



## English Visiting Writers' Series Welcomes Melissa Buzzeo



Melissa Buzzeo

The second presenter in this year's **English Department Graduate Visiting Writers' Series** is **Melissa Buzzeo**, a versatile author who teaches creative writing, feminism, and the poetics of healing at Pratt Institute in New York City. Her most recent book, *Devastation* (2015) was a Lambda Literary Award finalist in Poetry, but it has also been described in press publicity and by critics as a "performance novel." Buzzeo is also the author of *For Want and Sound* (2013), *Face* (2009), and *What Began Us* (2007). She is currently at work on a variation of a memoir called

simply *Writing*. Her work has commonly been described as "a literature of encounter, but also: descent, healing, refusal." Melissa Buzzeo will read from and discuss her writing on 2 November, at 7:00 pm, at The Commons, Spooner Hall. The event is co-sponsored by The Commons and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

## Melissa Gilstrap Wins Outstanding Thesis Award



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**Melissa Gilstrap** (MA '16) has been awarded this year's **Outstanding Thesis Award** for her MA thesis, "Re-Placing the Prostitute: *Ruth Hall* and the Spatial Politics of the Streetwalker." The award is given annually by KU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Committee on Graduate Studies. It includes a cash prize of \$500. She was nominated for the award by Professor **Laura Mielke**. Gilstrap writes that her work "engages with recent critical conversations on urban space and gendered modern subjectivities in Fanny Fern's *Ruth Hall* (1854)." Asked about her

current plans, Melissa notes, somewhat mischievously, "Like Ruth, I'm currently in a bit of a transitional state." She continues, "Until I start my teaching position in Wuhan, China in early February 2017, I'll be editing my thesis for publication, practicing my Mandarin, and enjoying some non-grad school time in Lawrence. After my contract in China is up, I'm considering either continuing as an ESL teacher or pursuing a Ph.D. in 19th-century transatlantic women's literature." Gōngxǐ nǐ (Congratulations), Melissa.

## Publications

### Bensel, Alyse

"Fever III [pain]" (poem). *Bone Bouquet*, Issue 7.2 (Fall 2016): 15.

### Evans, Stephen F.

"Review-essay of *Sex Acts in Early Modern Italy: Practice, Performance, Perversion, Punishment*." Edited by Allison Levy. Farnham, Surrey, England: Ashgate, 2010. *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching* 23.2 (Fall 2016): 183-88.

### Grund, Peter

"Seeing is Believing: Evidentiality and Visual Perception Verbs in Early Modern English Witness Depositions." In *Studies in the History of the English Language VII: Generalizing vs. Particularizing Methodologies in Historical Linguistic Analysis*, ed. Don Chapman, Colette Moore, and Miranda Wilcox. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 153-172.

## Presentations

### Patterson, Jonathan

"Technologically-defined Places and the Digitization of East African Refugee Camps," Mid-America Alliance for African Studies, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, 22 October.

## Calendar

- W 2 Department of English Visiting Writers Series** welcomes **Melissa Buzzeo**, Pratt Institute, 7:00 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.
- R 10 Kansas African Studies Center Lecture**, "From Root to Branch: Travels in the Footsteps of the Enslaved," **Aminatta Forna**, Poetics/Creative Writing, Georgetown and Bath Spa Universities, 7:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall. Book signing will follow. Co-sponsored by English
- F 11 Nature & Culture Seminar**, "Natural Law, English Degeneracy, and Pastoralism in Charles Kingsley's *The Water Babies: A Fairy Tale for a Land Baby*," **Clare Echterling**, English, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- M 14 Resident Fellows Seminar**, "Christine de Pizan's 'Epistre Othea' in England: Two Middle English Translations," **Misty Schieberle**, English, 12:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.
- T 15 Voting Department Meeting**, 4:00 pm, 4051 Wescoe.
- R 17 Humanities Lecture Series**, "An Evening with Poet Terrance Hayes," **Terrance Hayes**, English, University of Pittsburgh, 7:30 pm, Lied Center Pavilion.

**Thonus, Terese**

- “Writing Consultant Self-Efficacy,” International Writing Centers Association, Grantwinners’ Showcase, Denver, CO, 16 October (with Thomas Ferrel).  
“Time to Say Goodbye: Writing Center Consultation Closings,” Panel presentation, International Writing Centers Association, Denver, CO, 16 October.

*Accepted for Publication*

**Bensel, Alyse**

- “Thumb” (poem). *New South*, Issue 10.1, forthcoming January 2017  
“Three days into your marriage” (poem). *Quarterly West*, Issue 89, forthcoming November 2016.

*KU and Regional Events*

- **CTE Event**, “Supporting Learning Among Students with Disabilities: A Team Effort,” Andrew Shoemaker, AAAC; Amy Rossomondo, Spanish and Portuguese, 1 November, 12:00-1:00 pm, 135 Budig.
- **CTE Coffee Hour**, 2 November, 9:00-10:00 am, 135 Budig.
- **The Langston Hughes Visting Professor Lecture**, “Gendering Federal Indian Law,” Sarah Deer, LHVP, School of Law, 2 November, 3:30 pm, Kansas Union Ballroom. Reception follows.
- **Colonialism Seminar/Early Modern Seminar**, “The Geography of Memory – Revisioning Cultural Chronologies in Early Modern and Colonial Scholarship,” Kathleen Ann Myers, Spanish & Portuguese, Indiana University, 3 November, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- **Gender Seminar**, “Translating a Plague into Power: Early AIDS in the United States Heartland,” Kate Batza, WGSS, 3 November, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- **Gordon Parks Celebration**, Fort Scott, KS, 3-5 November.
- **KU Center for Online & Distance Learning**, “Developing and Teaching Online Courses,” 4 November, 12:00-1:00 pm, 6 Budig.
- **Red Hot Research**, “New Applications of Network Science,” panelists from Psychology, Linguistics, and Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, 4 November, 4:00 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.
- **2016 Lindley Lecture**, “Moral Learning and Artificial Intelligence,” Peter Railton, Philosophy, University of Michigan, 4 November, 8:00 pm, Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union.
- **Conflict & International Change Seminar**, “Feeding Cities of the Global South: The State of Food Insecurity in Harare, Zimbabwe,” Abel Chikanda, Geography, AAAS, 7 November, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- **Poetry Reading**, “Sanctity, Mysticism, and Everyday Poetry,” Alan Toltzis, 9 November, 7:00 pm, Lawrence Jewish Community Congregation, 917 Highland Drive.
- **The Urban Experience Seminar**, “Foreclosure Risk and Community Health: Does Social Capital Have a Protective Effect?” Holly Goerdel, Dort Daley, John Pierce, and Renee Dinsmoor, School of Public Affairs & Administration, 10 November, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

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

- **Andalusia in Andalucía: An International Conference on Flannery O’Connor**, 22-25 June 2017, Universidad Loyola Andalucía, Seville, Spain. Deadline: 1 March.