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PUBLICATIONS

- **Elizabeth Dodd**, "Here the Animal" (essay). *Southwest Review* 91.1 (2006): 415-427.
- **Anne Longmuir**, "Anne Lister and Lesbian Desire in Charlotte Bronte's Shirley." *Bronte Studies* 31 (2006): 145-155.
- **Philip Nel**, review of *UnderWords: Perspectives on Don DeLillo's Underworld*, edited by Joseph Dewey, Steven G. Kellman, and Irving Malin. *symploché* 13.1-2 (2005): 370-371.
- **Anne Phillips**, *Louisa May Alcott*. Co-edited with Christine Doyle. Special issue. *Children's Literature* 34 (2006).

PRESENTATIONS

- **Don Hedrick**, "The Falstaff Manifesto." *World Shakespeare Congress*. Brisbane, Australia, 17 July 2006.

"Shakespeare, 'Extreme Pleasures,' and Entertainment Value." *World Shakespeare Congress*. Brisbane, Australia, 16 July 2006.

"Shakespeare and Entertainment Value." The University of Warsaw, Poland, 24 April 2006.

Hedrick spoke at the 75th anniversary memorial for Jadwiga Kulesch, founder of the Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict. Luck, Ukraine, 23 April 2006.

"Early Modern Ecology," *Shakespeare Association of America*. Philadelphia, 14 April 2006.

"c. 1611, or Shakespeare's Farewell to Entertainment Value." University of Maryland, 5 April 2006. Longer version presented at evening colloquium, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington DC, 30 May 2006.

- **Michele Janette**, "Words After War: Creating a Canon of Vietnamese American Literature" English Department Colloquium, Kansas State University. 25 April 2006.

- **Philip Nel**, "Dave and the Purple Crayon: Crockett Johnson Grows Up, 1906-1924." *Annual Conference of the Children's Literature Association: Transformations*. Manhattan Beach, CA. 9 June 2006.

- **Anne Phillips**, "'Lie Down, McBride! A Zero Overhead!': Elizabeth Enright's Citizen Soldiers." *Annual Conference of the Children's Literature Association: Transformations*. Manhattan Beach, CA. 9 June 2006.

Anne Phillips also completed her term as President of the Children's Literature Association at the annual meeting in June 2006. She conducted meetings for the Board and the Membership, delivered her Presidential Address, and emceed the concluding banquet.

- **Karin Westman**, "Speak, Memory: Transforming the Past, Transforming the Self in J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter*." *Annual Conference of the Children's Literature Association: Transformations*. Manhattan Beach, CA. 10 June 2006.

- **Naomi Wood**, "Beyond Good and Evil: Terry Pratchett, J.K. Rowling, and 9/11." *Annual Conference of the Children's Literature Association: Transformations*. Manhattan Beach, CA. 9 June 2006.

AWARDS

- **Susan Rodgers** was awarded a residency at the Kimmel Harding Nelson Center in Nebraska City, NE, July 2006.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

- **Amy Fleury** (M.A. 1994) had her poem "At Twenty-Eight" published in *American Life in Poetry* < <http://www.americanlifeinpoetry.org/> >, edited by U.S. Poet Laureate Ted Kooser.

• **Jennifer Henderson** (M.A. 2002) has published “Displacement” in *Brevity*, vol. 21 (Summer 2006) <http://www.creativenonfiction.org/brevity/brev21/hender_displace.htm>.

• **Becky Rhodehouse** (M.A. 2005) is teaching at Lehi High School in Lehi, Utah. She recently published an article (based on her M.A. writing project) titled “Making Lemonade: Using Personal Ethnographies to Build a Classroom Community” in *Inland: A Journal for Teachers of English*.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Wednesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m., Manhattan Public Library.** Sue Stauffacher will read from her work. She is the author of, among other works, *Donuthead*, which has won the William Allen White Award for grades 3-5 for 2006. *Donutheart*, the sequel to *Donuthead*, is coming out soon (2006). In addition, she has published *Harry Sue*, a novel about a girl whose parents are in prison. She uses prison-speak in her daily life so that when she does get to see her mother, they’ll be able to communicate. *Harry Sue* is full of allusions to *The Wizard of Oz*, and Sue has a page on her website at <<http://www.suestauffacher.com>> with commentary, clues, and discussion of this aspect of the novel.

• **Friday, October 13, 4:00 p.m., Union 212.** Beverly Lyon Clark will speak on “Why I Love and Hate Tom Sawyer.” Clark, Professor of English at Wheaton College (Norton, Mass.), is currently editing the Norton Critical Edition of Twain’s *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. She is the author of *Kiddie Lit: The Cultural Construction of Children’s Literature* (Johns Hopkins UP, 2003), the editor of *Louisa May Alcott: The Contemporary Reviews* (Cambridge UP, 2004), and the co-editor of *Girls, Boys, Books, Toys: Gender in Children’s Literature and Culture* (Johns Hopkins UP, 1999).

• **Friday, October 20, 3:30 p.m., Union 212.** Nonfiction Reading by Judith Kitchen, author of *Only the Dance: Essays on Time and Memory; Distance and Direction*, and several other books. She is also the editor of three collections of short essays and a regular reviewer of poetry for *The Georgia Review*.

• **Friday, November 3, 3:30 p.m., Union 212.** Fiction Reading by Darren Defrain, author of the novel, *The Salt Palace* (and KSU graduate, MA 1992). Defrain is the Writing Program Director at Wichita State University. His first novel, *The Salt Palace*, was a *Forward Magazine* Book of the Year Finalist. He reads in celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the Creative Writing Program at Kansas State.

• **Friday, November 10, 7:00 p.m., Strecker-Nelson Gallery.** Poetry On Poyntz. Reading by KSU students and others.

• **Thursday, December 7, 4:00 p.m., Union 212.** Fiction Reading by Dan Chaon. Chaon is the author of the novel, *You Remind Me of Me* and two collections of short stories, *Among the Missing* (finalist for the National Book Award) and *Fitting Ends*.

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