



Laura Mielke Receives Byron T. Shutz Award

Associate Professor of English **Laura Mielke** received the **Byron T. Shutz Award for Excellence in Teaching** at the KU Teaching Summit on Thursday, 17 August. The award includes a cash prize of \$4000 that will be tendered at the time of a public lecture and reception (TBA). Those who nominate candidates for the award are cautioned that all nominees will be outstanding educators, “highly-regarded by students and colleagues for their commitment of time and energy to teaching excellence.” Winners of the award, according to the nomination instructions, will be selected based on a set of criteria that include demonstrable 1) quality of intellectual content; 2) innovation and quality of teaching practices; 3) depth and breadth of student understanding; 4) reflective consideration and development; and 5) dedication to students and to the profession. Sounds like Laura. Congratulations, Professor Mielke!



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Dates to Anticipate

KU Common Book Lecture by **Claudia Rankine**, Poetry, Yale University, 7 September, 7:00 pm, Lied Center.

Black Love: A Symposium, “The 80th Anniversary of Zora Neale Hurston’s *Their Eyes Were Watching God*,” 11-18 September.

New Faculty Reception to welcome **Randall Fuller** and new lecturers/GTAs, 19 September, 3:30-4:40 pm, North Gallery, Spencer Research Library.

IDRH Digital Humanities Forum, “Digital Storytelling & the Humanities,” 28-29 September.

The American/British Lecture by **Christopher Freeburg**, English, University of Illinois, 3 October, 7:00 pm, Malott Room, Kansas Union.

LPL/KU Libraries 2017 Beach Series Author Presentation by **George Saunders**, English, Syracuse University, 10 October, 7:00 pm, Liberty Hall.

Department of English Visiting Writers Series presents poet **Linda Russo**, English, Washington State University, 18 October, 7:00 pm, Centennial Room, Kansas Union.

The Richard W. Gunn Memorial Lecture by **Katherine Eggert**, English, University of Colorado, Boulder, 24 October, 7:00 pm, Malott Room, Kansas Union.

Hall Center Special Event with **N. Katherine Hayles**, Literature, Duke University, 13 November, 7:30 pm, Alumni Center.

Department of English Holiday Party, 10 December, 7:00 pm, Union Pacific Station.

Publications

Bensel, Alyse

“Sinners” (essay). *Entropy* (June 13, 2017). <https://entropymag.org/sinners/>

“Kitchen,” “Fritillary,” “Instructions for Hunger” (poems). *Tinderbox Poetry Journal* Vol 4, Issue 3. <http://tinderbox-poetry.rhcloud.com/>

“Possum” and “Auto-Translate” (poems). *The Collapsar* (August 2017). <https://thecollapsar.org/2-poems-by-alyse-bensel>

Fuller, Randall

“Thoreau’s Debt to Darwin,” *Nature* 546 (15 June 2017): 349-350.

Griffin, Jeff

“As Soon as Possible in the Past” (poem). *concīs*. August 2017.

Wedge, Philip

“Zip-Line, Fernie Alpine Resort” (poem). *Aethlon: the Journal of Sport Literature* XXXII: 2 (Spring 2015/Summer 2015).

Calendar

- M 28 Colonialism Seminar**, “Indigenous Archives and Colonialism,” **Stephanie Fitzgerald**, English/Indigenous Studies, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- T 29 Department of English Open Forum** to learn more about new **concealed carry** policies, with Deputy Chief of Public Safety, **James Anguiano**, 4:00 pm, 4051 Wescoe.
- T 5 Voting Department Meeting**, 4:00 pm, 4051 Wescoe.
- R 7 KU Common Book Lecture** by **Claudia Rankine**, Poetry, Yale University, author of *Citizen: A Lyric*, 7:00 pm, Lied Center.
- F 8 Nature & Culture Seminar**, “Residency,” **Elizabeth Dodd**, English, Kansas State University, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

Presentations

Hardison, Ayesha

Radio discussion, "Wonder Woman," Central Standard, KUCR, Kansas City, MO, 20 June. <http://kcur.org/post/screentime-wonder-woman#stream/0>

Farmer, Frank

Interview with Brittany Britto, *The Baltimore Sun*, on zine culture and writing. 8 June.

Wedge, Philip

"Sport in the Novels of Thomas Hardy," Sport Literature Association Conference, West Liberty University, West Liberty, WV, 23 June. Chair, "Fiction I and American Fiction," Sport Literature Association Conference, West Liberty University, West Liberty, WV, 22 June.

Wheeler, Lesley Ann

"Understanding Self through Refraction in Form and Content: Anne Carson's 'The Glass Essay' as Postmodern Thirdspace Spirograph," Poetry and Poetics of the 1990s Conference, University of Maine, Orono, 29 June.

Accepted for Publication

Wheeler, Lesley Ann

Abandoners (full-length poetry collection). Brooklyn NY: The Operating System. Forthcoming 2018.

Announcements, Notes, & News

• **New Faculty:** Welcome to **Randall Fuller**, the new **Herman Melville Distinguished Professor of Nineteenth-Century American Literature**. The English Department will hold a **New Faculty Reception** to welcome Professor Fuller as well as new graduate students and part-time faculty on 19 September (see future issues for details).

• **New Students:** Welcome to 14 new KU English graduate students, many of whom received GTA orientation from August 14-18. Next week's issue will provide information about who they are and where they're from, but please extend (or lend) a hand to anyone you don't recognize this week and throughout the semester.

• **New English Advisor:** **Shantae Coleman** has taken over advising duties for English and History from **Amy Schmidt**. She will be introduced at the first Voting Department meeting on 9/5. In the meantime, say hello as you pass 300IP Wescoe (if she's alone). We hope to profile Shantae in a later issue.

• **New Shared Service Center Financial Support Officer for English:** **Matthew Sunner** is KU English's new financial support representative in the CLAS Shared Service Center. He can be reached at sunner.matt@ku.edu.

• **New FSE Intern and Teaching Mentor:** This year's First- and Second-Year English Intern is SAGE co-president **Charlesia McKinney**. The new FSE Teaching Mentor is **Sarah Ngoh**.

• The French translation of **Kij Johnson's** Hugo and Nebula Award-winning novella, *The Man Who Bridged the Mist*, has won the 2017 Gran Priz de l'Imaginaire, a juried award recognizing the best francophone speculative literature of the year. The novella won in the "nouvelle étrangère" category for foreign short fiction in translation.

• The Dean of Graduate Studies has nominated **Renee Harris's** Ph.D. dissertation for the **Council of Graduate Schools Distinguished Dissertation Award**. The dissertation, *Reading Romanticism: Keats, Embodied Cognition, and the Work of Affect*, was awarded the Argersinger Award for Outstanding Dissertation in the Humanities last spring.

• **Alyse Bensel's** poetry manuscript, *Spoil*, is a finalist for the Autumn House Press Poetry Prize. The winners will be announced in September.

Fellowships, Contests, Awards, Scholarships, Etc. (Posted)

• **2017 George and Eleanor Woodyard International Educator Award**, for full-time, tenured KU faculty members on the Lawrence campus who have provided outstanding leadership in international education at KU. Deadline: 8 September.

• **The Brittingham & Felix Pollak Prizes in Poetry**, University of Wisconsin Press, for original full-length unpublished poetry manuscripts. Deadline: 15 September.

• **Giselle Anatol** is accepting nominations for COGA's Outstanding Master's Thesis Award. Any graduate student who received Honors for their MA thesis in Spring 2017 is eligible. Nominations by faculty members or self-nominations should be directed to Anatol by 31 August. The Graduate Committee will then consider which nominations to forward. In the past, only one nomination per department could be submitted, but that restriction has been eased this year.

• **CTE Course Transformation Grants and Faculty Seminar: Innovations for Deep Learning**. Deadline: 15 September.

About the DNB

Frequency: The *DNB* is sent out digitally every Friday during the academic year, except for holiday and semester breaks. Each weekly issue can also be found online at <http://www.english.ku.edu>.

Deadline: The Calendar lists important events (e.g. exams, meetings, presentations by Department members) for the upcoming week: other happenings of interest for that period usually are noted under KU and Regional Events. Information on any events to be publicized must be received by noon Thursday for inclusion in that Friday's issue. **Publications/Presentations:** Publication information for the *DNB* should be submitted to Bob Elliott (e-mail [relliott@ku.edu] or hard copy welcome). Please provide a complete written-out citation (including pagination and genre—e.g. "article," "poem," "short story," "essay.") For inclusion under "Presentations," please provide the date, place, title of conference, and title of paper. **The *DNB* encourages submissions of publication and presentation information from both full-time and part-time faculty and graduate students.**

Dates: Unless given otherwise, assume that the year of publications, events, deadlines, and so forth is the present one.

Bob Elliott, Editor