# Reading Matters

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# PUBLICATIONS

• **Phillip P. Marzluf**, "Religion in U.S. Writing Classes: Challenging the Conflict Narrative." *Journal of Writing Research* 2.3 (2011): 265-297. < http://www.jowr.org/ articles/vol2\_3/ JoWR\_2011\_vol2\_nr3\_Marzluf.pdf>.

### • Michael Mlekoday,

"Kenosis." *Muzzle Magazine* 3 (Winter 2011). <http:// www.muzzlemagazine.com/mikemlekoday.html>.

• **Philip Nel**, review of Donald Pease's *Theodor SEUSS Geisel*. *Children's Literature Association Quarterly* 36.1 (Spring 2011): 111-115. <http:// muse.jhu.edu/journals/ childrens\_literature\_association\_quarterly/ v036/36.1.nel.html>.

• **Donna Potts**, "Filiocht Nau: New Poetry": "After Wislawa Szvmborska," "Burren," "Cigar Box," "Pansies," "Bothar na Miasa (The Road of the Dishe)," "Haircut," "The Licorice Line." *New Hibernia Review* 15:1 (Spring 2011): 42-48.

• Karin Westman, "Blending Genres and Crossing Audiences: *Harry Potter* and the Future of Literary Fiction." *The Oxford Handbook of Children's Literature*. Ed. Julia Mikenberg and Lynne Vallone. Oxford: Oxford UP, 2011. 93-112.

• Naomi Wood, "Paradise Reconfigured: Innocence and Experience in *His Dark Materials.*" *The Oxford Handbook of Children's Literature*. Ed. Julia Mickenberg and Lynne Vallone. Oxford: Oxford UP, 2011. 539-559.

## PRESENTATIONS

• Joe Sutliff Sanders, "Adapting Osamu Tezuka and the Pleasures of Dramatic Irony." *Never-Ending Stories: Adaption of Canonical Texts in Children's Literature*. Ghent, Belgium. 20 Jan. 2011.

• Han Yu, "Professional Writing Education in Afghanistan." 2011 Writing Research Across Borders II Conference. George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. 18 Feb. 2010.

# AWARDS

• Joe Sutliff Sanders won an International Incentives grant to go to Paris this summer and lay the groudwork for a course in 2012 called "Children's Literature and Paris." It will be open to undergraduate and graduate students.

#### **NEWS FROM ALUMNI**

• Philip Weitl (MA '04) is now Assistant Professor of English and Director of *The Writing Center* at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska. He teaches creative nonfiction writing, fiction writing, professional writing, and expository writing, and was named the 2010 Doane Colllege Teacher of the Year. He expects to earn tenure this spring. His own creative writing has earned awards from The Briar Cliff Review, The Baltimore Review, the Flint Hills Review, and the *Georgetown Review*, and has appeared in The Briar Cliff *Review*, the *Flint Hills Review*, the Georgetown Review, Jelly Bucket, and Next Text, a writing anthology. He is also a regular contributor to Nebraska Life.

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

• Friday, March 4, 2011, Union Little Theatre, 3:30 pm. Lecture by Terry Castle.

• Friday, March 4, 2011, Stecker-Nelson Gallery (406 1/2 Poyntz), 7:00 pm. Poetry on Poyntz. • Saturday, March 5, 2011, K-State Alumni Center, 7:00 pm.

Hallows and Harcruxes Ball: A Wizard Rock Concert for Literacy. A fourth "Hallows and Horcruxes Ball" for fans of Rowling's series, featuring performances by The Remus Lupins, Ministry of Magic, The Moaning Myrtles, The Parselmouths, The Whomping Willows, Greg and Forge, and Justin Finch-Fletchley and the Sugar Quills. Sponsored by the Children's and Adolescent Literature Community, K-State Harry Potter Alliance, Department of English, SGA, UPC, and the Manhattan Music Coalition. For more information, see http://www.k-state.edu/chalc/ HHBall.html.

• Friday, March 11, 2011, Union 209, 3:30 p.m. Micro-Seminar on Jasbir Puar.

• Friday, April 1, 2011, Union Little Theatre, 2:00 pm. 20th Annual Cultural Studies Symposium: Hart and Negri.

• Saturday, April 2, 2011, Union, 9:00 am. Graduate Student Conference.

• Friday, April 8, 2011, Union Little Theatre, 3:30 pm. A reading by Irish poet Moya Cannon.

• Friday, April 15, 2011, Location TBA, 3:30 pm. A panel of English alumni from a variety of careers will talk about their career paths and choices.

• Friday, April 15, 2011, Union

**Little Theatre, 7:30 pm.** Reading by poet Ed Skoog.

• Saturday, April 16, 2011, 9:00 a.m. Open House.

• Wednesday, April 27, 2011, Union 212, 3:30 p.m. Department Colloquium - Lit. Track Grad Student Symposium.

• Friday, May 6, 2011, 6:00 p.m. Annual Awards Banquet.

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