Tatonetti, "Female Masculinity and Butch Aesthetics in Indigenous Literatures." *National Women's Studies Association*. Montréal, Québec. 13 Nov. 2016. "Indigenous Feminist, Two-Spirit, and Queer Masculinities" (roundtable). *National Women's Studies Association*. Montréal, Québec. 12 Nov. 2016. "An Erotics of Responsibility: Butch Dykes in/on Indigenous Literature." *Western Literature Association Conference*. Big Sky, Montana. 23 Sept. 2016.

## AWARDS

• Traci Brimhall received an inaugural Ron Gaches Undergraduate Teaching Award from the College of Arts and Sciences.

• **Tanya Gonzalez** received a William L. Stamey Award for Undergraduate Advising from the College of Arts and Sciences.

• **Dan Hoyt** won the inaugural Dzanc Books Prize for Fiction for his novel *This Book Is Not For You*.

• **Philip Nel** received the Balfour Jeffrey Award in Humanities and Social Sciences, one of the Higuchi -KU Endowment Research Achievement Awards.

• Anne Phillips received an inaugural Ron Gaches Lifetime Teaching Award from the College of Arts and Sciences.

• Elizabeth Potter (MA '17) received the White Rose College of the Arts & Humanities Award from the University of York.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Lisa Tatonetti's *The Queerness* of *Native American Literature* is on the ALA's Over the Rainbow Recommended Reading List, Nonfiction Category, 2016.

#### **NEWS FROM ALUMNI**

• Sea Sharp (BA '10) has won the Prairie Seed Poetry Prize from Ice Cube Press for the poetry collection *The Swagger of Dorothy Gale & Other Filthy Ways to Strut.* The book launch took place in Arrow Coffee on November 29 with a reading co-sponsored by the English Department. Sea donated half the proceeds of the evening's book sales to the local Wonder Workshop, a space for children's creativity in Manhattan.

• Adam Szetela (MA '15) won the Garrison Institute's Cultivating Awareness and Resilience in Education Scholarship. He recently published two poems ("After the Funeral" in Mount Hope 10 [2016] and "After Whitman" in the Evening Street Review 15 [2016]), one short story ("Spider Rescuer" in I-70 Review [2016]), one op-ed ("David Brooks' Misreading of Kaepernick and History," The Hill, 8 October 2016), and two interviews ("Panthers' Impact on Pop Culture More Complex than Black and White," San Francisco Chronicle, 14 Oct. 2016, and "Cult or Commune? How Utopian **Communities Turn** Dangerous," Rolling Stone, 10 Nov. 2016).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS • Wednesday, January 25, 12pm -2pm, KSU Student Union. A&S Teach In for Diversity.

• Wednesday, February 18, 1pm – 5pm, Alumni Center. "The Bluestem Language Symposium: A Discussion on Language Diversity in America's Heartland."

• Friday, March 10, 3:30pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library. Reading by Walt Barnhardt.

• Monday, March 31, 3:30pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library. Reading by Joy Castro.

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