

# Reading Matters

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## PUBLICATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, “After Life,” “Blue Ode,” and “Yellow Ode” (poems). *Waxwing*. Issue 24, 15 Oct. 2025: <<https://waxwingmag.org/index.php#top>> “Saccade,” “Suffragist’s Prayer: A Golden Shovel,” and “Sympathectomy” (poems). *American Poet*, Vol. 29, Fall-Winter 2025, pp. 8, 51-52.

“The House of Being: Poetry and Places of Community” (essay). *American Poet*, Vol. 29, Fall-Winter 2025, pp. 46-50.

• **Philip Nel**, “Turn Off AI. Pick Up a Crayon.” *Oxford University Press Blog* 10 Oct. 2025: <<https://blog.oup.com/2025/10/turn-off-ai-pick-up-a-crayon/>>

## PRESENTATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, reading for the Academy of American Poets’ Chancellors Event. Guggenheim Museum. New York, NY. 17 Oct. 2025.

Reading from *Love Prodigal*. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. 10 Oct. 2025.

Reading from *Love Prodigal*. Wichita State University, Wichita, KS. 7 Oct. 2025.

Poetry Workshop. *Poetry in the Woods*. Endangered Wolf Center, St. Louis, MO. 4 Oct. 202

• **Abby Knoblauch**, “Beyond the Rules: Teaching Grammar and Punctuation as a Matter of Style.” *Kansas Association of Teachers*

*of English (KATE)*. Wichita, KS. 24 Oct. 2025.

• **Mary Kohn** with Heather McCrea, Eric Brandom, Steven Walsh, Alex Peck, Audrey Poulsin, and Graham Bajjnauth, “Creating Spearville’s Community History: A Two-Day Workshop.” Spearville Township Library. Spearville, KS. 18-20 Sept. 2025

Mary Kohn, Chester Hubbard, Mercedes Beatriz Quetzeri Amandi, and Joseph Pondillo. “Engaging Students with Engaged Research: Sharing the Story of Kaánze ie Rematriation” (panel). *Linguistic Association of the Southwest*. Wichita, KS. 10 Oct. 2025.

• **Ania Payne**, “Community Writing on the Front Porch.” *Conference on Community Writing*. Detroit, Michigan. 25 Oct. 2025.

• **Kimball Smith**, Reading from *No Art Without Sin* (novel). The Writer’s Place. Kansas City, MO. 17 Oct. 2025.

• **Karin Westman**, “Hiding in Plain Sight: Children’s Literature in/and Modernism.” Roundtable: “Modernist Childhoods, Modernist Children’s Literature.” *Modernist Studies Association*. Boston, MA. 10 Oct. 2025.

## AWARDS

• **Traci Brimhall** has received the Early Career Achievement Award and the Alumni Award from the Department of English at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

## FEATURED IN MEDIA

• **Philip Nel** was quoted in the *Washington Post* (29 Oct. 2025) and the *San Diego Union Tribune* (1 Nov. 2025) regarding a “newly discovered” Dr. Seuss book.

## NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• **Tolu Daniel** (MA ’23) has published “Two Nigerians at a Table” (essay) in *The Common Reader* journal (30 Sept. 2025) at <https://commonreader.wustl.edu/two-nigerians-at-a-table>.

• The screenplay for an adaptation of *Where the Wild Grasses Grow*, a novel by **Kase Johnstun** (MA ’01), has been selected for the 2025 Sacramento Film Festival, for the 2025 International Indie Film & Screenplay Festival, and as a semi-finalist for the 2025 Area51 FilmFest, along with 20 other honors.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Thursday, 6 November** 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sigma Tau Delta Induction

• **Friday, 7 November** 3:30-4:30 p.m. Alumni Connections

• **Thursday, 13 November** 1:00-2:00 p.m. Applying to Humanities Ph.D. Programs in 2025

• **Friday, 14 November** 3:30-5:00 p.m. Cultural Studies Mini-Seminar II

• **Wednesday, 19 November** 3:30-4:30 p.m. SAGE Colloquium

- **Thursday, 20 November** 1:00-2:00 p.m. Grad Program Online Preview
- **Friday, 5 December** 3:30-4:30 p.m. Lecture by Dr. Jonathan Lamb (BA '04)
- **Saturday, 6 December** 2:00-3:30 p.m. Mock Caldecott

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