PUBLICATIONS


AWARDS

• **Dylan Pyles** received a travel award from Arts and Sciences to present his paper “Listening to the Frontier: Johnny Cash’s *Bitter Tears* as a Collisional Soundscape” at the *Western Literature Association Conference* last month.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• **Ben Cartwright** (MA ’03), who received his PhD in English from the University of Kansas in 2013, is on the English faculty at Gonzaga University, in Spokane, WA. His book, *After Our Departure* (poetry and image-text), won the Powder Horn Prize and will be published by Sage Hill Press later this month. Visit Ben at his website: <benjamindcartwright.com>.

• **Adam Szetela** (MA ’15) has accepted an assistant professor position in the liberal arts department at the Berklee College of Music and a lecturer position in the English and media studies department at Bentley University. Adam has also published: “Tomatoes” and “Fryeburg (poems) in *Westward Quarterly* (Summer 2016), “The Bullies’ Club.” (op-ed) in *Jacobin* (1 August 2016), and “The Myth of the ‘Job..."

- Erica Ruscio (MA ’15) is working part-time as a children's librarian and will be graduating from Simmons College with her MLS in May 2017.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, October 4, 10:30am - 11:30am. Future Tense: A Fall Event for English Majors and Minors.

- Wednesday, October 5, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, LSP 123. Department Colloquium: Professor Phil Nel will present “Was the Cat in the Hat Black?: The Hidden Racism of Children’s Literature, and the Need for Diverse Books.”

- Thursday, October 6, 7pm - 8pm, McCain Auditorium. Lecture by Joshua Davis.

- Friday, October 7, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Union Little Theatre. Reading by Karen Leona Anderson and Jerry Gabriel.

- Monday, October 10, 10:00am-4:30pm, Leadership Studies Building. Indigenous Peoples Day Conference: Conversations about Colonialism and Education.

- Friday, October 14, 5:30pm - 6:30pm, Alumni Center. Lecture by Ebony Thomas.

- Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15, Alumni Center. Sigma Tau Delta High Plains Regional Conference.

- Friday, October 21, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, LSP 127. Cultural Studies Mini-Seminar II.

- Wednesday, November 2, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, LSP 123. Department Colloquium: Professor Jim Machor will present “Mark Twain’s Fan Mail or a Fist Full of Dullards: The Quirky, the Cranky, and the Kooks.”

- Friday, November 11, 3:30pm - 5:00pm, ECS 017. Cultural Studies Mini-Seminar III.

- Friday, November 11, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, Strecker-Nelson Gallery. Poetry (and Short Prose) on Poyntz.

- Wednesday, November 30, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, LSP 123. Department Colloquium: Three graduate students present their work as part of the SAGE Colloquium.

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