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

Ellis, Iain

Harrington, Joseph

Johnson, Michael L.

Neill, Anna

Presentations

Fitzgerald, Stephanie

Sharifian, Janet

Accepted for Publication

Atkins, G. Douglas

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.


• TGIF, 23 January, 4:00 pm, Adams Alumni Center.

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


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.

• **Critical Perspectives: Exploring African Diasporic Communities**, 2nd Annual Africana Research Conference, 3 April, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA. Deadline: 13 February.


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**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.