A Kemper for the Kiwi!

New Zealand’s gift to KU English, Associate Professor Anna Neill, brought further stature to the Department on the second day of the new semester. On Tuesday, the KU Surprise Patrol, after conspiring with Marta Caminero-Santangelo and Victor Bailey, barged in on a bogus meeting at the Hall Center to award a 2011-2012 Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence to Neill. (Because she was selected last year to lead a faculty colloquium this fall on top of her duties as Associate Chair and Scheduling Officer, Anna is not teaching this semester.) Neill was a graceful winner. After words of praise from the Provost, she replied, with characteristic eloquence, “I’m extremely honored, not least because I work in a community of really strong teachers, both former award-winners and future award-winners. So this means a great deal to me.” A news release touted Neill’s accomplishments in advising, in assessment and interdisciplinary endeavors, and in community education as well as in the traditional classroom. Kemper Fellowships are awarded to just ten faculty members annually from the combined Lawrence, Medical School, and Edwards campuses. They include a $7500 cash prize.

Visiting Scholar

Dr. Jiang Qian, otherwise known as “Sasha” Jiang, arrived for a year’s stay in the English Department in July. She will be doing research in the Center for the Study of Science Fiction. Dr. Jiang holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in English language and literature from Fudan University in Shanghai, China. She currently teaches in Fudan’s Department of Translation in the College of Foreign Languages and Literature. She offers courses in translation and translation theory and has herself translated several science fiction texts (including Jim Gunn’s The Road to Science Fiction) from English into Chinese. Her most recent scholarly publication is Fantasy and Reality: A Cultural Study of Science-Fiction Translation in Twentieth-century China (2010). In 2008, she won the Diligence Prize awarded by her College and, in 2009, she earned Second Prize for Outstanding Teaching Achievements in Higher Education, an award sponsored by the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission. She hopes that her study at KU will lead to future teaching assignments in science fiction literature at Fudan and also hone her skills in her current specialties. She enjoys traveling, film, and music. Please welcome Dr. Sasha Jiang at your first opportunity.

Publications

Bergeron, David
Editor, Pageantry in the Shakespearean Theatre. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2011. (This is a reissue in paperback of a book first published in 1985.)

Calendar

N 28 Taproom Reading Series, featuring work by Joseph Harrington, English; Darren Canady, English; Denise Low; and Kate Lorenz, 5:00 pm, Eighth Street Taproom, 801 New Hampshire.

M 29 Lecture, “The Other Side of Paradise: TransNationalizing Contemporary Black Performance Poetry,” Birgit M. Bauridi, American Studies, University of Regensburg, Germany, 2:00 pm, 301 Bailey Hall. Sponsored by Department of American Studies.

Gender Seminar, “Sex and the Colony: Adultery, Bigamy, and Homosexuality in Australian Convict Fiction,” Dorice Elliott, English, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

T 30 Voting Department Meeting, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe. Agenda: 1) visit by CLAS Dean, Danny Anderson, and Associate Dean, Ann Cudd, to discuss last spring’s external review.

R 1 English Job Seeker Forum, “The Letter,” 4:00 pm, 4076 Wescoe.
Dance, Daryl Lynn (with Frank Farmer)  

Dockery, Mary Stone  
“Another July” and “Vacancy” (poems). Hobble Creek Review 13 (July 2011).


Elliott, Dorice Williams  

Farmer, Frank (with Daryl Lynn Dance)  

Harrington, Joseph  

Harris, Susan K.  

Kaminski, Megan  

“In the library in the small rooms” (poem). Puerto del Sol, 46.1-2 (61).

“Gemology” (poem). Bone Bouquet, 2.2 (9).

Williams, Nathaniel  

Presentations

Bergeron, David  
“A Queen’s Translation,” Mediterranean Studies Association international meeting, Corfu, Greece, 26 May.

Bollinger, Kara  

Fischer, Iris  

Kaminski, Megan  
Poetry Reading, Boog City Reading Series, 24 May. New York City, NY.

Sousa, Geraldo  
“Τι’ th' air or th' earth?: Shakespeare and Early Modern Meteorology [“Στον αέρα ή στη γη;”: Ο Σαιχνή και η μετεωρολογία των πρώτων πόλεμων χρόνων].” Annual International Congress of the Mediterranean Studies Association, Ionian University - Ιόνιο Πανεπιστήμιο, Corfu, Greece – Κέρκυρα, Ελλάδα, 25-28 May.

Williams, Nathaniel  
“Sam and Orion’s Journey to the Center of Religious Doubt; or, Twain vs. Verne.” The Clemens Conference, Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum, Hannibal, MO, 11-13 August.

Accepted for Publication

Bollinger, Kara  
“Moles” (creative nonfiction). Midwestern Gothic, October 2011.

Dockery, Mary Stone  
“We Will Plan Big Things” (prose). > kill author

“Off the Map” (prose). Midwestern Gothic

Grund, Peter  


Kaminski, Megan  

Sousa, Geraldo  


Announcements, Notes, & News

• The Department welcomes the following new M.A. students: Don Allmon (B.A. University of Missouri), Chip Badley (B.A. UC Santa Barbara), Isaac Bell (B.A. KU), Alexander Dufek (B.A. Manhattan College), Alysha Griffin (B.A. Spelman College), Shayan Guillemette (B.A. Friends University), Blayze Hembree (B.A. University of Oklahoma); Annie Lowe (B.A. University of Central Missouri), Nitzan Meltzer (B.A. KU); Mackenzie VanBeest (B.A. Millikin University), and Justin Wilson (B.A. KU).

Finally, the Department also welcomes the following new M.F.A. students: Philip Garland (B.A. University of Tennessee), Scott Ross (B.A. University of Missouri), and Ken Willard (B.A. Fort Hays State University).

• The Department also welcomes the following new Ph.D. students: Joshua Canipe (B.A. University of North Carolina, M.A. McNeese State University), Renee Harris (B.A. Western Kentucky University, M.A. University of Arkansas), Erin Murray (B.A. St. Edwards University), Meaghan Varieur (B.A. Manhattan College), and Jessica Weatherford (B.A. Purdue University, M.A. Ohio University).

• At the Association for Theatre in Higher Education meetings in Chicago this month, the University of Michigan Press hosted a book signing that featured Iris Smith Fischer’s Mabou Mines: Making Avant-Garde Theatre in the 1970s.

• Graduate student Caitlin Thornbrugh has been awarded a 2011 Lambda Library Fellowship.

KU and Regional Events

• Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Workshop, “Doing Fieldwork “Over There”: Politics and Practice of Research in Developing Countries,” Hilary Hungerford, Geography, 26 August, 12:30-2:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• Peace, War, and Global Change Seminar, “General Forbes and the Cherokees: The Significance of Indigenous Warriors in the English Attack on Fort Duquesne, 1758,” Paul Kelton, History, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.