New Faculty Reception

Social events are a rarity in the Department and, with the prospect of further budget cuts in the coming months, they may become rarer yet. Please help us welcome our new faculty members, Susan K. Harris, Billy Joe Harris, and Chris McKitterick, at a reception on Tuesday afternoon, 8 October (see “Calendar” for time and location). All members of the Department (full, part-time, and emeritus faculty, GTAs, graduate students, staff) and their spouses/partners are invited. Light refreshments will be served.

EAT Original Plays

Two original one-act plays by KU playwriting students will receive full mountings October 18-20 at the Lawrence Arts Center, 10th and Vermont. The venture is co-produced by KU’s English Alternative Theatre and Card Table Theatre of Lawrence. “Fatherland,” by Adam Merker, and “18 Seconds,” by David Huffman, were both written for Paul Stephen Lim’s playwriting class in the Department. Because the Lawrence Arts Center space was only available over Fall Break, EAT requests extra help in encouraging potential audience members to attend these performances. Both plays will be directed by Jeremy Auman. These are official entries in the various Michael Kanin playwriting competitions of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. $5 General Admission. Call 864-3642 for reservations. See “Calendar” for production times.

Publications

Faulkner, Steve

Gunn, James

Calendar

S 5 Reception in honor of John Edgar Tidwell, English, editor of Black Moods: Collected Poems by Frank Marshall Davis, North Gallery, Spencer Research Library, 3:30-5:00 pm. (See “Announcements”)

Sage Creative Reading, 8:00 pm, Milton’s Coffee and Wine, 920 Massachusetts.

N 6 Ariel (Medieval and Renaissance/Early Modern drama interest group) gathering to attend Two Gentlemen of Verona, 2:30 pm. (See “Announcements” for further information.)

T 8 Voting Department Meeting, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe. Agenda: 1) Discuss whether to consider LeAnne Howe and Gerald de Sousa as potential Department hires. The Senior Staff will convene following the Voting Department meeting to vote on this issue.

Immediately following the Senior Staff meeting, there will be a reception to welcome our new faculty members, 5:15 (approximate)-7:00 pm, North Gallery of Spencer Research Library (enter through doors under parking canopy behind Strong Hall. The North Gallery is one floor up behind the main reception area).

W 9 CTE Workshop, “Learning With Technology: Similarities in Mathematics and Writing,” Estela Gavosto, Mathematics, Linda O’Donnell, Center for Research on Learning, 3:00-4:30 pm, 135 Budig Hall. To register, contact CTE at 864-4199 or <cte@ku.edu>.

F 11 CTE Lunch & Conversation, “Teaching Large Classes: Strategies and Support,” Pete Casagrande, English, Diane Fourny, French & Italian, Jim Woelfel, Humanities and Western Civilization, Noon - 1:00 pm, 135 Budig Hall.

T 15 Before 1500 Seminar, “Corrupt Plautus,” Richard Hardin, English, 4:00-5:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

Careers For English Majors, panel discussion, 7:00 pm, English Room, Kansas Union.

F 18- EAT Original Plays, 18, 19 October, 8 pm, 20 October, 2:30 pm, Lawrence Arts Center, 10th and Vermont (See “Announcements” for details)

On Thursday, 24 October, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe, the Associate and Full Professors will meet to discuss the promotion and tenure candidacies of Kathryn Conrad and Byron Caminero-Santangelo. File availability TBA.


**Announcements, Notes, & News**

- **Careers For English Majors**: A panel of English alumni will discuss the advantages of an English major in the job market. Explore the career options open to English graduates. Sponsored by the English Department and University Career and Employment Services. 15 October, 7:00 pm, Kansas Room, Kansas Union.

- Award-winning Cuban American novelist Cristina García will visit the University of Kansas and present a public reading of her works on the evening of Tuesday, 22 October, at 7:30 pm in the Malott Room of the Kansas Union. All are encouraged to attend, and you are encouraged to inform your students about this reading. In addition, faculty and graduate students are invited to a “Conversation With the Author” at the Hall Center Conference Room at 4:00 pm on October 22. On October 23, García will visit Marta Caminero-Santángelo’s Latina writers class, in 4025 Wescoe; members of the campus community are invited to attend (no classes, please, since the room seats only 70). Cristina García is our second English Department Lecturers and Readers presenter of the 2002-2003 academic year. She will be profiled in more detail next week.

- The reception for Edgar Tidwell, to be held 5 October (see “Calendar”), is sponsored by The Kenneth Spencer Research Library. Chancellor Robert Hemenway and Professor Victor Bailey, Director of the Hall Center, will participate in the program, which will include readings of Davis’s work. The reception is being held in conjunction with the KU Open House.

- The Ariel play gathering will be followed by a potluck dinner at the home of Troy and Rachel Bassett, 432 Forrest Avenue (off Barker Avenue between 16th and 17th Streets), 6:00 pm. All Department members are invited. If you can’t attend the play, you’re still welcome at the dinner.

- Readers at the SAGE Creative Reading on 5 October include Matt Candelaria, Lacy Johnson-Maples, and Alonso (spoken word artist from Miami). For more information, please contact Beth Lagaron at <blagaron@juno.com> or 864-2538.

- Regarding the publication of his most recent anthology (see “Publications”), Jim Gunn notes: “Although numbered #1, this volume is the third volume to be reprinted (in revised and updated form) by Scarecrow. #3 was published in March, #2 about four weeks ago, and #1 this week. Together with Human Voices, my collection of short stories published by Five Star Books this week, this makes four books I have published this year. I’m not sure I can keep up that pace. I had only one book in 2001, and only one book in 2000, none in 1999 but two in 1998. At least I can promise one more in 2003 when The Road to Science Fiction #4 will be published.”

- The KU Women’s Studies Program is now offering a 12-hour graduate certificate program that can be pursued on its own or in conjunction with another degree program. This is one of the first two graduate certificate programs to be offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The other is in museum collections conservation.

**KU and Regional Events**

- **University Theatre** presents Shakespeare’s *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*, directed by John Gronbeck-Tedesco, October 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 7:30 pm, October 6, 2:30 pm, Crafton-Preyer Theatre, Murphy Hall, University of Kansas.

- **Gender Seminar**, “Living with a Tyrant: Gender, Memory and Identity in Southeast Africa,” Elizabeth MacGonagle, History/African & African American Studies, 7 October, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

- **Hall Center Faculty Lunches** will be held on Wednesdays in October. Lunch is available from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Soup, bread from Wheatfields, fruit, and a drink are available for $5. Two soups (one vegetarian)

- The minutes of the Department’s Advisory Committee and Voting Department are now available on the Department website: <www.ku.edu/~english/>. For now, paper copies will still be distributed, but that could change as we face budget cuts later this fall and winter.

- **Humanities and Western Civilization Program**, Dean’s Graduate Instructor Lecture, Fall 2002, “Making Sense of Morality,” Christopher Caldwell, Graduate Instructor, HWC, Ph.D. Candidate, Philosophy, 10 October, 7:30 pm, Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union. Reception following in Traditions Area.

- **Survivor: A Humanities Chautauqua**, three faculty members will adopt the identities of historic individuals, Jonathan Earle, History (John Brown), Dorothy Pennington, African/African American Studies (Sojourner Truth), Suresh Bhana, History (Gandhi), 5 October (part of KU Open House), 1:00 pm, Wescoe Beach. Audiences will vote for a “survivor.”

- **Advising Network Kickoff**, featuring Dean Kim Wilcox, 8 October, 2:00-4:00 pm, Kansas Room, Kansas Union. Dr. Wilcox will address the Board of Regents’s directive for academic advising and how that affects the work done with students at the University of Kansas.

- **Resume Doctor**, a service of University Career and Employment Services, available 8, 10, 11 October, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Kansas Union Lobby.

- **Poetics Seminar**, “Spanish Poetry of the 1950s and the Problem of Ordinary Language,” Jonathan Mayhew, Spanish & Portuguese, 9 October, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

- **CTE Lunch & Conversation**, “Creating a Student-Centered Program,” Linda Davis and James Gentry, Journalism, Pam Gordon, Classics. (Classics and Journalism won the two CTE Department Teaching Awards for 2001-2002), Noon - 1:00 pm, 135 Budig Hall.


**Other Opportunities**

- The Friends of the Lawrence Public Library will hold their Annual Book Sale in the tent at 7th and Kentucky, 4 October-12 October, additional titles shelved daily. Great selection in all categories. See poster on “Events This Week” bulletin board for more details.

- Maryemma Graham writes: “House for rent: Great location (a few steps from campus); bright, sunny and lots of bookshelves; three bedrooms, upstairs sun room, downstairs sun porch; expansive back yard with garage; basement that makes a perfect study/rec room; washer, dryer and all appliances at a price you can’t beat (lawn/yard care is included with the rent). I hate to leave but I really must go! 1732 Mississippi. Available (almost) immediately. Contact Maryemma Graham, evenings at 842-3448 or office 864-2557. Landlord would prefer teaching staff (including GTAs) or couple.