Luis Alberto Urrea to Deliver American and British Lecture

Award-winning and critically acclaimed author Luis Alberto Urrea will deliver the 2009 American and British Lecture, the final English Lecturers & Readers event of the academic year, on Wednesday, 15 April, at 7:00 pm, in Alderson Auditorium of the Kansas Union. Urrea has written eleven books, including the national bestsellers The Hummingbird’s Daughter, a novel, and The Devil’s Highway, a non-fictional account of fourteen undocumented border crossers who died in the Arizona desert in 2001. A 2005 Pulitzer Prize finalist for The Devil’s Highway, Urrea has also won the Kiriyama Prize for fiction, a Lannan Literary Award, an American Book Award, a Christopher Award, and a Western States Book Award.

Lecturer Awarded Summer Literary Seminar Fellowship

Megan Kaminski, lecturer in English, will venture to Vilnius, Lithuania for two weeks this summer courtesy of the Summer Literary Seminar program. Kaminski was a finalist in the Summer Literary Seminars 2009 Unified Fiction and Poetry Contest. Though she did not win, the committee was so impressed with her work that they awarded her this fellowship which “brings the best contemporary writers of the moment together.” Kaminski will take poetry seminars from highly-regarded poets Erin Mouré and Peter Cole during her two weeks abroad, but the program also serves as a writing retreat. For the past ten years, SLS has been held in St. Petersburg, Russia. This is the first year it has been held in Vilnius. Kaminski teaches Introduction to Poetry and Poetry Writing courses in the Department. Her work appears regularly in poetry journals and she recently published a chapbook, Across Soft Ruins.

Publications

Ellis, Iain

Barnard, Philip (with Stephen Shapiro)
**Presentations**

**Bell, Samantha**


**Accepted for Publication**

**Stevens, Elliott**

“Five Simple Sentence Forms” (story). Birkensnake.

**Announcements, Notes, & News**

- The English Department’s graduate students have selected Amy Devitt to be honored at the annual Celebration of Teaching Reception sponsored by the Center for Teaching Excellence. The reception is scheduled for 6 May.

- English graduate students Susan Thomas and Andrew Kuhn have been selected as finalists for the Snyder Book Collecting Contest this year. Final judging will take place on 10 April, with winners announced at 5:30 pm in Watson Library, 3rd Floor West. All finalists’ collections will be on display there that afternoon.

**KU and Regional Events**

- **University Theatre** continues Anna in the Tropics, by Nilo Cruz, 10 April, 7:30 pm, 11 April, 5:00 pm, Inge Theatre, Murphy Hall.

- **Nature & Culture Seminar**, “The Long Walk of the Northern Cheyennes in History and Memory,” History, JCCC, 10 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- **TGIF**, 10 April, 4:00-5:30 pm, Adams Alumni Center.

- **Riverfront Reading**, Michelle Boisseau, UMKC, and Wayne Miller, Central Missouri, 10 April, 8:00 pm, The Writer’s Place, 3607 Pennsylvania, Kansas City, MO.


- **Before 1500 Seminar**, “The Corrupting Sea? Old French, Literary Studies, and the Medieval Mediterranean,” Sharon Kinoshita, Literature, University of California, Santa Cruz, 14 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- **Hall Center Lecture**, “Beyond Messiah: The Life and Music of George Frederic Handel (1685-1759),” Paul Laird, Music & Dance, 14 April, 7:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- **American Seminar**, “The Roots of U.S. State Activism on Immigration: Explaining the Adoption of Restrictive versus Accommodating Policies,” Gary Reich, Political Science, 15 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- **Globalization(s) Seminar**, “Islam in the Age of Globalization: Perspectives on Changing Dynamics,” Elif Andac, Sociology; Ebenezer Obadare, Sociology; Argun Saatcioglu, Education, 16 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- **Conference**, “The Opening of Western China: Problems and Prospects,” 17-18 April, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.

**Calls for Papers, Symposia, Conferences, Etc. (Posted)**

- **The Interrobang Literary Journal** solicits well-written, fun literature “that conveys attitude, intrigue, and excitement.” (Ed. note: HURRY, idiots, or else . . . !) Deadline: 10 July.

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

- **Nimrod International Journal Literary Awards**: Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry and Katherine Anne Porter Prize for Fiction, cash prizes plus trip to Tulsa to receive award and attend annual writing conference. Deadline: 30 April.

- **2009 Barbara Schowen Undergraduate Research Mentor Award**, for a tenured or tenure-track faculty member. Nominations may come from students, staff, or faculty members. Nomination deadline: 17 April.