Eminent KU English Alum to Deliver Last American/British Lecture

Florida State University Distinguished Research Professor Gary Taylor will give the final address in the Department of English's American/British Lecture Series on Thursday, 28 April, at 7:00 pm, in the Kansas Room of the Kansas Union. Taylor’s topic is “Data-Mining the Heart of Hamlet’s Mystery.” Gary Taylor graduated from KU with honors in English and Classics in 1975. He subsequently received a doctorate from Cambridge and has since written or edited more than 20 books and 80 scholarly articles on Shakespeare and his contemporaries, the history of race, and the history of sexuality. He is the lead general editor of the New Oxford Shakespeare that will appear later this year. He was also general editor of the Collected Works of “our other Shakespeare,” Thomas Middleton. That work won the MLA’s biennial prize for a Distinguished Scholarly edition in 2008. His co-edited Oxford Handbook of Thomas Middleton (2012) contains the largest collection of new critical essays on Middleton ever published. Taylor also general-edits two series published by Palgrave, “Signs of Race” and “History of Text Technologies.” He founded the groundbreaking History of Text Technologies program at FSU. His lecture will confront some of the oldest questions about Shakespeare’s Hamlet, employing the digital humanities to shed light on the play’s mysteries. The American/British Lecture Series has been supported by an anonymous benefactor who has decided to redirect funding to other initiatives.

2016 Milestones Celebration

Professor James Carothers and Lecturer David Ohle will be honored at this year’s Department of English Milestones Celebration, along with faculty members who have been promoted and graduate students who have received advanced degrees since August 2014. Professor Emeritus James Gunn will also be honored in a special presentation to the Spencer Research Library by Kane Distinguished Professor of Law Michael

Calendar

M 25 Simone Savannah, RPD, 9:00 am, 3025 Wescoe (Canady, Graham, Kaminski)

T 26 Marty Baldwin, RPD, 10:00 am, 3025 Wescoe (Elliott, Mielke, Neill)


Undergraduate Reading Series, 7:00 pm, Pine Room, Kansas Union.

R 28 Disability Studies Seminar/Digital Humanities Seminar, “The ‘Hashtagged’ Body: Visual Representations of Disability on Social Media,” Rebekah Taussig, English, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

Milestones Celebration, to honor retiring faculty and staff, celebrate rank advancements, and recognize graduate students receiving advanced degrees, 3:30-4:30 pm, North Gallery, Spencer Research Library.

The American and British Lecture, “Data-Mining the Heart of Hamlet’s Mystery,” Gary Taylor (BA ’75), Florida State University, 7:00-8:30 pm, Kansas Room, Kansas Union.

Big Tent Reading Series features Stephanie Fitzgerald, English; Kate Russell, English; and Tim Volkert, 7:00 pm, The Raven Bookstore, 6 East 7th Street, Lawrence.


N 1 Taproom Poetry Series features Serena Chopra, University of Denver; Sueyuen Juliette Lee, Denver; Joshua Ware, University of Colorado, Boulder, 5:00 pm, Eighth Street Taproom.

T 3 Early Modern Seminar, “Shakespeare’s Green Prostitution,” Donald Hedrick, English, Kansas State University, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

Voting Department Meeting, 4:00 pm, 4051 Wescoe.
Hoeflich. The Milestones reception will start at 3:30 pm on Thursday, 28 April, in the North Gallery of the Spencer Research Library. The brief program will start at 4:00. David Ohle retired from the English Department and KU in August 2015. Jim Carothers’ retirement will become official later this summer. Please come and recognize these colleagues as well as other KU English faculty and graduate students whose successes merit our congratulations.

Publications

Caine, Danny

Fowler, Doreen

Harrington, Joseph

Kaminski, Megan

Presentations

Conrad, Kathryn
“Flying By Those Nets: Science, Technology, and Knowing Networks in Irish Victorian and Modernist Literature,” American Conference for Irish Studies national meeting, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, 30 March.

Kaminski, Megan


Lancaster, Sonya: Perino, Julie; Sladek, Amanda; Summers, Charlene Panel. “Crossing the Threshold Concepts for Students, Teachers, and the University through Assessment,” Conference on College Composition and Communication, Houston, TX, 9 April.

Accepted for Publication

Smith, Cote

Announcements, Notes, & News

- KU English graduate students Danny Caine and Stefanie Torres are recipients of 2016 Hall Center Applied Humanities Summer Internships. Caine will intern at the Kansas Humanities Council. Torres will intern at the Nelson-Atkins Museum in Kansas City.

- *Dream Not Deferred*: Professors Edgar Tidwell and Darren Canady are among a group of KU scholars who comprise the Dream Documentary Collective, an organization that, in conjunction with the Lawrence Arts Center, has been awarded a $50,000 NEH grant to “support preliminary planning, research, and documentation for the production of a two-part documentary film on the life of Langston Hughes.” According to the *Lawrence Journal-World*, the grant will allow the collective to bring nine leading Hughes scholars to Lawrence during June’s Free State Festival. The collective and the invitees will “discuss the preliminary treatment for the film, develop an outline for the full screenplay . . . and conduct a series of public panel discussions . . .” PBS’s “American Masters” series has expressed interest in broadcasting the completed film. Stay tuned.

- Monday, 25 April, is the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising in Dublin, a major step in the struggle for Irish independence from Great Britain. Centennial celebrations commemorating the Rising were held in Ireland on Easter Monday one month ago, but KU’s tribute to the event, a Spencer Research Library exhibit entitled “*Easter 1916: Rebellion and Memory in Ireland*” will continue through July. The exhibit features numerous items from SRL’s O’Hegarty Collection, many with literary significance, reflecting the influence of the Irish Renaissance on political and historical affairs of the time. The O’Hegarty Collection will continue to receive attention this fall when Lawrence will be the site of “Free States,” the 2016 Midwest American Conference for Irish Studies which will be sponsored by the English Department and the Hall Center. KU English professor Katie Conrad is planning the event (see “Conferences”). Plan on spending an extra few minutes before or after the KU English Milestones Celebration on 28 April as you make your way through the SRL Exhibit Hall going to or from the North Gallery.

KU and Regional Events

- 2nd Annual Day of Creativity, presented by the KU Natural History Museum, The Commons, & The Spencer Museum of Art, 24 April, 12:00-3:00 pm, KU Natural History Museum, 1345 Jayhawk Blvd.


- Symposium: Justice in the Low-Carbon Shift, discussion of how local energy transitions can be leveraged to advance community social justice objectives, 28 April, 7:30 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall. Organizers include Uma Outka, Law. Funded by a Starter Grant from The Commons.

- University Theatre presents Welcome to Arroyo’s, by Krstoffer Diaz, 29-30 April, 3-5 May, 7:30 pm, 1 May, 2:30 pm, Inge Theatre, Murphy Hall.

- Place, Race, & Space Seminar, “Legality, Racialization, and Immigrants’ Experience of Ethnoracial Othering in Russia,” Victor Agadjanian, Sociology and Cecilia Menjivar, Sociology, 2 May, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- Conflict & International Change Seminar, “Brothers of the Pacific,” Christopher Capozzola, History, MIT, 6 May, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

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

- Free States, 2016 Midwest American Conference for Irish Studies, 22-23 September. Deadline: 15 May. “Set in historic Lawrence, KS, itself a Free State and the site of a different Civil War conflict, this conference takes the theme of ‘free states’ to encourage critical inquiry into freedom, identity, conflict, and place in the literature, culture, and politics of Ireland and the diaspora during the ‘decade of commemoration’.”