Ohle x Two

Readers who have been cult followers of novelist and KU English lecturer David Ohle since his iconic Motorman (1972) are in for a double treat this fall. Long-time fans can join new readers in welcoming two new Ohle novels from two different presses. Dzanc Books has published The Old Reactor. Calamari Press has published The Blast. Both elaborate on the futuristic world that Ohle created in Motorman, The Age of Sinatra, and The Pisstown Chaos among other works. The novels’ dual arrival occasioned an interview with J.A. Tyler in Brooklyn, NY’s BOMB Magazine. (see “Publications”). Congratulations, David!

Writers in Residence

Professors Megan Kaminski and Kij Johnson took the KU English banner on the road this summer, teaching one-to-two week gigs at locations near and far. Kaminski taught for two weeks in June at the Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts in Nebraska City, NE. She then taught for another week in July at the Summer Forum for Inquiry + Exchange in Joshua Tree, CA. This year the forum’s topic was “Networks of Belonging: Geographies, Citizenries, and the Masses.” Kij Johnson traveled to Seattle to teach one week of the six-week Clarion West Writers Workshop. Clarion West’s stated mission is “to improve speculative fiction by providing high quality education to writers at the start of their careers.”

Publications

Ellis, Iain
“Mr. Mencken Went to Dayton and the Culture Wars Began” (essay). Popmatters (located at popmatters.com), 18 September.

Fischer, Iris


McKitterick, Chris

Ohle, David
The Old Reactor (novel). Dzanc Books. 2014


Presentations

Fischer, Iris

Announcements, Notes, & News

• KU Ars Rhetorica has announced a kickball fundraiser and picnic that will feature a kickball game between the departments of Communication Studies and English. The event will take place on Saturday, 4 October, from 5:30-9:00 pm at Broken Arrow Park (31st and Louisiana). Faculty and grad students (and partners) from both departments are welcome to participate in the game, but there is a kicker (so to speak) – each person

Calendar

F 19  Panel Discussion, “Scholars on Site and Collaborative Research Seed Grant,” Beverly Mack, AAAS; Peter Grund, English; James Moreno, Dance; Sally Utech, Hall Center, 12:130 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room 1.

T 23  Open Meeting for English graduate students and faculty to discuss KU policy on sexual violence, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe.
wishing to play must make a minimum $5 donation to Ars Rhetorica to help support a scholar’s visit in the spring. Run pledges (set amount of money per runs scored) are encouraged. A grill will be available for cooking. BYOB and food. Contact Charlene Summers (cksummers@ku.edu) for more information.

**KU and Regional Events**

- **Conflict & International Change Seminar**, “Murrow’s Wager: The Cold War and the New Communications Frontier,” Jason Parker, History, Texas A&M, 19 September, 3:30 pm-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.

- **Disability Studies Seminar**, “Enabled by Disablement: The Costs of Sustaining Neoliberal Values,” Thomas Dirth, Psychology, 25 September, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- **Nature & Culture Seminar**, “Polluted Culture: Environmental Engagements with the Yamuna and Yangtze Rivers in Contemporary Art,” Kris Ercums, Spencer Museum of Art, 26 September, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.