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PUBLICATIONS

• **Gregory Eiselein**, "Emma Lazarus and Jewish Poetry." Options for Teaching Nineteenth-Century American Poetry. Ed. Paula Bernat Bennett and Karen L. Kilcup. New York: Modern Language Association, 2007. 151-160.

• **Anne Longmuir**, "Performing the Body in Don DeLillo's The Body Artist." Modern Fiction Studies. 53.3 (2007): 528-543.

PRESENTATIONS

• **Tim Dayton**, "America in the First World War: Poetry and Ideology." Fourth Historical Materialism Annual Conference. London, England. 10 Nov. 2007.

• **Anne Longmuir**, "'Reader, perhaps you were never in Belgium?': Negotiating British National Identity in Charlotte Brontë's The Professor and Villette." Victorian Interdisciplinary Studies Association of the Western United States: Victorians in Motion. Boulder, CO. 26 Oct. 2007.

• **Phillip Marzluf**, "The Specter of Religion Upon 21st Century Literacy." 2007 Annual National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Convention. New York, NY. 15 Nov. 2007.

• **Naomi Wood**, "Branches, Veins, and Progress: Charles Kingsley's Anastomosing Narrative in The Water-Babies." Victorian Interdisciplinary Studies Association of the Western United States: Victorians in Motion. University of Colorado. Boulder, CO. 24 Oct. 2007.

—. "You'll Not Get Nowt 'Til You Pay": History, Pedagogy, and Imagination in David Almond's The Fire-Eaters." Fantasy Matters, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. 17 Nov. 2007.

AWARDS

• **Elizabeth Dodd's** essay, "The Scribe in the Woods," was named a Notable Essay in Best American Essays 2007.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

Teresa Starr (MA 1995) and husband Mark Alexander, have bought a cabin in Cadiz, KY following Teresa's completion of her MFA at Sarah Lawrence. They have issued two albums as "The Echoes." Ladies & Gentlemen Listen Up and Now Hear This are both available through Amazon.com. "They are seriously adventurous and know how to find a groove," writes Joe Vigilione, AllMusic.com / All Media Guide.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A DVD of **Jonathan Holden, Kansas Poets' Shoptalk: Jonathan Holden, Spring 2007**, has been created, copies of which are being sent to all public high school and college libraries in Kansas. The DVD features Jonathan's former student, Greg German and his friend and mentor Gerald Reeck (K-State professor of Biochemistry). It can be obtained through The Kansas Arts Commission.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Sunday, December 9,**
5:30 p.m., Marianna Kistler
Beach Museum of Art.
Department Holiday Party.
- **Friday, February 29,**
4:00 p.m., Union 212. Poet,
Bryan Penberthy, author of "Utah
Before Stars."
- **Friday, March 28,**
3:30 p.m., Hale Library
Hemisphere Room. Dunya
Mikhail, poet, author of *The*
Psalms of Absence, *Almost*
Music, and *The War Works*
Hard.
- **Friday, April 4,**
3:30 p.m., Union Little
Theater. Allison Wallace,
creative non-fiction, author of *A*
Keeper of Bees: Notes on Hive
and Home.
- **Friday, April 25,**
4:00 p.m., Union Little
Theater. Anthony Doerr, fiction
writer, author of, *The Shell*
Collector, *About Grace*, and,
Four Seasons in Rome.
- **Friday, May 9,**
3:30 p.m., Union 212. Master's
of the Universe, graduate students
read excerpts from their final
M.A. projects.

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