Humanities Lecture Series Features
Susan K. Harris

The English Department’s Hall Distinguished Professor of American Literature and Culture, Professor Susan K. Harris, will deliver the first Hall Center for the Humanities Lecture of the Spring 2011 semester on 9 February, 7:30 pm, in Alderson Auditorium of the Kansas Union. The title of her presentation is “Pious Hypocrisies: Mark Twain, the Philippines, and America’s Christian Mission.” Her lecture is based on her research for a new book entitled God’s Arbiters: Americans and the Philippines, 1898-1902, forthcoming from Oxford University Press in April. The subtitle for the work is “The War that Sparked Mark Twain’s Conflict with America.”

Langston Hughes Creative Writing Award to Mary Stone Dockery

Mary Stone Dockery, an MFA student and GTA in the English Department, has won the 2011 Langston Hughes Award for Poetry sponsored by The Raven Bookstore and the Lawrence Arts Center. Stone Dockery was a first-time entrant in the contest (one must have been a Lawrence resident for one year to be eligible). The award is named for Lawrencian Langston Hughes, whose 109th birthday was 1 February. This is the fifteenth year that Langston Hughes Awards have been presented. For further details and more about Mary Stone Dockery, see <http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2011/jan/28/langston-hughes-award-honors-go-two-first-time-ent/>.

Accepted for Publication

Fowler, Doreen

“Nobody Could Make It Alone”: Fathers and Boundaries in Toni Morrison’s Beloved,” MELUS.

Announcements, Notes, and News

• Poet Anis Mojgani will read at KU on Wednesday, February 23, in Woodruff Auditorium of the Kansas Union. Mojgani is a two-time National Poetry Slam Champion and winner of the International World Cup Poetry Slam. The event will begin at 7:00 pm with an open mic. It is sponsored by the WORD! program on KJHK and Union Activities.

• In celebration of Toni Morrison’s 80th birthday, members of the KU faculty, including Giselle Anatol, plan a 24-hour reading of Morrison’s work beginning at noon on February 17th and concluding at noon on February 18th. The reading will take place in Anschutz Library. There will be pre-scheduled readers for 15-20 minute blocks, but spaces will be available for spur-of-the-moment volunteers. Birthday cake will be served at the end of the reading. The Blest Eye, Morrison’s first novel, will be read first. Contact Anatol (ganatol@ku.edu; 4-2530) to volunteer. Shared-literature marathons have a history at KU. In recent years, the English Department has sponsored readings of Herman Melville’s Moby Dick and James Joyce’s Ulysses.

KU and Regional Events

• Early Modern Seminar, “The Bona Mens and the Cartesian Self: A Question for the Baroque,” Ryan Fagan, History, 7 February, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• Peace, War & Global Change Seminar, “John Lewis Barriley’s No Hard Feelings: Editing a Classic Memoir of World War I,” Steven Trout, English, Fort Hays State University, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30-5:00 pm, 3001A Wescoe. Agenda: 1) Graduate Committee proposals; 2) remaining self-study issues.

• Resident Fellows Seminar, “‘Transported to Botany Bay’: Imagining Australia in 19th-Century Convict Broadsides,” Dorice Williams Elliott, English, 12:00-1:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• Humanities Lecture Series, “Pious Hypocrisies: Mark Twain, the Philippines, and America’s Christian Mission,” Susan K. Harris, English, 7:30 pm, Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union.

• Dustin Crowley, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam, 9:00 am, 3001A Wescoe (Barnard, B. Caminero-Santangelo, Brown, Kindscher, Myers).

Nature & Culture Seminar, “Imagining Environmental Justice: South African Fiction 1948-2010,” Byron Caminero-Santangelo, English, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.