Andrei Codrescu Visit

“An Evening with Andrei Codrescu”

**Date:** Mon., Aug. 28, 2006, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lied Center Auditorium

Andrei Codrescu, the MacCurdy Distinguished Professor of English at Louisiana State University, is a poet, novelist, essayist and screenwriter in addition to his work for NPR’s “All Things Considered.”


**Publications**

Kofler, Silvia

McKinney, Priscilla


**Presentations**

Tidwell, John Edgar

Unferth, Deb Olin
Reading (stories) for *The Believer Magazine*, The Backyard Garden, Brooklyn, NY, 5 July.


**Accepted for Publication**

Bobo, Emily
“Because the Postmodern Romeo and Juliet are Mutually, Passively-Agressively Suicidal and Homicidal” (poem). *Coal City Review*. 2007.

Sugimori, Masami

Unferth, Deb Olin

**Announcements, Notes, and News**

- Fiction writer Bob Day will be a visiting professor in the Department this semester. Day is Professor of English at Washington College in Chestertown, MD. A KU English alum (B.A. 1964, M.A.1965), he holds an M.F.A. degree from the University of Arkansas. He has been Writer-in-Residence at several universities, including the Iowa Writers Workshop (1981) and at KU (1983). He has published several novels (notably, *The Last Cattle Drive*, G. P. Putnam, 1977) and novellas, as well as short stories and literary non-fiction. His most recent work is a collection of short stories, *Speaking French in Kansas*, Woodley Press, 2005.

- The English Department welcomes the following new M.A. students: Kelly Chrisman (B.A. Fort Hays State University), Rebecca Conn (B.A. University of Wisconsin), Rachel Cunning (B.A. University of Kansas), Jessica Issae (B.A. University of Nebraska–Kearney), Emily King-Clark (B.A. University of Kansas), Andrew Kuhn (B.A. Creighton University), Angela Kordahl (B.A. Wartburg College), Steve Mitschele (B.A. Wisconsin State University), Eta Nurulhady (B.A. Diponegro University [Indonesia]), Justin Sevenker (B.A. University of Nebraska–Kearney), Shelley Stonebrook (B.A. Western Oregon University), Alayna Ziegler (B.A. Washburn University).

**Calendar**

M 28 Humanities Lecture Series, “An Evening with Andrei Codrescu,” 7:30 pm, Lied Center Auditorium.

T 29 HLS Colloquium, Andrei Codrescu, 10:00-11:30 am, Hall Center Conference Hall.

Voting Department Meeting, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe.

Agenda: 1) introduction of new faculty and staff members; 2) discuss and vote on American literature position announcement and ad copy.

W 30 Philosophy and Literature/British Seminar, “Montaigne, Shakespeare, and Anti-ethnocentrism,” Lars Engle, English, University of Tulsa, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.

M 4 EAT Labor Day Special: Staged reading of *This Is How It Goes*, by Neil LaBute, 8:00 pm, Lawrence Arts Center.
We also welcome the following new M.F.A. students: Benjamin Cartwright (B.A. Washington State University, M.A. Kansas State University), Wheaton Elkins (B.A. University of Kansas), James Farnen (B.A. University of Kansas), Kathleen Johnson (B.A. University of Kansas), Chloé Jones (B.A. Emerson College), Cote Smith (B.A. University of Kansas), Louise Stauffer (B.A. University of Kansas), Rhoads Stevens (B.A. Bennington College).

Finally, we also welcome two new Ph.D. students: Amy Hume (B.A. Hanover College, M.A. Ohio University) and Ann Martinez (B.A., M.A. San Diego State University).

- Full-time Lecturer Steve Evans has joined the Editorial Board of Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching, now in its thirteenth year at Wichita State University.

- Jan Prewitt (Ph.D. 2004) has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Humanities at Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, MI. She also notes that her husband has accepted a position at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI: “Hopefully, we’ll find some place in-between to live!”

- Jet-setting grant-grabbing go-getters in the Department will want to know that the University airplane is available this academic year for flights to and from Washington, D.C. for scheduled visits with funding officials on 5 September, 5 October, 30 November, 13 February, 28 March, 25 April.

- Nominations for Poet Laureate of Kansas are due to the Kansas Arts Commission by 1 September (newsletter available on Contests bulletin board).

KU and Regional Events

- Andean & Amazonian Worlds Seminar, “Neo-Liberal Land Reforms Among Indigenous Peoples: A Comparison of the Peruvian Amazon and the Mexican Huasteca,” Peter Herlihy, Geography/Center of Latin American Studies, 25 August, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- Globalization(s) Seminar, Richard Lariviere, Provost, 29 August, 3:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.

- Fall Faculty Colloquium 2006: Representing the Middle East, “Discussion of Background Readings,” 31 August, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- Peace, War, and Global Change Seminar, “Panel Discussion – 9/11: A Five-year Retrospective,” 1 September, 4:00-5:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.

- We have received information outlining The Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies Programs for 2006-2007. Though these events are held in Chicago, the University of Kansas is a Newberry Library Consortium member and funds for travel are available to both faculty and graduate students. A list of the Fall 2006 programs will be placed on the Graduate bulletin board.

Calls For Papers, Conferences, Symposia, Etc. (Posted)

- Literatures in English, will address, from the points of view of theory, themes, curriculum and pedagogy, the multiple implications of the rise of global literatures in English, 6-9 June 2007, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.


- 28th Meeting of the Southwest/Texas Popular & American Culture Associations, 14-17 February 2007, Albuquerque, NM. Deadline to Area Chairs: 15 November. (KU English alum Amy Lerman requests proposals for a session on “Chick Lit” (separate document on “Conferences” bulletin board).

- Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal invites submission of essays related to women and gender covering the years 1400 to 1700.

Fellowships, Scholarships, Awards, Contests, Etc. (Posted)

- Humanities Grant Development Office (HGDO) materials for the new academic year have been received by the Department (many of you will have received a packet directly also). The various applications, forms, calendars, and descriptions have been posted for ongoing convenience on the left-hand bulletin board outside 3132 Wescoe. As reminders about individual funding opportunities arrive from HGDO, these will be mentioned in the DNB and then posted in the same place on a rotating basis. HGDO encourages faculty members to begin the grant-proposal process as early as possible to take full advantage of the office’s aid.


How the Mighty Have Fallen!

Just last week, Provost Richard Lariviere visited Tom Lorenz’s English 551 Fiction Writing Workshop to present Lorenz a 2006-2007 Kemper Fellowship. This week, Lariviere returned to reprimand Tom for swearing in class. (Joke! Both pictures were taken at the Kemper presentation).