Visiting Professor: Wang Zhiyin

Wang Zhiyin (“Jean” Wang), Associate Professor and Head of English in the Foreign Language College of Inner Mongolia University of Technology in Huhhot, China, arrived at KU in September on a one-year grant from the Chinese Scholarship Council. She has been observing classes and other activities in the Applied English Center and the School of Education and working on a project that will help American teachers better understand the Chinese education system. This semester she hopes to observe some KU English classes in American literature. She has published articles on William Faulkner and Ernest Hemingway, among other subjects, and has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in American and English literature at IMUT for twelve years, frequently earning awards for teaching excellence. She is married with one child, a son, who will attend kindergarten in Lawrence this spring. Her husband will be here until March and they plan to spend some time in California (good idea!). Zhiyin has been impressed with the friendly and excellent service she has found everywhere since her arrival (she admits she has not been East). Her greatest surprise has been that Americans work so hard. In her own leisure time, she enjoys swimming at Robinson Gymnasium. Her office is 204 Lippincott and her e-mail is wangzhiyin_wzy@163.com.

Publications

Atkins, G. Douglas

Bollinger, Kara
Everything Keeps Moving” (creative nonfiction). Revolution House (December 2011).

Ellis, Iain

Kaminski, Megan

Presentations

Harrington, Joseph
Poetry Reading. MLA Off-Site Reading, Town Hall, Seattle, WA. 7 January

Harris, William J.
Poetry Reading. MLA Off-Site Reading, Town Hall, Seattle, WA. 7 January

Moriarty, Laura
Fiction Reading. MLA Off-Site Reading, Town Hall, Seattle, WA. 7 January.

Accepted for Publication

Bollinger, Kara
“A Different Kind of Hot” (creative nonfiction). The Medulla Review (Spring 2012).

Colatosti, Jennifer

Dockery, Mary Stone


“The Lady with Knives” and “from Dopamine Letters” (poems). Melusine, Spring 2012.

Kaminski, Megan
“apocrypha” and “We stood atop Janiculum Hill (poems). Yellow Field 5 (forthcoming 2012).

KU and Regional Events

• Urban Palimpsest Film Festival, “Germany Year Zero,” “Dark City,” “Trouble the Water,” 29 January, begins at 3:30 pm, The Commons.

• February Sisters 40th Anniversary Commemoration, re-enactment of February Sisters Occupation, 1 February, 9:00 am, Wescoe Hall; Women and Peace: The 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Trio of Laureates, 2 February, 4:00 pm, English Room, Kansas Union.

Calendar

M 30  Job Candidate Reading/Presentation by Matt Bell, English, University of Michigan, 4:00 pm, Centennial Room, Kansas Union. Reception follows.

T 31  Voting Department/Senior Staff Meeting, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe. Agenda: 1) discuss and vote on fiction writing hire.

F 3  New Faculty Workshop. “Time Balance,” Marta Caminero-Santangelo, English; Jane Gibson, Anthropology, 12:00-1:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room. RSVP required. Lunch provided.

S 4  February Sisters 40th Anniversary Commemoration, “February Sisters Speak Out! Forty Years After the Occupation,” Sherrie Tucker, American Studies and Tami Albin, Libraries, interview Six February Sisters (one of them Beth Schultz, English).