



## The Richard W. Gunn Memorial Lecture

On Monday, 24 September, **Suresh Canagarajah**, Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of English and Applied Linguistics and Director of the Migration Studies Project at Pennsylvania State University, will deliver the annual **Richard W. Gunn Memorial Lecture**. Canagarajah's topic will be "Creolizing English Studies: Emerging Challenges and Possible Directions." The lecture will take place at 7:00 pm at The Commons, Spooner Hall. Canagarajah is the author of *Resisting Linguistic Imperialism in English Teaching* (1999) which won the MLA's Mina Shaughnessy Award for an outstanding scholarly book in the fields of language, culture, literacy, and literature that has a strong application to the teaching of English. His *A Geopolitics of Academic Writing* (2002) won the Gary Olson Award from the Association for the Teachers of Advanced Composition for the best book on social and rhetorical theory in 2003. He has also written a book for teachers on how to accommodate the dialects and discourses of nonnative students, *Critical Academic Writing and Multilingual Students*. For five years, 2005-2010, he edited *TESOL Quarterly* as part of his commitment to "pluralizing knowledge on the use, spread, and acquisition of Global Englishes." **Mary Jo Reiff** cites Canagarajah's "multidisciplinary research (within rhetoric and composition, sociolinguistics, migration studies, and postcolonial studies) and his groundbreaking work on language and discourse within global contexts" as key reasons for his selection as this year's Gunn lecturer. The Gunn Lecture was endowed by the late Dr. Richard W. Gunn, brother of **James Gunn**, Professor Emeritus of English at KU.



Suresh Canagarajah

## 2012-13 Haines Research Fellows



Cheryl Lester



Byron Caminero-Santangelo

**Byron Caminero-Santangelo** and **Cheryl Lester** have been selected as Haines Research Fellows for this academic year. Funds from an endowed account established in the names of Shirley Cundiff Haines and Jordan L. Haines will pay for a course remission for Caminero-Santangelo and Lester in Spring 2013. The account was established for

the express purpose of funding "research in preparation for an upcoming promotion." Caminero-Santangelo hopes to finish up a book manuscript tentatively entitled "A Different Shade of Green: Legacies of African Environmental Literature." Lester will work on her book project entitled "Mobile Subjects: Faulkner and the Great Migration." Congratulations, Byron and Cheryl!

## Publications

### Johnson, Kij

*At the Mouth of the River of Bees: Stories*. Small Beer Press. 2012.

### Ohle, David

*The Devil in Kansas: Three Short Novels*. The Lazy Fascist Press, Portland, OR. August 2012.

## Calendar

- F 14 Job Placement Workshop**, "The Application Letter," **Susan Harris**, English Job Placement Advisor, 4:00-5:30 pm, 4012 Wescoe.
- Poetry Reading** by **Maurice Kenny**, English (Emeritus), SUNY Potsdam, 7:00 pm, Kansas Room, Kansas Union. Refreshments following. Sponsored by English, Indigenous Studies, History, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.
- M 17 Coffee With Colleagues**, 9:00-11:00 am, 3001A Wescoe. Monthly social/professional gathering for faculty and graduate students. Sponsored by SAGE.
- T 18 Voting Department Meeting**, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe. Agenda: 1) Revised wording of English Faculty Evaluation Plan, P&T standards, and Differential Allocation of Effort expectations; 2) Assessment Committee report and questions.
- Fiction Reading** by **Kij Johnson**, English, 7:00 pm, The Raven Bookstore, 6 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.
- R 20 Marienda Lecture Series**, "Caribbean Vampires in the Diaspora: A Critique of Canadian National Identity," **Giselle Anatol**, English, 12:00 pm, 318 Bailey Hall.
- S 22 Digital Humanities Forum Plenary Speaker**, "Phylogenetic Futures: Big Data and Design Fiction," **Kari Kraus**, English/Information Studies, University of Maryland, 11:15 am, Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union.
- M 24 Richard W. Gunn Memorial Lecture**, "Creolizing English Studies: Emerging Challenges and Possible Directions," **Suresh Canagarajah**, Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of English and Applied Linguistics, Director of Migration Studies Project, Pennsylvania State University, 7:00 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

## ***Presentations***

### **Fowler, Doreen**

“Crossing a Racial Border: *Black Like Me*,” American Literature Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, 25 May.

## ***Accepted for Publication***

### **Fowler, Doreen**

“Reading Faulkner through Morrison.” *Critical Insights: William Faulkner*. Ed. Kathryn Artuso. Pasadena, CA: Salem Press. In press.

### **Lorenz, Tom**

“Zanzibar” (short story). *Lake Effect*. Winter 2013.

## ***Announcements, Notes, & News***

• **Abayo Animashaun** (Ph.D. 2012) has just had his dissertation manuscript, “Homecoming,” accepted for publication as a book by Black Lawrence Press.

• **Dennis Etzel, Jr.** (MFA 2010) was chosen by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Rae Armantrout as a finalist in the first book contest sponsored by *1913: a journal of forms*.

## ***KU and Regional Events***

• **LGBT Resource Center and members of University Theatre** present *The Laramie Project*, by Moises Kaufman, 14 September, 6:30 pm, Alderson Auditorium. Free admission. General seating.

• **Digital Humanities Forum** with plenary speakers Gregory Crane, Kari Kraus, and Geoffrey Rockwell, 20-22 September, Kansas Union. See KU’s IRDH website for full schedule.

• **Early Modern Seminar**, “The Invention of the French Language in the Age of Richelieu,” Robert Schneider, History, Indiana University, 20 September, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• **Nature & Culture Seminar/Latin American Seminar**, “The Tropics: A Brief History of an Environmental Imaginary,” Paul Sutter, History, University of Colorado, 21 September, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.

• **Nature’s Historians: A Conference in Honor of Donald Worster** (see Hall Center website for details).

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

• **Wordriver Literary Review** solicits submissions from part-time and adjunct professors in the U.S. Deadline: Submissions are accepted throughout the year.

• **Beasts, Humans, and Transhumans in the Middle Ages and Renaissance**, Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Arizona State University, 14-16 February 2013. Deadline: 20 November.

## ***Fellowships, Contests, Awards, Scholarships, Etc. (Posted)***

• **Lilly Fellows Program in the Humanities and the Arts**, two-year post-doctoral fellowships for teacher-scholars preparing for leadership roles in teaching and administration in institutions of Christian higher education. Deadline: 1 November.