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## Nebraska Dean and English Professor to Lead Pedagogical Workshops



Amy Goodburn

**Amy Goodburn**, Associate Dean for Faculty and Professor of English and Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will visit Lawrence next Friday, 24 April, to lead two workshops on teaching for the Center for Teaching Excellence. She has also agreed to head **an informal lunchtime conversation that day exclusively for English faculty members and graduate students** (see Amy Devitt's 4/15 e-mail to KUENGLISH-L for a note from Goodburn on likely topics). Anyone who

RSVPs to Amy Devitt by 21 April will receive a free lunch at this get-together, which will be held from 11:00-12:45 in 135 Budig. Attendees should feel free to come and go as necessary. Goodburn will also discuss goals and assessment in general education in a CTE morning workshop (8-9 am) and peer collaboration and teaching development in the afternoon (1-2 pm). Both these workshops will be held in the same space and are open to the full University community (breakfast provided for the morning session with an RSVP to CTE by 21 April). Goodburn's interests include critical and multicultural pedagogies, ethnographic and teacher research, and documenting and assessing teaching and learning in postsecondary education. Recently, she has co-authored two books, *Inquiry into the College Classroom: A Journey Toward Scholarly Teaching* and *Making Teaching and Learning Visible: Peer Review and Course Portfolios*.

## Ecocritic Sean Ireton Visit

On Monday, 20 April, at 3:30 pm, University of Missouri Associate Professor of German **Sean Ireton** will address "Lines and Crimes of Demarcation: The Subjugation of Nature in Thomas Pynchon's *Mason and Dixon* and Daniel Kehlmann's *Measuring the World*." His lecture is jointly presented by the Hall Center's Philosophy & Literature and Nature & Culture Seminars. Ireton's presentation grows out of his next book project that traces the evolution of both German and American attitudes toward nature in the realms of



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philosophy, literature, and politics. "In more theoretical terms [he] traces the development of eighteenth-century anthropocentric conceptions of nature to the more recent ideals of biocentrism and ecocentrism." Besides the authors mentioned above, he critiques Heidegger, Schelling, Thoreau, John Muir and others. **This lecture will be held at a different location than usual:** Johnson Room, Spencer Research Library. A reception will follow in the North Gallery.

## Calendar

**F 17 Justin Sevenker, M.A. Exam**, 9:00 am, 3001A Wescoe (M. Caminero-Santangelo, Devitt, *Farmer*).

**Brigitte Bernagozzi, M.A. Defense**, 9:00 am, 1016 Wescoe (*Atkins, Jenkins, McKnight*).

**Karla Knutson, Ph.D. Defense**, 2:30 pm, 1016 Wescoe (*Davidson, Hardin, Rowland, Schieberle, Jewers*).

**M 20 Shelley Stonebrook, M.A. Defense**, 12:30 pm, 3001A Wescoe (Barnard, *B. Caminero-Santangelo, Conrad*).

**Cote Smith, MFA Defense**, 2:00 pm, 1016 Wescoe (Anatol, Johnson, *Lorenz*).

**Advisory Committee Meeting**, 3:30 pm, 1016 Wescoe. Agenda: 1) 20<sup>th</sup>-day figures; 2) update of endowment accounts; 3) College strategic plan

**Philosophy & Literature/Nature & Culture Seminar**, "Lines and Crimes of Demarcation: The Subjugation of Nature in Thomas Pynchon's *Mason and Dixon* and Daniel Kehlmann's *Measuring the World*," **Sean Ireton**, German & Russian Studies, University of Missouri, 3:30-5:00 pm, Johnson Room, Spencer Research Library. A reception will follow in the North Gallery.

**Humanities Lecture Series**, "The Decline and Prospect of Universal History," **Dipesh Chakrabarty**, History, University of Chicago, 7:30 pm, Woodruff Auditorium.

**T 21 A Conversation with Dipesh Chakrabarty**, 10:00-11:30 am, Hall Center Conference Hall.

**Elliott Stevens, MFA Defense**, 12:00 pm, 3001A Wescoe (Harrington, Ohle, *Unferth*).

**Voting Department Meeting**, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe. Agenda: 1) graduate proposals; 2) undergraduate proposals; 3) KU Campaign priorities; 4) hiring requests.

**W 22. Andrew Kuhn, M.A. Defense**, 12:30 pm, 3001A (B. Caminero-Santangelo, *Conrad, Sousa*).

**Louise Stauffer, MFA Defense**, 3:00 pm, 3001A Wescoe (Johnson, Lorenz, *Unferth*).

**R 23 Chloe Jones, MFA Defense**, 1:00 pm, 3001A (Harrington, *Lorenz, Unferth*).

**Reading**, "Rebels Wit Attitude: Subversive Rock Humorists," **Iain Ellis**, 1:00-2:30 pm, Oread Books, Level 2, Kansas Union.

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## *Calendar* (continued)

**F 24 Lunchtime Conversation** with **Amy Goodburn**, Associate Dean and Professor of English and Women's and Gender Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, exclusively **for English faculty and graduate students**, 11:00 am-12:45 pm, 135 Budig Hall. For a **free lunch**, RSVP **Amy Devitt**, <[devitt@ku.edu](mailto:devitt@ku.edu)>. See above for further details. Also with Goodburn, **CTE Workshops**, "Discussions on General Education [goals and assessment]," 8-9 am; "Discussions on Peer Collaboration and Teaching Development," 1-2 pm, also in 135 Budig.

**Beth Lagaron, Ph.D. Defense**, 11:30 am, 1016 Wescoe (*Anatol*, M. Caminero-Santangelo, Graham, Irby, Y. Padilla).

**Corinee Guy, Ph.D. Defense**, 2:30 pm, 1016 Wescoe (*Bergeron*, Hardin, Schieberle, Sousa, Manning).

**S 25 Poetry Reading** by **Brian Daldorph**, 7:00 pm, Barnes & Noble, Topeka, KS.

## *Presentations*

### **Barrett-Fox, Rebecca**

"A Womb of One's Own: The Difficulties of Embryo Adoption for the Religious Right," Mid-America American Studies Association Conference, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, 3-4 April.

### **Behre, Keri Sanburn**

"Appetite and Reproductive Control in *A Chaste Maid in Cheapside*," Shakespeare Association of America, Washington, D.C., 10 April.

### **Bergeron, David**

"Charismatic Audiences," Shakespeare Association of America, Washington, D.C., 9-12 April.

**Kuckelman, Meghan**, "God Is Not a Lamp: Gertrude Stein's Apophatic Ontology in *Tender Buttons*," Obliterature: The Art of Creative Destruction, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO, 4 April.

### **Mielke, Laura**

"Social Satire in a Time of National Discord: John Brougham and Mid-Nineteenth-Century Theatre in the U.S." Cultural Studies Association, Kansas City, MO. 16 April.

### **Sousa, Geraldo**

"Travel, Imagination and the Strangest of Theaters: Mendes Pinto's *Travels* (1583) and Gil Vicente's *Barca do Inferno* (1517), Shakespeare Association of America, Washington, D.C., 9-12 April.

## *Accepted for Publication*

### **Ohle, David**

*The Duck Ladies* and *Billy's Nose* (novellas). Calamari Press. Summer 2009.

## *Announcements, Notes, & News*

• **Geraldo Sousa** notes that KU English was represented by a large contingent of participants at the Shakespeare Association of America

conference. Besides **Keri Behre**, **David Bergeron**, and **Sousa** (see "Presentations" above), **Marjorie Swann**, **Corinee Guy**, **Bill Scott**, and **Rob Topinka**. Also in attendance were KU alumni **Gordon McMullan**, **Susan Dunn-Hensley**, and **Rachel Hile**.

## *KU and Regional Events*

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

• **Bill Scott** notes that Saturday's (18 April) AAUP meeting at the KU Med Center features a stellar panel: Cary Nelson (AAUP President), Michael Berube, and Marc Bousquet addressing the topic of "Shared Governance." For schedule and directions, see bulletin board next to 3001D Wescoe.

• **Hall Center Special Event**, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Academic Publishing (But Were Afraid to Ask)," Susan Ferber, Executive Editor for American and World History, Oxford University Press-USA, 21 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall. Reception to follow.

• **Poetry Reading** by **Denise Low**, former KU English Visiting Professor and former Poet Laureate of Kansas; Walter Barga, Poet Laureate of Missouri, 21 April, 7:00 pm, Johnson County Public Library, 9875 W. 87<sup>th</sup>, Overland Park. Sponsored by The Writers' Place.

• **Health & Humanities Seminar**, "Trusting Women, Respecting Birth: Why is Sweden Consistently Ranked One of the Best Places to Have a Baby?" Jan Thomas, Women's and Gender Studies and Sociology, Kenyon College, 22 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• **Latin American Seminar**, "Comparing Indigenous Politics in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Guatemala," Robert Carmack, Anthropology, SUNY-Albany, 24 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

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

• **Tell Me Your Names: A Seminar on the Poetry of Lucille Clifton**, for high school and college teachers, 14-21 June, Furious Flower Poetry Center, James Madison University.

• **Faulkner and Mystery**, 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Faulkner & Yoknapatawpha Conference, 19-23 June, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi.

## *Other Opportunities*

• **Friends of the Lawrence Public Library 2009 Spring Book Sale**, 17-21 April. See schedule on **Bob Elliott's** bulletin board (3001D Wescoe).

• **Oread Books Birthday Celebration**, store-wide 40% off to celebrate 40 years in business, 20-26 April, Oread Books, Level 2, Kansas Union.