



KU English Grad Creative Writers Benefit

The Lawrence Writers' Collective, established by KU's MFA students in Fall 2008, will hold a benefit reading on Thursday, 22 January, 7:00 pm, on the third floor of Teller's Restaurant, 746 Massachusetts. Benefit funds will support registration and travel expenses for fifteen students to attend the 2009 Associated Writing Programs Conference in February, where they will run a table at the annual book fair, showcasing the University's MFA program. The benefit will feature readings by **Michael Johnson, David Ohle, Mary Klayder, Denise Low-Weso, and Wayne Probst**.

Publications

Elliott, Dorice Williams

"The Gift of an Education: Sarah Trimmer's *Oeconomy of Charity* and the Sunday School Movement." *The Culture of the Gift in Eighteenth-Century England*. Eds. Linda Zionkowski and Cynthia Klekar. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009. 107-22.

Ellis, Iain

"Life After ABBA: Post-Ironic Swedish Rock (essay)." *PopMatters* (located at popmatters.com). 5 December.

Harrington, Joseph

"Essay on the Allegorical Uses of Syntax," "Ice Age Spring Break," "The Same Poem," "Personal Poem," and "A Blog Hole" (poems). *Concelebratory Shoehorn Review* 21 (1 Sept. 2008). <http://concelebratory.blogspot.com/2008_09_01_archive.html> (acc. 4 Dec. 2008).

Johnson, Michael L.

"At the United Nations, April 2003" (poem). *Borderlands: Texas Poetry Review* 31 (Fall/Winter 2008): 35.

Neill, Anna

"The Primitive Mind of *Silas Marner*," *ELH* 75 (2008): 939-962.

Presentations

Fitzgerald, Stephanie

"On Translation and Non Translation: Louise Erdrich and Ojibwemowin," Modern Language Association Convention, San Francisco, CA, 28 December.

Sharistianian, Janet

"European Culture, Peace-Loving Musicians, and the War Books of Fritz Kreisler, Vera Brittain, and Willa Cather," Modern Language Association Conference, San Francisco, 27-30 December.

Accepted for Publication

Atkins, G. Douglas

On the Familiar Essay: Challenging Academic Orthodoxies (book). Palgrave-Macmillan.

Announcements, Notes, & News

- Obviously, Department bulletin boards have not yet been remounted and/or updated. This will take place over the next few weeks. In the meantime, if you have a question about an item (call for papers, fellowship announcement, etc.) noted in the *DNB*, please contact **Bob Elliott**.
- This year's English nominees for University GTA awards are **Jennie Joiner** and **Heather Bastian**. Congratulations and good luck!
- Lost Horse Press recently announced publication of *Fugue*, by **Emily Bobo** (Ph.D. 2008), part of the Lost Horse Press New Poets Series.
- **Deb Olin Unferth** reports that non-degree-seeking creative writing graduate student **Lucia Orth** has just published her first novel, *The Baby Jesus Pawn Shop*, to favorable reviews. Orth teaches at Haskell Indian Nations University.

KU and Regional Events

- **Open Access Initiative** open meetings (see e-mail to faculty sent on 8 January for subject details), 20 January, 3:30-4:30 pm, Kansas Room, Kansas Union; 21 January, 10:30-11:30 am, Centennial Room, Kansas Union.
- **American Seminar**, "Meatpacking and Mexicans on the High Plains: From Minority to Majority in Garden City, Kansas," Don Stull, Anthropology, 21 January, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- **Latin American Seminar**, "Utopia 2012: Mayanism and the Long Count in the Popular Imagination," John Hoopes, Anthropology/Global Indigenous Nations Studies, 23 January, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- **TGIF**, 23 January, 4:00 pm, Adams Alumni Center.

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

- **Narratives of Now: Visual and Performance Art in Africa**, 4th Annual African Studies Graduate Student Symposium, 1-2 May, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. Deadline: 1 February.

Calendar

- T 20** **Voting Department Meeting**, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe. Agenda: 1) budget update; 2) faculty evaluation changes; 3) waitlisting courses; 4) miscellaneous items from CLAS
- R 22** **Lawrence Writers' Collective Benefit Reading** (see above), 7:00 pm, Teller's Restaurant, 3rd Floor, 746 Massachusetts.
- F 23** **Brownbag Legislative Forum** with Chancellor, Provost, and Lawrence legislative delegation. 12:00 pm, Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union.

- **Sport Literature Association Conference**, 25-28 June, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada. Deadline: 24 April.
- **Critical Perspectives: Exploring African Diasporic Communities**, 2nd Annual Africana Research Conference, 3 April, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA. Deadline: 13 February.
- **Migration, Border, and the Nation-State**, 9-11 April, sponsored by Texas Tech University Comparative Literature Program and the United States Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies. Deadline: 19 January.
- **Liminal Literature: Borders and Genre**, Madison Conference in Language and Literature (MADLIT), 26-28 February, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI. Deadline: 15 January.

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

- **Big XII Faculty Fellowship Program**, offers faculty the opportunity to travel to member institutions to exchange ideas and research, tenured and tenure-track faculty eligible. Deadline: 16 March.
- **Byron Caldwell Smith Book Award**, for Kansas authors who have written an outstanding book during the calendar years 2007 or 2008. Administered by the Hall Center for the Humanities at the University of Kansas. Deadline: 1 March.
- **Kansas Voices**, 20th Annual Contest for Writers Living in Kansas, unpublished poetry or prose. Deadline: 15 March.