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PUBLICATIONS

- **Elizabeth Dodd**, "Under the Day Star, Our Star" (poem), in Kansas Poet Laureate's online *Renga*. <http://150kansaspoe.ms.wordpress.com/2012/03/12/31-to-the-stars-through-difficulty-elizabeth-dodd/>
- **Daniel A. Hoyt**, "The Wedding Party" (short story). *The Gettysburg Review* Spring 2012: 21-35.
- **Joe Sutliff Sanders**, review of *The Oxford Handbook of Children's Literature*, ed. Julia L. Mickenberg and Lynne Vallone. *The Lion and the Unicorn* 35.3 (2011): 314-17.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Elizabeth Dodd**, featured author at the 15th anniversary celebration reading from *Terrain.org: A Journal of the Built & Natural Environments. Associated Writing Programs Conference*. Chicago, IL. 3 Mar. 2012.

"What's Thoreau to Me, or I to Him?" *Associated Writing Programs Conference*. Chicago, IL. 3 Mar. 2012.
- **Carol Franko**, "Resisting the Feed through Broken Narrative." *Midwest Conference on*

Utopian Studies. Valparaiso University. Valparaiso, IN. 23 Mar. 2012.

- **Don Hedrick**, "The Production of Stupidity: Scattered Speculations on a Theoretical Problem." *Cultural Studies Association*. San Diego, CA. 30 Mar. 2012.

"Teaching Cultural Studies Now" (co-chair of panel, featuring three graduate students: **Melissa Prescott**, **Chris Patch**, and **Ashley Brown**). *Cultural Studies Association*. San Diego, CA. 30 Mar. 2012.

- **Philip Nel**, "Crockett Johnson and Ruth Krauss: How an Unlikely Couple Found Love, Dodged the FBI, and Transformed Children's Literature." Lois Lenski Lecture. University of Illinois. Normal, IL. 26 Mar. 2012.

"Harry Potter: A Cultural Biography" (invited talk). University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA. 23 Mar. 2012.

- **Kara Northway**, "Actors' Letters." *Renaissance Society of America Conference*. Washington, D.C. 24 Mar. 2012.

"Promoting Knowledge Transfer through Writing Center

Sessions." *Conference on College Composition and Communication*. St. Louis, MO. 22 Mar. 2012.

- **Donna Potts**, "The Ryan Report, the Magdalene Laundries, and Ireland's Culture of Containment." Arizona State University. Phoenix, AZ. 28 Mar. 2012.

"Building a State Conference," Maricopa Community College. Tempe, AZ. 27 Mar. 2012.

"The Challenges of Corporatization on College Campuses." Arizona State University. Phoenix, AZ. 26 Mar. 2012.

- **Tara Skaggs**, "From Fiction to Fact: Examining the HPA's Appropriation of Wizarding Rhetoric." *Mid-America Humanities Conference in Interdisciplinary Studies: World As Text: Text As World*. University of Kansas. Lawrence, KS. 10 Mar. 2012.

- **Karin Westman**, "Harry Potter and the Object of Art" (invited talk). University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA. 23 Mar. 2012.

AWARDS

- **Elizabeth Dodd's** essay, "Megalithic North," has won the Theodore Christian

Hoepfner Award for best essay to appear in *Southern Humanities Review* in 2011.

- **Tara Skaggs** has won the KSU Office of Student Life's Extraordinary Student Award. There will be an award ceremony on April 24th at 6 pm in the K-State Student Union Ballroom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Don Hedrick** was appointed to the Advisory Board of *PMLA*.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

- **Lamees Al Ethari** (MA 2008) has published the following poems in the Autumn 2011 issue of the *Malpais Review*: "Dreams From Exile," "Roots," and "Zahawi."
- **Francine Tolf** (MA 2003) will publish her second full length book of poems, *Prodigal*, in April. <http://www.pinyon-publishing.com/prodigal.html>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Thursday, April 12, 2012, Flint Hills Room, K-State Student Union, 7:30 pm.** Reading by John Price.
- **Friday, April 13, 2012, Big 12 Room, K-State Student Union.** Cultural Studies Symposium.
- **Saturday, April 14, 2012, 8:00 am.** Graduate Student Regional Literature Conference.

- **Monday, April 16, 2012, ECS 121, 4:00 pm.** Kate Lorenz, an editor of creative writing, will speak with English majors, minors, and MA students about her career.

- **Tuesday, April 24, 2012, K-State Union Little Theatre, 4:00 pm.** A lecture by Professor Phil Nel, in honor of his Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award received in December 2011, on "Collaborating with the FBI, Reading Other People's Mail, and Taking Children's Literature Seriously: Tales from Writing the Biography of Crockett Johnson and Ruth Krauss."

- **Wednesday, April 25, 2012, Room 213, K-State Student Union 3:30 pm.** 9th Annual Literature Track Graduate Colloquium, featuring presentations by four M.A. students on "Identity Formation and (Un)Stable Selves in American Literature."

- **Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 5:00 pm.** Undergraduate Cultural Studies Symposium.

- **Monday, May 7, 2012, Room 212, K-State Student Union 3:30 pm.** "Masters of the Universe" reading by the graduating M.A. students in the Creative Writing track.

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