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PUBLICATIONS

- **Elizabeth Dodd**, "The Spoken Wor(1)d" *Notre Dame Magazine* (Summer 2010): 51-52.
- **Tanya González**, "Is Ugly the New Sexy? The Complexities of Latina Sexuality on *Ugly Betty*." *Chicana/Latina Studies* 9:2 (Spring 2010): 28-61.
- **Phillip Marzluf**, "Literacy, Home Schooling, and Articulations of the Public and the Private." *Community Literacy Journal* 4.2 (2010): 75-98.
- **Philip Nel**, "Dr. Seuss Biography" and "Timeline" *Seussville.com*. Aug. 2010. <<http://www.seussville.com/#/author>>.
- **Anne Phillips**, "'Fun Forever'?: Toys, Games, and Play in Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*." *American Journal of Play* 2 (Spring 2010): 401-18.
- **Donna Potts** (co-authored with Cary Nelson), "Collaborative Budgeting." *Academe* July/August 2010. <<http://www.aup.org/AAUP/pubsres/academe/2010/JA/col/ftp.htm>>.
- **Joe Sutliff Sanders**, "Adolescence: a History of Control." Review of *The Kent*

Modern Age: Turn-of-the-Century American Culture and the Invention of Adolescence by Baxter. *Children's Literature* 38 (2010): 262-6.

- **Han Yu**, "Developing Technical Communication Education for Chinese Industry Professionals: Preliminary Findings and Suggestions." *IEEE Transactions on Professional Communication* 53.2 (2010): 102-115.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Anna Goins Dodder** and **Sarah Caldwell Hancock** presented a teaching workshop titled "Not Just Tradition: Teaching Humanities in a Time of Conflict," at the *8th International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities*. UCLA. 29 June 2010.
- **Katherine Karlin**, "I Like Your Attitude." *New Letters Writing Conference*. University of Missouri Kansas City. Kansas City, MO. 26 June 2010.
- **Phillip Marzluf**, "Rhetoric and/or Violence? Frantz Fanon's Revolutionary Manifesto." *Rhetoric Society of America Biennial Conference*. Minneapolis, MN. 28 May 2010.

- **Wendy Matlock**, "Animal Debates: Chaucer's Parliament of Fowls and Lydgate's The Horse, the Goose, and the Sheep." *17th Biennial Congress of the New Chaucer Society*. Siena, Italy. 15 July 2010.

- **Philip Nel**, "Crockett Johnson and Ruth Krauss." Panel on "Writing a Biography of a Children's Author." *Children's Literature Association Conference*. Ann Arbor, MI. 11 June 2010.

- **Anne Phillips**, "Imag(in)ing the Garden: Illustrators' Interpretations of Burnett's Classic Novel." *Children's Literature Association Conference*. Ann Arbor, MI. 11 June 2010.

- **Donna Potts** read her poetry and her creative nonfiction, "Ward's Shop," at *American Conference for Irish Studies*. Penn State University. College Station, PA. 6 May 2010.

- **Karin Westman**, "Art in Harry Potter, Harry Potter in Art." *Infinitus 2010*. Orlando, FL. 16 July 2010.

"Story, Book, Imagination: The Mediating Metafiction of J.K. Rowling and Terry Pratchett." *Children's Literature*

Association Conference. Ann Arbor, MI. 10 June 2010.

• **Naomi Wood**, “Restoring Normative Childhood Discourses: Learning from India.” *Children’s Literature Association Conference*. Ann Arbor, MI. 11 June 2010.

AWARDS

• **Katherine Karlin’s** short story collection, *Send Me Work*, was a semi-finalist in the Leap Frog Press Fiction contest.

• **Michael Mlekoday** won the 21st annual National Poetry Slam (August 3-7) as part of the team representing St. Paul, MN. They defeated 75 other teams from across North America to win the championship for the 2nd year in a row.

• **Joe Sutliff Sanders** received the Children’s Literature Association Article Honor Award (given in June 2010) for his 2008 article, “Spinning Sympathy: Orphan Girl Novels and the Sentimental Tradition.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Donna Potts** was elected chair of the Assembly of State Conferences, American Association of University Professors.

• **Elizabeth Dodd** was a fellow on Mount Saint Helens through Oregon State University’s Spring Creek Project’s Long-term Ecological Reflection Program’s Field Residencies, 18-24 July 2010.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• **Rachel Coffey** (B.A. 1993) earned an M.A. in English from the University of Oklahoma in 1995. She currently resides in Edmond, Oklahoma, and teaches English at Harding Fine Arts Academy, an Oklahoma City charter high school focused on students with an interest in the visual and performing arts. She has two daughters: Laura Ann, age 6, and Sarah Elizabeth, age 4. In her spare time, she advocates for people on the autism spectrum.

• **Laura Roderick’s** (M.A. 2010) story “Ficus” appears in *42Opus* 10.2 (Summer 2010): <<http://42opus.com/v10n2/ficus>>.

• **Francine Marie Tolf** (M.A. 2003) has published two books this year. They are a memoir, *Joliet Girl*, and a collection of poetry, *Rain, Lilies, Luck*, both from North Star Press of St. Cloud, 2010.

• **Zachary Welhouse** (M.A. 2010) has published, “Venturestein Unbound: Male Generative Power in Frankenstein and the Venture Brothers” in *WisCon Chronicles*, Vol. 4, pp. 127-138. More information can be found here: <<http://www.aqueductpress.com/books/WisConChronicles-Vol4.html>>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Friday, August 27, Union 212, 3:30 PM.** Welcome Back Reading featuring our newest faculty member, Dan Hoyt, as

well as Katy Karlin, Jonathan Holden, and Elizabeth Dodd.

• **Friday, September 17, Union Forum Hall, 3:30 PM.** Nonfiction Reading by sportswriter Michael Weinreb. Union Forum Hall, 3:30 pm. Book-signing to follow.

• **Tuesday, September 21, Union Forum Hall, 7:00 PM.** Lecture by Jennifer Pozner, a media critic who will speak about feminism and reality television.

• **Wednesday, September 22, Union 213, 3:30 PM.** Elizabeth Dodd will present “Questions of Travel,” as a part of the English Department Colloquium.

• **Friday, September 24, Strecker-Nelson Gallery, 7:00 PM.** Poetry on Poyntz open mic reading at the Strecker-Nelson Gallery. 406 ½ Poyntz Avenue.

• **Friday, October 1, Union Little Theatre, 3:30 PM.** Fiction Reading by Dana Johnson.

• **Wednesday, October 6, English/Counseling Services Building 017, 3:30 PM.** English Majors and Minors Fair.

• **Wednesday, October 6, Forum Hall, 5:00 PM.** Reading / lecture by M. T. Anderson, prize-winning author of “*The Feed in Our Future?*”

• **Wednesday, October 13, Union 212, 3:30 PM.** Karin Westman will present “Art in *Harry Potter / Harry Potter in Art*,” as a part of the English

Department Colloquium.

• **Friday, October 29, Location TBA, 3:30 PM.** A lecture by Chris Chism (Rutgers University) on “Mortal Friends in *Robin and Gandelyn* and the Medieval Robin Hood Ballads.”

• **Wednesday, November 3, Union 212, 4:00 PM.** A lecture by Cheryl Klein of Scholastic/ Arthur A. Levine Books on multiculturalism in children’s and young adult literature.

• **Wednesday, December 1, Union 212, 3:30 PM.** SAGE Department Colloquium.

• **Friday, December 3, Beach Museum of Art, 3:30 PM.** Student Reading for “Material Evidence” exhibition, in the museum galleries.

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