LaBor Day II

For the second time in three years, English Alternative Theatre will kick off its season with an edgy new play by maverick playwright Neil LaBute. This Is How It Goes will be presented in a staged reading format at 8:00 pm on 4 September at the Lawrence Arts Center. LaBute, who attended KU in the late 1980s, is best known as the writer and director of such films as In the Company of Men, Your Friends and Neighbors, The Shape of Things, and Bash. He wrote and directed the remake of The Wicker Man, starring Nicolas Cage, which opens this weekend at Southwind 12. Paul Lim calls the new play a “wonderfully perverse vision of race, class and gender relations in contemporary American society.”

Publications

Bobo, Emily
“2:42 P.M. 06/01/05. Lithuania,” “Occupation” (poems). Flint Hills Review 11: 107-111.

Carothers, James B. (with Theresa M. Towner)

Ellis, Iain

“Bubblegum Pops the (Counter) Culture” (essay). PopMatters, online at popmatters.com, 25 August.

Announcements, Notes, and News

• The Fall 2006 display features seven new book-length publications by members of the KU English faculty. Check out the display case to the right of 3114 Wescoe.

KU and Regional Events

• New Faculty Workshop, “Planning a Career at KU,” Maria Carlson, Slavic Languages & Literatures, 6 September, 12:00-1:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room. RSVP required.

• Fall Faculty Colloquium, “Self-definition and the Other: How Symbolic Practices Shape the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” Robert Rowland, Communication Studies, 7 September, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• CTE: Essential Teaching Practices Workshop, “Expectations and Civil Discourse in an Academic Community,” Andrea Greenhoot, Psychology, Dan Bernstein, Psychology/CTE, 7 September, 12-1 pm, 135 Budig. (This session will be repeated 18 October, 3-4 pm.)

• Difficult Dialogues at The Commons – Knowledge: Faith and Reason, “God, Darwin, and Design: Creationism’s Second Coming,” Kenneth Miller, Biology, Brown University, 7 September, 7:30 pm, Kansas Union Ballroom. (Additional event: “Dialogue with Kenneth Miller,” 8 September, 10:00-11:30 am, Hall Center Conference Hall.)

• Nature & Culture Seminar, “The View from Edo: How Urban Cartographers Shaped the Alpine Imaginary of Early Modern Japan,” Kären Wigen, History, Stanford University, 8 September, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

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


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

• University of Costa Rica/KU Collaboration Fund seeks proposals for research activities between KU departments and their counterparts at UCR, up to $5K/year, renewable for three years. Deadline: 15 October.


Calendar

M 4  EAT Labor Day Special, staged reading of This Is How It Goes, by Neil LaBute, 8:00 pm, Lawrence Arts Center.

R 7  2Cs, 5:30 pm, 75th Street Brewery (3512 Clinton Parkway). For information on common reading, contact Erin Williams.

F 8  Performance and Culture Seminar, “Recent Developments in Performance Studies,” Iris Smith Fischer, English, and Mechele Leon, Theatre & Film, 1:30-3:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- American Council of Learned Societies Grants and Fellowships, variable deadlines, flyer and HGDO announcement posted on “Fellowships” bulletin board.

- The internal deadline for the NEH Summer Stipend is 11 September. The NEH also announces a New Digital Humanities Initiative to support projects that utilize digital technology to transform scholarly research. Flyer with fall grant deadlines posted on “Fellowships” bulletin board.

- 2007 Fall Faculty Colloquium Director Competition, one-course teaching reduction. Deadline: 6 November.

- Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships, predoctoral, dissertation, and postdoctoral. Deadlines: 16 November, 30 November, 30 November respectively.

- KU Graduate Direct Exchange Grants, opportunity for qualified graduate students for a year of study at 10 partner universities (UK, France, Germany, Switzerland). Deadline: 18 September.

- The Lyric College Poetry Contest, prize and publication in The Lyric. Deadline: 1 December.


- The George Bennett Fellowship at Phillips Exeter Academy, year-in-residence in Exeter, NH. Deadline: 1 December.

Other Opportunities

- Faculty members and partners are invited to attend the 2006 Taste of Lawrence Fall Mixer, featuring food from over 20 Lawrence restaurants, 13 September, 5:30-7:30 pm, Meadowbrook Apartments (Bob Billings Parkway and Crestline Drive). Tickets: $20 per person.

- KU Continuing Education is offering a GRE Test Prep Course beginning 17 September, meeting on Sundays, 1-6 pm, until 15 October. As you might imagine, it’s not free. However, if you wish to alert students to this opportunity, further information is available at 864-4790 or at <www.ContinuingEd.ku.edu>.