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PUBLICATIONS

- **Traci Brimhall**, "Post-Mortem" (essay). *Brevity* 50 (Fall 2015): <<http://brevitymag.com/current-issue/post-mortem/>>.
- **Katherine Karlin**, "I Went to Meet The Woman Who Has Taken My Place in My Best Friend's Life" (essay). *xojane* 21 Sept. 2015: <<http://www.xojane.com/relationships/best-friend-replaced>>.
- **Anne Longmuir** and Lee Behlman, eds., *Victorian Literature: Criticism and Debates*. London: Routledge, 2016.
- **Jim Machor** and Amy Blair, "Editor's Introduction." *Reception: Texts, Readers, Audiences, History* 7 (2015): 1-3.
- **Philip Nel**, "A Manifesto for Children's Literature; or, Reading Harold as a Teenager." *The Iowa Review* 45.2 (Fall 2015): 87-92.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Adam Szetela**, "Ideology and Utopia in Children's Christmas Films." *Cultural Studies Association Conference*. Riverside, CA. 21 May 2015.

AWARDS

- **Carly Stithem** (MA '16) received a travel award from the College of Arts and Sciences to present her research for **Mary Kohn's** "Kansas Speaks" project at *New Ways of Analyzing Language Variation* conference, Oct. 22-24, in Toronto.
- **Brennan Saddler** (MA '17) received a travel award from the College of Arts and Sciences to present her research.
- **Dan Zhang** (BA '17) received a travel award from the College of Arts and Sciences to present her research at the *National Conference on the Peer Tutoring of Writing* (NCPTW).

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

- **Anne Boyer** (BA '96) is Assistant Professor of the Liberal Arts at the Kansas City Art Institute. Her most recent book of poetry, *Garments Against Women*, came out from Ahsakta Press this year. Excerpts of it can be found in *Book Forum* <<http://www.bookforum.com/pubdates/14813>> and *The New Inquiry* <<http://thenewinquiry.com/essays/the-animal-model-of-inescapable-shock/>>. A recent interview

focusing on the book is at the *Poetry Foundation* <<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/harriet/2015/08/literature-is-against-us-in-conversation-with-anne-boyer/>>.

- **Kenan Dannenberg's** (BA '15) flash fiction "The Myth of Fireflies" was published in *The Vignette Review* 1.2 (Autumn 2015): <<http://www.thevignetterevue.org/?article=the-myth-of-fireflies-by-kenan-orhan>>.
- **Dennis Etzel, Jr.** (MA '06) recently published a poetic memoir *My Secret Wars of 1984* (BlazeVOX Books, 2015) and chapbook of poems *My Graphic Novel* (Kattywompus Press, 2015). He was also a featured poet in Visuals of Poetry 2015 (an artist-poet collaboration in NOTO's Two Wolves Studio) and Words Save Lives: Poetry for Suicide Awareness (in Lawrence).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Monday, October 6, 10:45am - 11:30am, ECS Building.** Future Tense: An Event for Majors and Minors.
- **Wednesday, October 7, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Union Big 12 Room.** Department Colloquium: Associate Professor Wendy Matlock will present "Medieval

Big Daddy: *Sir Isumbras* and Imperial Fatherhood in Ashmole MS 61.”

• **Friday, October 9, 7pm - 8pm, Strecker-Nelson Art Gallery.**

Poetry (and Short Prose) on Poyntz.

• **Wednesday, October 14, 7pm - 8pm, McCain Auditorium.**

Lecture by Wes Moore.

• **Friday, October 16, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, ECS 017.** Cultural Studies Mini-Seminar II.

• **Wednesday, October 21, 3:30pm - 4:30pm.** Alumni Connections.

• **Friday, October 23, 4:00pm - 5:00pm, Union Little Theatre.**

Lecture by Christopher Myers.

• **Friday, October 30, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Union Little Theatre.**

Reading by Natalie Diaz.

• **Wednesday, November 4, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Union Big 12 Room.**

Department Colloquium: Assistant Professor Traci Brimhall will present “Saudade Manifest: Biography, Myth-Making, and Haunted Houses in the Amazon.”

• **Thursday, November 5, 4pm - 6pm, Bill Snyder Family Stadium.**

A&S Tailgate: English is one of the featured department at the A&S Tailgate in Cat Town before the football game. The official start time for the tailgate will be two hours prior to kickoff. Details available closer to the game at <http://artsci.k-state.edu/events/tailgate.html>.

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