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PUBLICATIONS

- **Tanya Gonzalez**, "Emplumada but Grounded (for Life?): The 'Bad' Girls in Bird Ave."

Stunned Into Being: Critical Essays on Lorna Dee Cervantes. Ed. Eliza Rodriguez y Gibson. San Antonio: Wings Press, 2011. 115-140.

- **A. Abby Knoblauch**, "Disrupting Disruption: Invitational Pedagogy as a Response to Student Resistance." *Disrupting Pedagogies in the Knowledge Society: Countering Conservative Norms with Creative Approaches (Premier Reference Source)*. Ed. Julie Faulkner. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2011: 122-134.

"A Textbook Argument: Definitions of Argument in Leading Composition Textbooks." *College Composition and Communication* 63.2 (2011): 244-268.

- **Donna Potts**, *Contemporary Irish Poetry and the Pastoral Tradition*. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 2011.
- **Naomi Wood**, "Respecting the Rights of the Vehicle: A Response to 'Whose Lion Is It, Anyway? Rescuing the Chronicles of Narnia from the Christian Academy,' by Emmanuel Burton." *Religion and Culture Web Forum*, University of Chicago Divinity School. Dec.

2011: <<http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/webforum/archive.shtml>>

PRESENTATIONS

- **Tim Dayton**, "Base and Superstructure in Literary Criticism: A Case Study." *Eighth Historical Materialism Annual Conference*. London, UK. 12 Nov. 2011.

- **Tanya Gonzalez**, "Betty's Legacy: Leaving a Queer Latina/o Time and Place." With Eliza Rodriguez y Gibson. *Modern Language Association*. Seattle, WA. 6 Jan. 2012.

- **Katherine Karlin**, "Geography" (reading). The Raven Bookstore. Lawrence, KS. 3 Dec. 2011.

- **Philip Nel**, "Not Genres, but Modes of Graphic Narrative: Comics and Picture Books." *Modern Language Association*. Seattle, WA. 7 Jan. 2012.

Co-chair and co-organizer (with Lissa Paul), "Filling the Gaps: The Future of *Keywords for Children's Literature*" (panel session). *Modern Language Association*. Seattle, WA. 5 Jan. 2012.

- **Donna Potts**, "'The Wearing of the Deep Green': Environ-

mentalism in Irish Literature and Culture." Centre for Irish Studies, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland. 8 Dec. 2011.

Poetry Reading. Galway City Library. Galway, Ireland. 24 Nov. 2011.

- **Karin Westman**, "Genre." *Modern Language Association*. Seattle, WA. 5 Jan. 2012.

- **Michele Janette**, "Sensing Identity: Synaesthesia, Affect, and Race in the Novels of Monique Truong." *Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities*. Honolulu, HI. 11 Jan. 2012.

AWARDS

- **Dan Hoyt, Katy Karlin, Kara Northway, and Joe Sutliff Sanders** have all received funding from A&S for their Faculty Enhancement Program Proposals. They will each receive up to \$10,000 for their research project during this calendar year, meeting regularly with their faculty mentor, Associate Dean Beth Montelone, and other junior faculty who have received this funding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- During the fall semester, **Donna Potts** had a fellowship at

the Centre for Irish Studies,
National University of Ireland
Galway.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

- **Taraneh Matloob** (M.A. 2011) was interviewed by Uma Krishnaswami in "Taraneh Matloob on Susan Fletcher's Shadow Spinner." *Writing With a Broken Tusk*. 5 Jan. 2012: <<http://umakrishnaswami.blogspot.com/2012/01/taraneh-matloob-on-susan-fletchers.html>>.
- **Amy Scharmann** (B.A. 2010), "Chromosome T" (story). *Tin House: Flash Fridays* Dec. 2011: <<http://www.tinhouse.com/blog/11418/chromosome-t-by-amy-scharmann.html>>

CALANDAR OF EVENTS

- **Saturday, February 11, 2012, Forum Hall, 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm.** SOCS Drag Show.
- **Wednesday, February 15, 2012, Union 213, 3:30 pm.** Department Colloquium.
- **Friday, February 17, 2012, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library, 5:30 pm.** Undergraduate Spring Social.
- **Wednesday, February 22, 2012, Location TBA, 3:30 pm.** Career Seminar for undergraduate English majors and minors and M.A. students.
- **Friday, February 24, 2012, Location TBA, 3:30 pm.** Lecture by Bronwyn Williams.
- **Friday, February 24, 2012, 406 1/2 Poyntz (Strecker-**

Nelson Gallery), 7:00 pm.

Poetry on Poyntz.

- **Saturday, February 25, 2012, K-State Student Union, 8:30 am-5:00 pm.** The annual Mid-America Medieval Association Conference will feature papers and panels on the theme of "Encountering the Other." John McCulloh (history) will deliver the plenary address on "St. William of Norwich as/and the Medieval Other." MAMA XXXVI is sponsored by the Students of Cultural Studies, and the departments of English, History, Modern Languages, and Women's Studies.
- **Friday, March 2, 2012, Union 212, 4:00 pm.** Lecture by David Chinitz.
- **Wednesday, March 7, 2012, Union 213, 3:30 pm.** Department Colloquium.
- **Thursday, March 8, 2012, Location TBA, 5:30 pm.** Lecture by feminist cultural critic and scholar Susan Bordo.
- **Friday, March 9, 2012, Union Little Theatre, 3:30 pm.** Reading by Ronaldo Wilson.
- **Saturday, March 10, 2012, Alumni Center, 7:00 pm.** A fifth "Hallows and Horcruxes Ball" for fans of Rowling's series.
- **Wednesday, March 14, 2012, Union Little Theatre, 4:00 pm.** Lecture by Marek Oziewicz.

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