

# Sigma Tau Delta High Plains Regional Conference, Fall 2016

## Program of Events, K-State Alumni Center

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

4:00-5:00 Registration & light refreshments

5:30-6:30 **Keynote Address**

Dr. Ebony Elizabeth Thomas, University of Pennsylvania, "Hermione is Black: Harry Potter and the Crisis of Infinite Dark Fantastic Worlds"

Dinner on your own

8:00-10:00 Open Mic at The Dusty Bookshelf, 700 N. Manhattan Ave. in Aggieville

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

9:00-10:15 **Session 1: American Dreams and Nightmares ~ Criticism**

*Moderator:* Stephanie Wallace, Kansas State University

Rhiannon Scharnhorst, Wichita State University, "Blending Cultures: Food as a Hybrid Symbol of Communication in *The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse* and *Green Grass, Running Water*"

Cole Ethington, Wichita State University, "Viewing *The Village*: Color and Tension in Film"

Jose A. Intriago Suarez, Wichita State University, "Shattered Dreams and Apple Pie: Why the Undying Americans Lay Sleepless at Night"

Michelle Springer, University of Northern Colorado, "A Legacy's Burden: 'Bearing Witness' within Narratives of *The History of Love*"

10:30-11:45 **Session 2: Transitions and Departures ~ Poems**

*Moderator:* Haley Lively, Kansas State University

Matthew Hopper, Wichita State University, "Self-Absorption"

Phillip Howells, Kansas State University, "A Dark Dream Down Aisle 5"

Madison White, Wichita State University, "Hyacinth Days"

Shannon Nakai, Wichita State University, "Upbringing: A Selection of Poems"

12:00-1:30 **Lunch**

On your own, or discuss Megan Mayhew Bergman's *Almost Famous Women*, the National Common Reader selection. *Moderators:* Whitney Horn and Naomi Wood, Kansas State University. Box lunches available by pre-order.

1:45-3:00 **Submission Workshop**

Workshop your submissions to a national conference, to a journal, or for a scholarship.

*Moderators:* Lexey Bartlett, Fort Hays State University, and Naomi Wood, Kansas State University

3:15-4:45 **Session 3: The Language of Science and Creativity ~ Criticism, Nonfiction**

*Moderator:* Whitney Horn, Kansas State University

Abbey Sommerauer, Kansas State University, "Mating . . . at Its Finest"

Krystal Iseminger, Wichita State University, "Sherlock Holmes or Scotland Yard: Safeguarding Class Privilege in Victorian England"

Victoria Stewart, Wichita State University, "Phrenology and Language as a Science in *Moby-Dick*"

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