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PUBLICATIONS

• **Cydney Alexis**, "Let's Banish the Phrase 'Creative Writing.'" *Inside Higher Ed*. 3 Jan. 2017: <<https://www.insidehighered.com/views.2017/01/03/we-should-stop-distinguishing-between-creative-and-other-forms-of-writing-essay>>.

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"Roman Charity" (essay). *Image* 90 (Fall 2016): 89-96.

• **Gregory Eiselein**, "Exploring Students' Experiences in First-Year Learning Communities from a Situated Learning Perspective." Co-authored with Kerry Priest and Donald A. Saucier. *International Journal of Teaching and Learning in*

Higher Education 28.3. (2016): 361-371.

• **Carol Franko**, "Narration of the Poet as a Young Woman: Intertextuality, Genre and World-Building in L'Engle's Austin Family Novels." *Dimensions of Madeleine L'Engle: New Critical Approaches*. Ed. Suzanne Bray. Jefferson, NC: McFarland. 65-79.

• **Minadora Macheret**, (MA '17) "Remembering Girlhood." *Sugared Water* 5 (Jan. 2017): 69

• **Joe Sutliff Sanders**, **Katlyn M. Avritt** (BA '14, Education), **Kynsey M. Creel** (BA '14, MA '16), and **Charlie C. Lynn** (BS '14, Education), "Legitimate Humanity: How Award-Winning Children's Nonfiction Complicates Stereotypes." *Prizing Children's Literature: The Cultural Politics of Children's Book Awards*. Ed. Kenneth B. Kidd and Joseph T. Thomas, Jr. New York: Routledge, 2017. 58-72.

• **Karin Westman**, **Naomi Wood**, and David Russell, editors. *The Lion and the Unicorn* 40.3 (2016).

• **Naomi Wood**, "Discarded Image and Expanding Universe: The (Meta)physics of C.S. Lewis and Madeleine L'Engle." *Dimensions of Madeleine L'Engle: New Critical Approaches*. Ed. Suzanne Bray.

Jefferson, NC: McFarland. 133-49.

PRESENTATIONS

• **Anuja Madan**, "Hanuman Goes Graphic: Secularization and Postcolonial Anxiety in Vikram Balagopal's *Simian*." *17th Annual South Asian Literary Association Conference*. Philadelphia, PA. 4 Jan 2017.

• **Philip Nel**, "Migration, Refugees, and Diaspora in Children's Literature" (panel chair and co-organizer with Nina Christensen). *Modern Language Association*. Philadelphia, PA. 7 Jan. 2017.

• **Naomi Wood**, "Philip Pullman and the Grand Narrative: Rebel or Reactionary?" (invited talk). *Arab Open University*. Kuwait. 5 December 2016. Skype.

AWARDS

• **Christina Chappell** (BA '20) received a Freshman Education Abroad Scholarship of \$750 from the Office of International Programs for destination to be determined.

• **Tiffany Hattesoehl** (BA '18, Anthropology) received an Undergraduate Research Award from the College of Arts and Sciences for Spring 2017 for work with faculty mentor **Mary Kohn** and the Kansas Speaks project.

• **Phillip Howells** (MA '18) and **Corinne Matthews** (MA '17)

received Research Travel Scholarship Awards from the College of Arts and Sciences for conference travel this spring.

- **Minadora Macheret** (MA '17) was awarded the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Michael Schoenecke Travel Grant.
- **Taryn Oborny** (BA '18) received a Bridging Scholarship from the American Association of Teachers of Japanese. Oborny will use the \$2,500 scholarship to study politics, government and Japanese culture at Kansai University in Suita, Japan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to our newly promoted colleagues! As of July 2017, **Mark Crosby**, **Cameron Leader-Picone**, and **Mary Kohn** will be serving as Associate Professors, and **Joe Sutliff Sanders** and **Tanya Gonzalez** will be serving as Professors.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

- **David Delbert Kruger** (MA '96), who now serves as an Agricultural Research Librarian for U of Wyoming Libraries, published *J. C. Penney: The Man, the Store, and American Agriculture*. (U of Oklahoma P, 2017).
- **Brent Weaver** (BA '14, MA '16) has joined K-State First as the Learning Assistant Coordinator. His primary role will be using his teaching and administrative skills to train and mentor learning assistants in the CAT Community program. Weaver also will focus on training the K-State First faculty, continuing to develop the University Experience curriculum, and will serve as an advisor for Phi

Eta Sigma, an honor society housed within K-State First.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Tuesday, February 14, 6 pm, Manhattan Public Library.** Shakespeare Now! film showing of "Shakespeare in Love."
- **Wednesday, February 15, 3:30 pm, ECS 017.** Career Seminar.
- **Wednesday, February 15, 6 pm, Manhattan Public Library.** Shakespeare Now! reading group on Anne Tyler's "Vinegar Girl."
- **Saturday, February 18, 1pm – 5pm, Alumni Center.** "The Bluestem Language Symposium: A Discussion on Language Diversity in America's Heartland."
- **Wednesday, February 22, 3:30 pm, Union 227.** Professor Han Yu will present a talk based on her current book "The Other Kind of Funnies: Comics in Technical Communication."
- **Wednesday, March 1, 6 pm, Manhattan Public Library.** Shakespeare Now! discussion on "Shakespeare, War, and the Military."
- **Saturday, March 4, 10 am, Union 226.** Undergraduate Writing and Research Workshop.
- **Friday, March 10, 3:30pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.** Reading by Wilton Barnhardt.
- **Friday, March 10, 6:30 pm, Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community.** Shakespeare Now! documentary screening of "Still Dreaming."
- **Wednesday, March 15, 3:30 pm, Union 226.** Karin Westman, Department Head, will present "Mind the Gap: Harry Potter and the Fantasy (of) Genre."

- **Wednesday, March 15, 6pm, Manhattan Public Library.** Shakespeare Now! discussion of Ian McEwan's "Nutshell."

- **Friday, March 31, 9 am—3 pm, ECS.** Grad Program Visiting Day.
- **Friday, March 31, 3:30pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.** Reading by Joy Castro.
- **Saturday, April 1, 9 am—3 pm.** University Open House.

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