KU English Visiting Writer Series Continues

Prose poet Siobhán Scarry will read from her work on Wednesday, 14 October, 7:30 pm, as part of the second installment of the English MFA Visiting Writers Series. The reading will take place in a new venue, “The Jay,” which is located on the first floor of the Kansas Union in the space previously occupied by Jaybowl. KU English PhD student Megan Youngdahl will also read from her work. Scarry is currently a visiting assistant professor at Bethel College and has previously taught at the University of Victoria. She is the author of Pilgrimly, a collection of prose poems, and her work has appeared in Colorado Review, jubilat, New Letters, and elsewhere. She also researches and teaches American literature since 1800 and has published critical essays in her field.

Jayhawk Sneak Peek III

The KU English Department’s Diversity Committee is spearheading a third “Jayhawk Sneak Peek” from 15-16 October, welcoming prospective grad school applicants from underrepresented groups to Lawrence for a closer look at how our department might advance their educational and career goals. Events during the two-day introduction to KU will include 1) a session on how to craft a successful graduate school application and 2) a presentation of faculty research. Please commit random acts of recruitment as you come into contact with any of these visitors.

UK American Lit Specialist on Open Access

KU Libraries is kickstarting the local celebration of International Open Access Week (10/19-10/25) with a keynote address on 16 October by Martin Paul Eve, Senior Lecturer in Literature, Technology and Publishing at Birbeck, University of London. Eve’s topic, “Getting Humanities Research Published and Read: Transformations in the Publication Landscape,” is certainly germane and timely for English faculty and graduate students. The lecture is scheduled for 10:00-11:30 am at The Commons, Spooner Hall. Advance publicity notes that Eve’s talk will explore the contexts and controversies that sit behind so-called ‘open access’ publishing and alternative models for the future of humanities research communication.” Eve’s research specialty is contemporary American fiction, particularly the work of Thomas Pynchon, Don DeLillo, and David Foster Wallace, as well as the history and philosophy of technology and, as evidenced by this lecture, technological mutations in scholarly publishing. He is the author of Pynchon and Philosophy (Palgrave, 2014) and Open Access and the Humanities: Contexts, Controversies and the Future (Cambridge UP, 2014).

Calendar

N 11 Taproom Poetry Series features Jen Tynes, Grand Valley State University; Michael Silkema, Grand Valley State University; Danny Caine, KU; 5:00 pm, Eighth Street Taproom (downtown Lawrence).

W 14 Visiting Writer Series presents Siobhán Scarry, Literature and Creative Writing, Bethel College, and Meaghan Youngdahl, English, KU; 7:30 pm, The Jay, Kansas Union (first floor).

R 15- F 16 Jayhawk Sneak Peak, several events, watch for publicity.

F 16 Open Access Week Keynote Address, “Getting Humanities Research Published and Read: Transformations in the Publication Landscape,” Martin Paul Eve, Senior Lecturer, Literature, Technology and Publishing, Birbeck, University of London, 10:00-11:30 am, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

Reading, by Lea Graham, Marist College (poet) and Mark Spitzer, University of Central Arkansas, (essayist), 7:00 pm, The Raven Bookstore.

T 20 Distinguished Professorship Candidate Presentation, “Reading for Intellectual Health: Some Methodological Considerations,” Robert Warrior, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 4:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall. Reception will follow.

W 21 FSE Staff 101 and 102 Development Workshops, 4:00-5:30 pm, 4076 Wescoe (101) 4043 Wescoe (102)

Humanities Lecture Series, “On the Run; Fugitive Life in an American City,” Alice Goffman, Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 7:30 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

R 22 FSE Staff 101 and 102 Development Workshops, 4:00-5:30 pm, 4076 Wescoe (101) 4043 Wescoe (102)
**Publications**

Devitt, Amy

**Presentations**

Carothers, James
“Professor in the Classroom”: *A Farewell to Arms* KU Summer Orientation, 18 June, 15 July.
“Teaching Faulkner”: Choosing the Texts (with Brian McDonald and Theresa M. Towner), Univ. of Mississippi, 21 July.
“KU Traditions,” Friends of the Library, University of Kansas, 17 September.

**KU and Regional Events**

- **Langston Hughes Visiting Professor Lecture**, “Understanding and Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Youth Mental Health Service Use,” Omar Gudino, Psychology, University of Denver, 14 October, 3:30 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

- **Resident Humanities Fellow Presentation**, “The Origins of Emptiness in Russian Culture,” Rebecca Stakun, Slavic Languages and Literatures, 14 October, 12:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.

- **Philosophy Department Lecture**, “Theorizing ‘The Before’” Jennifer Mckitrick, Philosophy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 16 October, 3:30 pm, Malott Room, Kansas Union.

- **27th Annual Conference of the Midwest Jewish Studies Association**, 18-19 October, Eldridge Hotel, Lawrence, KS.

- **Digital Humanities Seminar**, 3DGIS for Discourse, Analysis, and Interpretations of Ancient Maya Architecture and Landscapes,” Heather Richards-Rissetto, Anthropology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 19 October, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- **Place, Race & Space Seminar**, “Street-Level Bureaucracy Theory and the Myth of ‘One Bad Apple’: Policing in Local Communities,” Shannon Portillo, School of Public Affairs & Administration, 19 October, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- **The Tuttle Lecture**, “Goat Bones in the Basement: A Case of Race, Gender and Haunting in Old Savannah,” Tiya Miles, African American Women’s History, University of Michigan, 22 October, 4:00 pm, Woodruff Auditorium, Kansas Union.

- **Red Hot Research**, “Food Research, Policy, and Implementation,” panel from Economics, Sociology/Environmental Science, WGSS, History, Political Science, Food Systems, 23 October, 4:00 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

- **Latin America and Its Diasporas Seminar**, “Concentration and the Infrastructure of Race in Colonial Mexico,” Daniel Nemser, Spanish, University of Michigan, 26 October, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- **Langston Hughes Visiting Professor Lecture II**, “Follow Us: Understanding Social Media Individual and Collective Political Participation and Activism,” Alcides Velasquez, Communication Studies, Universidad Javeriana, 28 October, 3:30 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

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

- **Michael Tilford Conference on Diversity and Multiculturalism**, 19-20 October, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS.

- **Call for Nominations** from Lawrence Public Schools, for Martin Luther King Awards, to be given to individuals or groups that have demonstrated character, vision, service, and dedication to equity. Nomination deadline: 15 November.