Anatol Receives Fleming Award

Professor Giselle Anatol is the recipient of the 2016 Ned Fleming Award for Excellence in Teaching, an annual University-wide recognition. Anatol received the award at this year’s Teaching Summit on Thursday, 18 August. The award includes a one-time stipend of $5000. Anatol was so tickled that she decided to take the Fall 2016 semester off (actually she’s on sabbatical). Former Director of English Graduate Studies Joe Harrington will serve as Interim Director in Anatol’s absence. Congratulations, Giselle!

IARI Faculty Research Fellow

Professor Megan Kaminski has been selected to serve a one-semester term in Fall 2016 as a Faculty Research Fellow in conjunction with the Integrated Arts Research Initiative (IARI), a program of the Spencer Museum of Art. Kaminski “will work with SMA academic staff on a research project that develops through a collaborative exchange of ideas, integrates different disciplinary methods, and connects with the goals and/or resources of the art museum.” Kaminski notes that she will be working on the manuscript of her fourth book of poetry, Everything is leaf in my empire of the heart, “which examines connection and compassion through an exploration of botanical forms and of rhizomal social movements.” Her project will also “contribute to/be in conversation with the upcoming Big Botany exhibition at SMA.” She will also participate in interdisciplinary collaborations with scientists and visual artists and work on a related translation project (contemporary French poetry). Congratulations, Megan!

Dates to Anticipate

Department of English Visiting Writers Series presents Melissa Buzzo, poet and memoirist, Pratt Institute, 2 November, 7:00 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

Fall 2016 Department Meetings

Currently, Voting Department Meetings are scheduled for 20 September, 18 October, and 15 November at 4:00 pm in 4051 Wescoe. No Senior Staff Meetings have been scheduled at this point. However, please remember to save all Tuesday afternoons from 4-5 pm so you can be available if circumstances call for other meetings.

Publications

Bergeron, David

Calendar

M 29 Alternative Academic Careers, featuring representatives of the Kansas Humanities Council: Julie Mulvihill, Executive Director, and Danny Caine, Intern, 2:00 pm, 3001A Wescoe.

Colonialism Seminar, roundtable discussion on colonialism, postcolonialism, and neocolonialism in Latin America and the Caribbean, moderated by Stephanie Fitzgerald, with panelists Santa Arias, Spanish & Portuguese/CLACS); Robert Schwaller, History; and Cecile Accilien, AAAS, 3:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

T 30 CTE Teaching Workshop, “Turning ‘Hot Moments’ into Teaching Moments in the Classroom,” Marta Caminero-Santangelo and Darren Canady, English; Shannon Portillo, School of Public Affairs and Administration, 10:00 – 11:30 am, Kansas Room, Kansas Union.


F 9 Renee Harris, PhD Defense, 9:00 am, 3001A Wescoe (Barnard, D. Elliott, Neill, Rowland, Britton).
Fowler, Doreen

Ellis, Iain
“We Who’s Better than Mark Twain at Bible-bashing?” PopMatters (located at popmatters.com), 20 June.

“Can Satire Bring Down Donald Trump?” PopMatters (located at popmatters.com), 9 August.

Johnson, Kij

Mielke, Laura

**Presentations**

Bergeron, David

Farmer, Frank

Fowler, Doreen
“Reading Flannery O’Connor through Toni Morrison,” American Literature Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, 27 May.

Johnson, Kij
Reading and panel participant. Panels: “It’s Not Torture If It’s the Good Guys,” “The Coode Street Podcast,” “Game Worlds, Fictional World: RPGs and Authorship.” MidAmeriCon II (World Science Fiction Convention), Kansas City KS, 18–21 August.
Moderator and cohost. Five sessions + Campbell & Sturgeon Awards Ceremony + Campbell Conference Roundtable, 2016 Campbell Conference, MidAmeriCon II (World Science Fiction Convention), Kansas City KS, 18–21 August.

Mielke, Laura
Participant in “Speed Dating Researchers,” Free State Festival. Lawrence KS. 21 June.

Polo, Sarah
“English Compositions as Identity Construction: Revisiting the Kate I. Hansen Collection,” Archives Interrupted: Gender and the Future of Constructing the Past, Lawrence, KS, 23 April.

Wakkad, Ayah

**Accepted for Publication**

Bergeron, David

**Announcements, Notes, & News**

* New Graduate Students: The Department welcomes the following new MA students: Brianna Blackwell (BA, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville); Jacob Geither (BA, Pittsburgh State University); Sarah Kugler (BA, Northwestern College Iowa); Morgan McComb (BA, University of Mississippi); Mikaela Warner (BA, Gustavus Adolphus College).

The Department also welcomes the following new MFA students: Nicholas Banach (BA, University of Illinois, Urbana); Nino Cipri (BA, Evergreen State College); Maria Dones (BA, University of South Florida); Paul Fey (BA, Bennington College); William Kenney (BA, University of Kansas); Deanna McElhannan (BA, Creighton University); David Snyder (BA, Hamilton College New York); Hannah Warren (BA, Mississippi State University)

The Department also welcomes the following new PhD students: Literature Track: Anthony Boynton (BA, Fort Valley State University; MA, Georgia College); Jimin Choi (BA and MA, Hanyang University); Gibette Encarnacion (BA, Walla Walla University; MA, Andrews University); Christopher Hall (BA, University of Kansas; MA, Arizona State University); Sandya Maulana (BA and MA, Universitas Padjadjaran); Creative Writing Track: Derek Graf (BA, University of South Florida; MA, Oklahoma State University); Jeff Griffin (BA, University of Nevada, Reno; MA, University of Iowa); Jedidiah Templin (BA, University of North Carolina, Asheville); Kyle Thiele (BA, Concordia College, Minnesota; MA, Eastern Washington University); Lesley Wheeler (BA, Pratt Institute); Composition & Rhetoric Track: Dana Comi (BA, Whitworth College); Susan Duba (BA, Texas A&M; MA, Washington State University); Alisa Russell (BA, Lee University; MA, George Mason University); Kali Wolkow (BA, Northwestern College, Iowa).

* New FSE Staff: As Mary Jo Reiff begins her term as Director of First- and Second-Year English, she will be assisted initially by 2016-17 FSE Intern, Britney Tyler-Milholland, and GTA Teaching Mentor, Julie Perino.

* Professor Emeritus James Gunn recently received a lifetime teaching award from the Writing the Rockies Conference of Western Colorado State University.

* MFA student Jacqueline Holland’s short story, “The Laws of Dying,” has been named a finalist for Glimmer Train’s Short Story Award for New Writers.

**KU and Regional Events**

* Digital Humanities Seminar, “Global Medical Humanities and Horizons of Digital Health Innovation,” Kathryn Rhine, Anthropology, 29 August, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

* Gender Seminar, “Sex Worker Demographics and Outsider Knowledge about Sexuality,” Emily Kennedy, Sociology, 1 September, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

* Nature & Culture Seminar, “Why Do We Need Comparative Environmental History: The Case of China and the USA,” Shen Hou, History, Renmin University of China, 2 September, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

* The Urban Experience Seminar, “Modern Architecture and Urban Renewal in the 1940s-1970s: Shaping the Urban Experience in Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri,” Marie Alice L’Heureux, School of Architecture, Design & Planning, 8 September, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

* Conflict & International Change Seminar, “Ignorance or Engagement: Executive Branch Decision-Making under President Dwight D. Eisenhower During PBSUCCESS in Guatemala,” Ashley Neale, History, 9 September, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.