David Crystal Residency

David Crystal, a titan in the study of language and linguistics, will take up residence at KU from 12-22 September. He will serve as an advisor on University Theatre’s upcoming original pronunciation (OP) production of Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream and give a number of presentations during his stay. English is a co-sponsor of his visit. An honorary professor of linguistics at the University of Bangor, he works from his home in Holyhead, North Wales. He was previously professor of linguistics at Reading. In 1995, he was awarded an Order of the British Empire for his service to the English language. He is renowned for editing The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language (3rd ed., 2010). His recent books include Just a Phrase I’m Going Through: My Life in Language (2009) and A Little Book of Language (2010). He oversaw the celebrated Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre OP productions earlier in this decade in London. Details on several of his lectures at KU are noted in “Calendar.” For others, see the “Current Events” bulletin board outside 3001 Wescoe.

Visiting Scholars

Two scholars from China will be doing research and sitting in on courses in the English Department this academic year. Xu Liqian holds a Ph.D. from Beijing Language and Culture University and has taught there since 2006. His academic interests are 20th-century Chinese literature, English and comparative literature, and ecocriticism. During his visit to KU, he will further his research on W.H. Auden’s relationship with Chinese poetry. Other interests include sports and travel. He has never been to the U.S. and has not yet made plans for sightseeing here. Suggestions, anyone?

Ye Zhen earned her degree in English Language at Zhongnan University and has taught at Lanzhou University for many years. Lanzhou is the capital city of Gansu Province on the famous Silk Road in Northwest China. Her visit is sponsored by the China Scholarship Council. She chose KU after conversations with Susan and Billy Joe Harris, who spent a semester in China last year. She will study American literature while here. Her husband and son will join her this winter. She enjoys stamp collecting and sightseeing, and hopes to visit Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., Florida, and the West Coast during her stay. No day trips there but, like the rest of us, she’s centrally located!

Professors Xu and Ye are sharing an office, 3036 Wescoe. Please stop by to greet them!

Publications

Kaminski, Megan
“A Tribute to Leslie Scalapino” (essay). Delirious Hem, September 2010

Wedge, Philip

Accepted for Publication

Krug, Louise
“Rambler is Fancy for Ranch” (short story). metazen, 24 September 2010.

Announcements, Notes, and News

• Professor Emerita Beverly Boyd protests that her poem about the oil spill, “Gulf Requiem,” printed in last Sunday’s Lawrence Journal-World, should not have been single-spaced at the beginning and the end. The spacing is better (though still not completely correct) in the online printing of the poem at http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2010/sep/05/poets-showcase-gulf-requiem/. But the Scotch Cleaners ad that intrudes upon and dominates the layout is staggeringly ironic.

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


• 18th Annual Nine Spring Training Conference on the Historical and Sociological Impact of Baseball, 9-12 March, Tempe, AZ. Deadline: 1 December.

KU and Regional Events

• Latin American Seminar/Nature & Culture Seminar, “Mapping the River, Constructing the Empire: Franciscan and Jesuit Geo-Narratives

Calendar

M 13 Lecture, “Pronouncing Shakespeare: An Introduction to the Original Pronunciation,” David Crystal, 7:00-8:00 pm, Swarthout Recital Hall, Murphy Hall. Reception follows.

T 14 Lecture, “Shakespeare’s Globe: Language and the Performance Space,” David Crystal, 9:30-10:45 am, Room 209, Murphy Hall.

F 17 Lecture, “Internet Linguistics,” David Crystal, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.
of the Orinoco in the Late Eighteenth Century,” Santa Arias, Spanish & Portuguese, 10 September, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- **Hall Center Special Event**, “Bridging Cultures,” Jim Leach, NEH Chairman, 13 September, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.

- **Humanities Lecture Series**, “Science, Politics, and Climate Change,” Elizabeth Kolbert, Environmental Journalist, 13 September, 3:00-4:30 pm, Woodruff Auditorium; “A Conversation with Elizabeth Kolbert,” 14 September, 10:00 am, Hall Center Conference Hall.

- **CTE Events**: **Book Club for Faculty**, 10, 24 September, 8, 22 October, 5 November, will read selections from John Bean’s *Engaging Ideas: The Professor’s Guide to Integrating Writing, Critical Thinking, and Active Learning in the Classroom*, 12-1 pm (book and lunch provided), 135 Budig; **Peer Collaboration on Teaching**, “Workshop I: A New Approach to Personal and Peer Development,” 15 September, 3:00-4:00 pm, 135 Budig.