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PUBLICATION

- **Michele Janette**, "Look Again: *Three Seasons* Refocuses American Sights of Vietnam." *Journal of Vietnamese Studies* 1.1-2 (2006): 253-276.
- **Karin Westman**, "Faculty/Librarian/Undergraduate Collaboration for Evaluating Children's Literature." Co-authored with Sara Kearns and Marcia Stockham. *Teaching Information Literacy Skills to Social Science Students and Practitioners: A Second Casebook of Applications*. Eds. Doug Cook and Tasha Cooper. Chicago: ACRL, 2006.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Tim Dayton**, "American Ideology, Culture, and Economic Determination: The Case of American WWI Poetry," *Midwest Modern Language Association Conference*, Chicago. 10 Nov. 2006.

- **Don Hedrick**, "The Entertainment Unconscious: Relative Entertainment Value and Immaterial Labor," *Midwest Modern Language Association Conference*, Chicago. 10 Nov. 2006.

- **Jonathan Holden's** radio series, *Shoptalk*, interviewed the new Kansas Poet Laureate, Denise Low. 7 Nov. 2006.

- **Jim Machor**, "Elevated Readers and the Antebellum Reception of Melville's Short Fiction." *Midwest Modern Language Association Convention*, Chicago. 10 Nov. 2006.

- **Philip Nel**, "The Annotated Cat: Under the Hats of Seuss and His Cats" (invited talk), University of Westminster, London, England. 24 Nov. 2006.

- **Kim Smith**, "Re-thinking Shakespeare's Sonnets," *Midwestern Modern Language Association Conference*, Chicago. 10 Nov. 2006.

- **Karin Westman**, "History, Realism, and Narrative Transparency: In the Classroom with Pat Barker's *Regeneration*." Inaugural Conference on Contemporary British and Irish Literary Landscapes: Re-Reading Pat Barker. University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, England. 24 Nov. 2006.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

- **Helen Dorfmeier** (B.A., 2006) is living in California and working full-time as a kindergarten after-school teacher. She is currently applying to graduate schools in the field of Global and International Studies.

- **Eric Goold** (M.A., 2000) won third-place in the 2006 Eugene England Memorial Personal Essay Contest. His essay "An Outlaw's Manifesto" was published in the November 2006 issue of *Sunstone Magazine*. After five years working for a daily newspaper in Fairbanks, Alaska, Eric now works as a sportswriter for a weekly in Manning, South Carolina.

• While at the *Midwest Modern Language Association Conference*, Tim Dayton met up with KSU English M.A.s **Harvey Partica** (2002) and **Mathias Nilges** (2003), both currently Ph.D. candidates at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Tim reports, “They send their best wishes to the department, and admit to missing Manhattan amidst the hustle and bustle of Chicago.”

• **Aimee Teslaw** (M.A., 2000) and her husband Brent Tadsen are delighted to announce the birth of John Joseph Teslaw Tadsen. Jack, as they call him, came into the world on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 weighing in at 9 lbs. 2 oz. Mom, dad, and baby are all doing well.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Tuesday, December 5, Union 212, 4-5.** SAGE Colloquium on Constructing the Modern Age, featuring the following three presentations: Sandra Cox, “Infiltrating the Closed system: Two contentions about fragmentation and ambiguity in Pynchon’s *The Crying of Lot 49*”; Adam Irving, “A Tale of a Faithful Ship: Constructing Myth through Metaphor in Yann Martel’s *Life of Pi*”; Melissa Glaser, “The Visionary Beatrix Potter: Ancestress of Lucy Sprague Mitchell’s Here-and-Now Philosophy.” Refreshments will be served.

• **Thursday, December 7, 4:00 p.m., Union 212.** Fiction Reading by Dan Chaon. Chaon is the author of the novel, *You Remind Me of Me* and two collections of short stories, *Among the Missing* (finalist for the National Book Award) and *Fitting Ends*.

• **Friday, December 8, 6:00-10:00 p.m., Linda Brigham and Greg Eiselein’s home at 701 Harris Ave.** Winter Solstice Party. There will be a staged reading of selected scenes from Oscar Wilde’s *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895) by graduate students and faculty, 7:00-7:30 p.m.

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