PUBLICATIONS
- Kimball Smith’s second novel, Missing Persons, was released in paperback.

AWARDS
- Megan Birdsey (MA ’15), Sierra Hale (MA ’15), Elizabeth Krauscher (MA ’16), Erica Ruscio (MA ’15), Alyxis Smith (MA ’15), and Brent Weaver (MA ’16) each received an Arts &Sciences Graduate Student Research Travel Award.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
- Thanks to a collaborative application initiated by Don Hedrick, Kansas State University has been selected as the host site in Kansas for “First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare,” a national traveling exhibition of the Shakespeare First Folio, one of the world’s most treasured books. The Folger Shakespeare Library, in partnership with the Cincinnati Museum Center and the American Library Association, is touring a First Folio of Shakespeare in 2016 to all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI
- Levi Jost (MA ‘09) began this spring as a full-time tenure eligible faculty member in the Department of English and Reading at Northwest Vista College, the second newest of the Five Alamo Colleges Campuses in San Antonio. He hopes to defend his dissertation at Southern Illinois University in late spring or early fall.


**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

• **Wednesday, March 11, 3:30pm – 4:30pm, ECS 121.**
  Departmental Grants Workshop.

• **Tuesday, March 24, 7pm–8pm, Alumni Center Ballroom.**
  Lecture by David Abram, “Climate, Culture and the Commonwealth of Breath.”

• **Wednesday, March 25, 10:30am - 12pm, Location: TBA.**
  Mini-seminar with erin Khue Ninh, as part of the 24th Annual Cultural Studies Symposium.

• **Wednesday, March 25, 4pm - 5pm, Leasure 013.**
  24th Annual Cultural Studies Symposium, lecture by erin Khue Ninh.

• **Friday, March 27, 9am - 3pm.**
  Grad Program Visiting Day: Prospective graduate students accepted to the English MA program will be able to schedule individual meeting with English faculty members; meet with Anne Longmuir, Director of Graduate Studies, and Karin Westman, Department Head; take a tour around campus; and meet with current graduate students.

• **Friday, March 27, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Union Little Theatre.**
  Reading by Justin Torres.

• **Saturday, April 11, 9am - 3pm.**
  University Open House.

• **Monday, April 13, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Hemisphere Room, Hale Library.**
  Lecture by Laura Micciche, “Reflections on Writing, Time, and Pedagogy.”

• **Tuesday, April 14, 4pm - 5pm, Hale Library.**
  Lecture by Laura Micciche, “Supporting Graduate Student Writing.”

• **Friday, April 17, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, ECS 121.**
  Sigma Tau Delta Induction.

• **Thursday, April 23, 4pm - 5pm, Union 226.**
  Lecture / reading by Jeanne Birdsall.

• **Wednesday, April 29, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Union 227.**
  Department Colloquium.

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