



Remember!

Professor **Rob Nixon**, Rachel Carson Professor of English, University of Wisconsin, Madison, will address “Slow Violence and the Environmentalism of the Poor” in **The John F. Eberhardt Memorial Lecture** on Tuesday, 23 October, 7:00 pm, in Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union. He will also discuss “*Silent Spring* 50 Years Later: Is It Still Relevant?” at an Idea Café, 24 October, 12:00 pm, The Commons.

HOLMES AND WATSON ISSUE

David Holmes Visit

Spring 2013 Langston Hughes Visiting Professor **David Holmes** will make a preview visit to Lawrence this week. He will meet with administration officials and members of the English Department throughout the day on Monday, 22 October. Holmes is Professor of English and Director of African American Studies at Pepperdine University where he teaches courses in composition and language theory, advanced composition, civil rights rhetoric, theories of religious rhetoric, and the Harlem Renaissance. He has also served as the Director of First Year Composition. He is the author of *Revisiting Racialized Voice: African American Ethos in Language and Literature* (2004, 2007). He has also published numerous essays in the major journals in his field and in book-length collections on race, gender, culture, and rhetoric. He is at work on a monograph that reconstructs the rhetorical narratives of the Birmingham Mass Meetings in 1963. A second work-in-progress is a pedagogical monograph on the Alabama Civil Rights Movement. On 5 October, Professor Holmes received the 2012 Howard A. White Award for Teaching Excellence at Pepperdine. Please welcome Professor Holmes should you encounter him during his visit. Faculty members who are not already involved in hospitality events are welcome to stop by and greet him either before or after the graduate student open house scheduled on Monday from 2:45-3:30 pm (see “Calendar”).



David Holmes

New Watson Bibliographer

KU Libraries has hired ABD English Ph.D. student **Stephanie Scurto** as a full-time bibliographic assistant for Classics, English, and Philosophy. Working out of Watson Library, Scurto will help Lea Currie and Julie Buchsbaum with a number of Collection Development projects. She will also lead instructional sessions, work at reference desks, field departmental research inquiries, order materials, and act

as a liaison between the libraries and the academic departments she serves. Stephanie is completing a dissertation on prison diaries and confinement memoirs from postcolonial Anglophone Africa. Her MA focused on Caribbean literature and literary theory. She has been both a GTA and lecturer in the English Department. In 2010-2011, she won KU’s Carlin Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant. Stephanie’s academic library experience spans thirteen years including work at Notre Dame, Harvard, and KU. She has also worked in libraries and classrooms in Brazil and Germany.



Stephanie Scurto

Calendar

- M 22 Graduate Student Open House** to get acquainted with Spring 2013 Langston Hughes Visiting Professor **David Holmes**, English, Pepperdine University, 2:45-3:30 pm, 3001A Wescoe.
- T 23 Voting Department Meeting**, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe. Agenda: 1) grad handbook proposal; 2) course submissions to KU Core; 3) Q&A about the KU Core with Chris Haufler, Special Advisor to the Provost
- The John F. Eberhardt Memorial Lecture**, “Slow Violence and the Environmentalism of the Poor,” **Rob Nixon**, Rachel Carson Professor of English, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 7:00 pm, Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union.
- W 24 Idea Café**, “*Silent Spring* 50 Years Later: Is It Still Relevant?” **Rob Nixon**, English, University of Wisconsin, 12:00 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.
- Humanities Lecture Series**, “From Hope to Audacity: The Evolution of President Barack Obama’s Rhetoric and the 2012 Presidential Campaign,” **Robin Rowland**, Communication Studies, 7:30 pm, Woodruff Auditorium, Kansas Union.
- R 25 English Graduate Committee Workshop**, “Best Practices: The Comprehensive Exam,” 11:30 am-12:30 pm, 1009 Wescoe Hall.
- Modernities Seminar**, “Developing Nonsense in the Alice Stories,” **Anna Neill**, English, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- Big Tent Reading Series** featuring **Kij Johnson**, English, and **Hadara Bar-Nadav**, English, UMKC, 7:00 pm, The Raven Bookstore (see “Announcements”)
- W 31 Resident Fellows Seminar**, “Keats in America,” **Ann Rowland**, English, 12:00-1:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall. Open to faculty, staff, and graduate students. Lunch provided. RSVP by **24 October**.

Publications

Ellis, Iain

“Political Humor and its Diss Contents” (essay). *PopMatters* (located at popmatters.com). 15 October.

Presentations

Kaminski, Megan

Poetry Reading and Class Visit, English Department, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK, 8-9 October.

Accepted for Publication

Crawford-Parker, Douglas

“Too Much about Too Little (essay). *Texas Review*. Fall 2013.

Announcements, Notes & News

• **Joe Harrington** notes that **Kij Johnson’s** reading at The Raven as part of the Big Tent Reading Series will feature very different work than her KU reading last month. She will be reading “fiction outside the mimetic mode,” more formally experimental work.

• **Mark Your Calendars:** The **Department of English Holiday Party** has been scheduled for Sunday, 9 December, at the usual time and place, 7:00-9:00 pm, Lawrence Union Pacific Depot. Details forthcoming.

KU and Regional Events

• **Hall Center Event**, “The Pont Neuf: The Bridge Where Modern Urban Life Began,” Joan DeJean, Romance Languages, University of Pennsylvania, 19 October, 3:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.

• **Philosophy Lecture**, “Value and the Regulation of the Sentiments,” Justin D’Arms, Philosophy, Ohio State University, 19 October, 4:00 pm, Centennial Room, Kansas Union.

• **University Theatre** continues *The 39 Steps*, adapted by somebody, from the novel by somebody and the movie directed by Alfred Hitchcock, who got his picture on the poster, 19, 20 October, 7:30 pm, 21 October, 2:30 pm, Crafton-Preyer Theatre, Murphy Hall.

• **Research-Sharing Session**, Gene Rankey, Geology; Joane Nagel, Sociology; James Moreno, Dance; Amanda Reichard, Research & Training; Alice Bean, Physics and Astronomy; Jeff Vitter, Provost, 19 October, 4:00 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

• **CTE Events:** “The Making of a Hybrid Course: The Nitty-Gritty How-Tos,” Susan Williams, Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, 23 October, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, 135 Budig; “Using Digital Technologies,” Doug Ward, Journalism; Germaine Halegoua, Film and Media Studies, 26 October, 12:00-1:00 pm, 135 Budig.

• **Leveraging Geospatial Technologies for Spatial Humanistic Inquiry**, hands-on workshop led by Michael Page, Libraries, Emory University. 26 October. Two sessions: Session 1, 9 am-12:00 pm; Session Two: 1:00-4:00 pm, Watson 455.

• **Latin American Seminar**, “Perceptions and Realities of Solid Waste Management in a Rural Mexican Municipality: The Case of Coxcatlán, Puebla,” Andy Hillburn, Geography, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

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

• **Call for Applications**, Directorship of the 2013 Fall Faculty Colloquium, applications preferably from two faculty members wishing to serve as co-directors; one-semester course reduction. Deadline: 29 October.