Kevin Higgins Visit

Irish poet Kevin Higgins will be the first English Lecturers & Readers guest this spring. Higgins will read from his work on 10 February, 2:00 pm, in the Jayhawk Room of the Kansas Union. Higgins is a poet and critic who is quickly gaining an international reputation. His collection, The Boy with No Face, was published by Salmon Poetry in 2005. His work also appears in several anti-war collections, including 100 Poets Against the War, ed. Todd Swift. In April 2003, he won the Poetry Grand Slam at the Cúirt International Festival of Literature and went on to represent Ireland in the European Grand Slam in Paris.

Publications

Bell, Samantha

Presentations

Boyd, Beverly
“What’s in a Name – Chaucer’s,” Hawaii Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, HI.

Accepted for Publication

Giles, Todd
“This is Ned” (story). Clark Street Review.

KU and Regional Events

• Humanities Lecture Series. “Confessions of a Death Penalty Agnostic,” Scott Turow, author and lawyer, 16 February, 7:30 pm, Woodruff Auditorium.
• Effective Models for Mentoring Graduate Students, panel presentation: David Shulenberger, Provost; John Gronbeck-Tedesco, Associate Dean; CLAS, Susan Kemper, Distinguished Professor, Psychology; Daryle Busch, Distinguished Professor, Chemistry; Christine Jensen, Coordinator of Graduate Student Support Services, 17 February, 3:30-5:00 pm, Alderson Auditorium.
• CTE Events: Teaching Tea: “Prerequisite Courses: Making Them Meaningful,” Paul Atchley, Psychology, Jill Kuhnheim, Spanish & Portuguese, 8 February, 3:00-4:00 pm, 135 Budig Hall; Lunch & Conversation, “For International New Faculty Members,” Gilbert Karuga, Business, Woochan Shim, Social Welfare, Milena Stanislavova and Atmas Stefanov, Mathematics, 10, 12 February, 12:00-1:00 pm, 135 Budig.
• Gender Seminar, “Gender Quotas, Electoral Strategies and State Feminism in Africa,” Hannah Britton, Political Science, Women’s Studies, 6 February, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
• Presidential Lecture Series 2006, “The First Woman President,” Carol Moseley-Braun, 8:00 pm, Dole Institute of Politics.

Announcements, Notes, and News

• If you have students working on independent research or scholarly creative projects, please encourage them to participate in the Undergraduate Research Symposium, 8 April, Kansas Union. Abstract submission deadline: 10 March.
• Of the twenty-two 2006-2007 University Scholars, eight are majoring or co-majoring in English. Seven of the twenty-two University Scholar mentors are full-time faculty members in the Department: Marta Caminero-Santangelo, Mary Klayder, Marjorie Swann, Mary Catherine Davidson, and three whose names don’t begin with “Mar,” David Bergeron, Tom Lorenz, and Anna Neill.
• Please take a moment to view the Spring 2006 English Department display in the 3rd floor corridor. The display features Monographs, Editions, and Creative Work Published by KU English Alumni since 2000. Notes accompanying the display are posted to the right of the display case.

Calendar

F 3 #2 Provost Candidate Faculty Q&A, 1:00-1:45 pm, Hall Center.
M 6 #3 Provost Candidate Presentation and Reception, 4:00 pm, Dole Institute. 2Cs, 5:30 pm, Vermont Street BBQ.
T 7 #3 Provost Candidate Faculty Q&A, 1:00-1:45 pm, Hall Center.

Voting Department Meeting, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe. Agenda: 1) M.A. Course Requirement Change Proposal; 2) Library Update; 3) Wescoe Remodeling; 4) Provost Initiatives. It is possible that a Senior Staff Meeting will be convened after the Voting Department adjourns to vote to consider a candidate for targeted minority hire.

SAGE Meeting, 5:00 pm, 3132 Wescoe.
R 9 #4 Provost Candidate Presentation and Reception, 4:00 pm, Dole Institute.
F 10 #4 Provost Candidate Faculty Q&A, 1:00-1:45 pm, Hall Center.

Poetry Reading, Kevin Higgins, sponsored by Department of English and Arts Council of Ireland, 2:00 pm, Jayhawk Room, Kansas Union.
• Andean & Amazonian Worlds Seminar, “Mariátegui, the Comintern, and the Indigenous Question in Latin America,” Marc Becker, History, Truman State University, 9 February, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• Nature & Culture Seminar, “The Fierce, the Fleet, and the Fancy: How Gambling Drove Dog Evolution in Nineteenth-Century Britain,” Edmund Russell, University of Virginia, 10 February, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• KU Opera: Verdi’s Falstaff continues 4 February, 7:30 pm, Robert Baustian Theatre, Murphy Hall. $15 Adults, $7 Students.

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

• The Greensboro Review, poetry or fiction for fall publication. Deadline: 15 February.

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

• The Presence of the Past in the Victorian Age, 11th Annual Victorian Interdisciplinary Association of the Western United States Conference, 26-28 October, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA. Deadline: 2 June.

• 49th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference, 2-4 March, Omaha Nebraska (conference schedule posted).