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PUBLICATIONS

- **Donna Potts**, *Waking Dreams* (poetry). Cliffs of Moher: Salmon Poetry, 2012.
- **Han Yu**, "Intercultural Competence in Technical Communication: A Working Definition and Review of Assessment Methods." *Technical Communication Quarterly* 21.2 (2012): 168-186.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Gregory Eiselein**, "Building a Comprehensive First-Year Program." With Emily Lehning and Steven J. Hawks. *31st Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience*. San Antonio, TX. 20 Feb. 2012.
- **Meredith Flory**, "Same Woman, Different 'Tail': The Transitional Woman from the Water in Fouque's *Undine*." *Children's Literature Symposium*. Sarasota, FL. 4 Feb. 2012.
- **Don Hedrick**, "If Tables Had Feelings: Property and Affect in Shakespeare." *Modern Language Association*. Seattle, WA. 7 Jan. 2012.

"Searching for Life in the Corporate Humanities." Society for Critical Exchange. *Modern Language Association*. Seattle, WA. 6 Jan. 2012.

"Too Much Fun." *Midwest Modern Language Association*. St. Louis, MO. 5 Nov. 2011.

- **Emily Ann Midkiff**, "The Wyrn Within: The Medieval Dragon in Children's Literature." *Mid-America Medieval Association*. Kansas State University. 25 Feb. 2012.
- **Danielle Payne**, "'Gift' and 'Barter' as Social Factors in 'Brownie, the Priest's Cow' and 'The Butcher of Abbeville.'" *Mid-American Medieval Association*. Kansas State University. 25 Feb. 2012.
- **Donna Potts**, "Working Together: AAUP Chapters and University Administrations." Austin College, Sherman, Texas. 17 Feb. 2012. Same talk given at: Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, OK, 17 Feb. 2012; Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK., 17 Feb. 2012.

"Cliffs of Moher." Jennifer Rivera's exhibit *Art After Words: A Collaboration*, opening March 2, SouthWind Gallery, Topeka, KS.

AWARDS

- At its 2012 national convention in New Orleans, Sigma Tau Delta awarded scholarships to members of K-State's chapter. Past president and regional

leader Kelsey Hixson-Bowles received the Regent Scholarship for the High Plains Region (\$1,000 dollars), and Jessica Reyes, the chapter's President for 2011-12, received the runner-up graduate scholarship (\$200 dollars).

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

- **Christy Pottroff** (M.A. 2011) presented "Erotics of Enclosure in *Sir Gowther*" at the *Mid-America Medieval Association*, here at Kansas State University, on 25 Feb. 2012.

CALANDAR OF EVENTS

- **Wednesday, March 7, 2012, Union 213, 3:30 pm.** Department Colloquium. Lisa Tatonetti, "Janice Gould's Queer Assemblage."
- **Thursday, March 8, 2012, Alumni Center Ballroom, 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 V. Wilson.
- **Friday, March 9, 2012, Strecker-Nelson Gallery, 7:00 pm.** Celebrate the publication of Donna Potts's recent book *Waking Dreams* with a book-signing and reception.

- **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, University of Wroclaw (Poland) on “Representations of Eastern Europe in Philip Pullman’s *His Dark Materials*, Jonathan Stroud’s *The Bartimaeus Trilogy*, and J. K. Rowling’s Harry Potter Series.”
- **Wednesday, March 28, 2012, English/Counseling Services 017, 4:00 pm.** Alumni Career Panel.
- **Friday, March 30, 2012, Union Little Theatre, 3:30 pm.** Reading by Rebecca Makkai.
- **Saturday, March 31, 2012, Tadtam Boardroom, Alumni Center, 8:00 am.** ChALC Conference. Award-winning novelist Elizabeth Bunce will be the keynote speaker.
- **Monday, April 2, 2012, Union Little Theatre, 7:30 pm.** Irish Storyteller Clare Murphy, “Undreamed Shores: An evening of fabulous folktales filled with fools and wisemen, tricksters and heroes from around the world.”
- **Thursday, April 12, 2012, Flint Hills Room, K-State Student Union, 7:30 pm.** Reading by John Price.
- **Friday, April 13, 2012, Big 12 Room, K-State Student Union.** Cultural Studies Symposium.
- **Saturday, April 14, 2012, 8:00 am.** Graduate Student Regional Literature Conference.

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