

Reading Matters

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PUBLICATIONS

• **Elizabeth Dodd**, "Refugium" (essay). *The Laurel Review* 43.2 (2009): 105-111.

PRESENTATIONS

• **Don Hedrick**, "Shakespeare's Journey from Dialogue to Conversation." *Modern Language Association: Annual Convention*. Philadelphia, PA. 29 Dec. 2009.

• **Wendy Matlock**, "The Elusive Carpenter in The Debate of the Carpenter's Tools: Family and Labor in a Craftsman's Household." *Annual Gender and Medieval Studies Conference on "Gender and the Family."* Birmingham, U.K., 8 Jan. 2010.

• **Deborah Murray, Kara Northway, and Karin Westman**, "Help Me If You Can: Examining Faculty Perceptions of Students' Desire for Help." *Seventh Annual Teaching Retreat*. Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS. 12 Jan. 2010.

• **Kim Smith** gave a reading from his second novel, *Missing Persons*, at The Writers Place in Kansas City, 11 Dec. 2009.

• **Karin Westman**, "Voldemort versus Mr Bunsy: Degrees of Metafictional Danger in J. K. Rowling and Terry Pratchett." *Modern Language Association: Annual Convention*. Philadelphia, PA. 29 Dec. 2009.

AWARDS

• **Katy Karlin's** "Muscle Memory" received Special Mention for the 2010 Pushcart Prize.

• **David Smit**, Department of English, and **Richard Hoag**, Department of Architecture, were awarded a grant of \$4,950 by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards to study the the written genres used by professional architects and to develop strategies and assignments for teaching architectural writing to students.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Friday, February 12, Forum Hall, 8:00-10:00 PM.** Students of Cultural Studies Drag Show. Featuring nationally acclaimed performers. Free and open to the public.

• **Friday, February 17, Union 213, 4:00-5:00 PM,** Department Colloquium. Phil Nel will speak on "Obamification for Children:

Representing the 44th U.S. President."

• **Friday, February 19, 5:30-7:00 PM.** Spring Social for Majors and Minors.

• **Tuesday, February 23, Union Stateroom 2 & 3, 6:00-7:00 PM.** Sy Hoahwah, a Yappituka Comanche/Southern Arapaho poet, will read from his work.

• **Wednesday, February 24, ECS 017, 3:30-5:00 PM.** Career Seminar.

• **Friday, February 26, Strecker-Nelson Gallery, 7:00 PM,** 406 1/2 Poyntz Avenue. "Poetry on Poyntz" open mic reading.

• **Friday, March 5, Union 212, 3:30 PM.** Fiction Reading by novelist Ann Pancake, author of *Strange as This Weather Has Been*.

• **Saturday, March 6, Union Little Theater, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.** ChALC Conference.

• **Wednesday, March 10, Union 213, 4:00-5:00 PM.** Department Colloquium. Wendy Matlock, will speak on "Ye schuld not speke my mayster schame": Disobedient Apprentices and Unruly Wives in

The Debate of the Carpenter's Tools".

• **Friday, March 26, 3:30-4:30 PM.** A reading by novelist Salvador Plascencia.

• **Friday, April 2, Union 212, 3:30 PM.** Reading by poet and memoirist Honor Moore, author of *The Bishop's Daughter*.

• **Friday, April 9, Union 209/212, 3:30-6:00 PM.** Cultural Studies symposium on Walter Benjamin.

• **Wednesday, April 14, Union 212, 4:00-5:00 PM.** Margaret Noori, Anishinaabe linguist and poet, will give a presentation on her work.

• **Friday, April 16, 3:30-4:30 PM.** A panel of English alumni from a variety of careers will talk about their career paths and choices.

• **Saturday, April 17, 5:00 PM-12:00 AM, Union Main Ballroom.** Wizard Rock Concert: Hallows and Horcruxes Ball III.

• **Saturday, April 24, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.** University Open House.

• **Wednesday, April 28, Union 212, 4:00-5:00 PM.** Department Colloquium--Literature Track Graduate Student Colloquium.

• **Friday, May 7, 8:30-9:30 PM.** Annual Awards Banquet.

• **Wednesday, May 12, Union 212, 3:30-5:00 PM.** Masters of the Universe. A reading by the department's graduating MA students in Creative Writing.

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