

Reading Matters

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PUBLICATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, "Book of Sleep," "Out of the Eater, Something to Eat, Out of the Strong, Something Sweet," and "Kything" (poems). *Raleigh Review* 7.1 (2017): 1, 42, 54.

• **Philip Nel**, "Refugee Stories for Young Readers." *Public Books* 23 Mar. 2017: <<http://www.publicbooks.org/refugee-stories-for-young-readers/>>.

PRESENTATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, Reading from *Sophia & The Boy Who Fell*. Left Bank Books. St. Louis, MO. 21 March 2017.

Reading from *Sophia & The Boy Who Fell*. University of Central Missouri's 49th Annual Children's Literature Festival. Warrensburg, MO. 18 March 2017.

Readings from *Our Lady of the Ruins*. University of Nebraska-Omaha. Omaha, NE. 15 March 2017.

• **Abby Knoblauch**, "Excised Excess: Making Space for the Fat Body in Embodied Rhetorics." *Conference on College Composition and Communication*. Portland, OR. 18 March 2017.

• **Mary Kohn**, "A New Majority: Substrate Influences and Convergence in a Great Plains New Destination Community" (invited talk). Linguistic Department, University of New Mexico. Albuquerque, NM. 6 March 2017.

• **Wendy Matlock**, "Homing Tales: Domestic Disputes and Chaucer's Canterbury Pilgrimage." *Forty-Third Annual Sewanee Medieval Colloquium*. Sewanee, Tennessee. 11 March 2017.

AWARDS

• **Dylan Pyles** received an honorable mention for the AWP Intro Journals Project Award in Nonfiction for his essay "Every Convenience for the Most Discriminating: Excelsior Springs, MO, According to Its Hotels."

• **Joe Sutliff Sanders** won the 2017 Children's Literature Association Article Award for his article "Almost Astronauts and the Pursuit of Reliability in Children's Nonfiction." The award recognizes the best article on children's literature published in 2015.

• **Adam Smith** (BA '18) received a Historic Deerfield Undergraduate 2017 Summer Fellowship in Early American History and Material Culture for work with faculty mentor **Steffi Dippold** and the "Reading Kansas" project.

• **Karin Westman** won the 2017 Presidential Award for Outstanding Department Head. This annual university award is presented to a department head who displays proactive and positive leadership qualities, fosters a positive environment, integrates strategic planning, empowers department members, and is innovative in regard to new programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Kara Northway** will serve as co-editor of the *Writing Center Journal* with colleagues Pamela Bromley and Eliana Schonberg as of 2018.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• **Meredith Flory** (MA '13) has received a Bronze Award for her column "Raising Readers" for *Augusta Family Magazine* <<http://www.augustafamily.com/category/raising-readers/>> from the Parenting Media Association 2016 Design and Editorial Awards Program. The award recognizes excellence in the category "Column: Child Development and Parenting Issues (25,000 or less)."

• **Adam Szetela** (MA '15) — an Assistant Professor in the Berklee College of Music's Liberal Arts Department — recently published "The People's Champ" in *The Feminist Wire* (20 March 2017)

and “The Anticapitalist Bodybuilder” in *Jacobin* (6 March 2017).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Wednesday, April 12, 4:00 pm-5:30 pm, Tadtman Boardroom, Alumni Center.** Reception for Michael Donnelly and the 2017 Donnelly Faculty Award.

• **Friday, April 21, 3:30 pm, ECS 121.** Sigma Tau Delta Spring Induction.

• **Friday, April 21, 4 pm-5 pm, Hale 301, Hale Library.** Coe Davis (MFA, U of Florida) will visit students via Zoom to discuss building a professional portfolio for advertising/PR, strategies for getting internships, and preparing writing samples to specification.

• **Saturday, April 22, 1:30 pm-5:30 pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.** “Shakespeare Now!: An Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching Symposium.” Speakers include:

-Paul Menzer (Mary Baldwin College and the American Shakespeare Center), Director of the MA program of Renaissance Drama through Performance

-Christy Desmet (University of Georgia), Director of First Year Writing and specialist in digital media and contemporary "appropriations" of Shakespeare and literature.

• **Sunday, April 23, 2 pm-4 pm, Manhattan Public Library.** Echoes: The Enid Stover Poetry Recitation.

• **Wednesday, April 26, 3:30 pm, Union 227, K-State Union.** English Department Colloquium: The 14th Annual Graduate Student Literature Symposium.

• **Thursday, April 27, 5:30 pm—6:30 pm, Beach Art Museum.**

“Primitive: The Art and Life of Horace H. Pippin: A reading with discussion by Janice N. Harrington.”

• **Friday, April 28, 4 pm-5 pm, Town Hall, Leadership Studies Building.** 26th Annual Cultural Studies Symposium. Lecture by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, Assistant Professor, Princeton University.

• **Thursday, May 4, 4:30pm-6:00pm, Cottonwood Room, K-State Union.** Undergraduate Cultural Studies Symposium.

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