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PUBLICATIONS

• **Elizabeth Dodd**. Russ Morgan's interview with Elizabeth Dodd appears in the *Flint Hills Review* 8 (Fall 2003): 78-83. A review of her latest book, *Prospect*, is in the same issue, pages 84-86.

• **Philip Nel**, *Dr. Seuss: American Icon*. New York and London: Continuum Publishing, 2004.

• **Bonnie Nelson**, book review of Susan Greenfield's *Mothering Daughters: Novels and the Politics of Family Romance, Frances Burney to Jane Austen*. *Journal of the Association for the Research on Mothering* 5.2 (Fall/Winter 2003).

• **Karin Westman**, "A Story of Her Weaving: The Self-Authoring Heroines of Georgette Heyer's Regency Romance." *Doubled Plots: Romance and History*, ed. Susan Strehle and Mary Paniccia Carden. Jackson and London: UP Mississippi, 2003. 165-184.

PRESENTATIONS

• **Greg Eiselein**, "Student Interest and Emotion in the Classroom." *Teaching Renewal Retreat*. Kansas State University. Rock Springs Center, Junction City, KS. 20 January 2004.

• **Don Hedrick**, "Female Macho Performativity." *Modern Language Association Conference*. San Diego, CA. 28 December 2003.

• **Michele Janette**, "Risk, Power, and the Ownership of Learning." *Teaching Renewal Retreat*. Kansas State University. Rock Springs Center, Junction City, KS. 20 January 2004.

• **Anne Phillips**, "Ten Things My Students Wish You'd Remember About Teaching." *Teaching Renewal Retreat*. Kansas State University. Rock Springs Center, Junction City, KS. 20 January 2004.

• **Karin Westman and Deborah Murray**, "Blinded by the Light: Teaching and Assessing Information Literacy." *Teaching Renewal Retreat*. Kansas State University. Rock Springs Center, Junction City, KS. 20 January 2004.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Philip Nel** was elected to the executive committee of the MLA's Division on Children's Literature.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Friday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m., Strecker-Nelson Gallery, 406 1/2 Poyntz Avenue.** "Poetry on Poyntz." An evening of poetry readings, in conjunction with the English Department's Creative Writing Program, this event continues the tradition of regular/occasional poetry readings at the Gallery. Readers are not limited to students; if interested in reading, please contact Jay Nelson at Strecker-Nelson Gallery, 537-2099. No admission is charged.

• **Tuesday, Feb. 17, 4:00 p.m., Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.** English Department Colloquium: Philip Nel will speak on "Dr. Seuss at 100: The Legacy of Theodor Seuss Geisel."

• **Friday, Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m., Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.** Julia Mickenberg will speak on “Learning from the Left: Children’s Literature and Radical Politics in the United States.” Mickenberg, Assistant Professor of American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, is the author of *Learning from the Left: Children’s Literature and Radical Politics in the United States* (Oxford UP, forthcoming in 2005).

• **Thursday, Feb. 26, 3:30 p.m., Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.** Michael Patrick Hearn, the foremost expert on L. Frank Baum, will take us “On the Yellow Brick Road to Oz: The Making of an American Classic.” Hearn is the author of *The Annotated Wizard of Oz*, *The Annotated Huckleberry Finn*, and *The Annotated Christmas Carol*.

• **Thursday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., K-State Student Union 212.** Poet B.H. Fairchild will give a reading of his work. Fairchild’s most recent book is *Early Occult Memory Systems of the Lower Midwest* (W.W. Norton). He is winner of the Kingsley Tufts Award, the William Carlos Williams Award, and has been a finalist for the National Book Award.

• **Wednesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Beach Museum of Art, UMB Auditorium.** Merrill Gilfillan will give a reading of his work. Gilfillan is the author of short stories, poetry, and nonfiction, including *Burnt House to Paw Paw* and *Magpie Rising: Sketches of the Great Plains*, which won the PEN/Martha Albrand Award for nonfiction.

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