



## KU to Host Sport Literature Conference

Sponsored by the English Department, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and the Hall Center for the Humanities, the 35<sup>th</sup> annual **Sport Literature Association Conference** will be held at KU's new Burge Union from 20-23 June, with morning and afternoon sessions most days. The Sport Literature Association Conference is the premier conference for scholars of sport literature and regularly attracts scholars from the United States, Canada, and Europe. English Department Senior Lecturer **Phil Wedge**, a regular attendee, is the host of this year's conference, with the assistance of Lecturer **Stefanie Torres**.



Phil Wedge

The SLA Conference brings a wide range of scholars from different fields together through their interests in the study of sport in literature and culture. Wedge and Program Director **Angie Abdou**, English, Athabasca University, are soliciting proposals for papers and presentations that address treatments of sport in texts or textual media (print, film, performance, digital or other media). They are also seeking essays on sport literature (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, or film)

or on the rhetoric of sport. Cultural-studies approaches to sport texts are welcome as well. Sessions focused on presenters' original fiction, creative nonfiction, and poetry are also encouraged. As a special incentive to graduate students, SLA invites submissions for the **Lyle Olsen Graduate Student Essay Contest** (see posted flyer for



more details). Time still remains for the submission of proposals. The deadline is 30 March. If interested, submit to: [aabdou@athabascau.ca](mailto:aabdou@athabascau.ca). Conference sessions and the banquet, featuring local baseball stats guru and Boston Red Sox Senior Baseball Operations Advisory **Bill James**, will only be open to conference registrants, but an evening of creative writing readings at The Raven on 21 June will be open to the public. For further information or to register for the conference: <http://sla.ku.edu/>. Good luck, Phil and Stephanie!

## Publications

**Bensel, Alyse**

"Grief is a fiddlehead" and "And the Expanse of a Digital Coastline" (poems). *South Dakota Review* 53. 3&4: 121-123.

**Hardison, Ayesha**

"Theorizing Jane Crow, Theorizing Literary Fragments" (invited reply), *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective* 7, no. 2 (2018): 56-63. [https://wp.me/p\\_1Bfg0-3UA](https://wp.me/p_1Bfg0-3UA). Reply to Kristie Dotson, "Theorizing Jane Crow, Theorizing Unknowability," *Social Epistemology: A Journal of Knowledge, Culture and Policy* 31:5 (2017) 417-430.

## Presentations

**Elliott, Dorice Williams**

"Gentlemen in Prison: Suspension of the Normal Life Cycle," Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies Conference, San Francisco, CA, 3 March.

**Kaminski, Megan**

"In Bloom" (poetry reading). Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture after 1900. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. 22 February.

"Lyric Re-visioning: the untethered "I" and the posthuman" (paper). *Sites of the Self: Landscape, Lyric, and Indeterminacy in Contemporary Poetry* w/ Kathy Lou Schultz and Deborah Mix. Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture after 1900. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. 24 February.

## Accepted for Publication

**Bergeron, David**

"Geometry in Webster's *The Duchess of Malfi*," *Medieval and Renaissance Drama in England* (forthcoming).

## Announcements, Notes, & News

• Associate Professor **Misty Schieberle** submitted exclusive pictorial and verbal commentary on what she dubs "her latest, er, production" to the *DNB*: "Misty Schieberle and husband Michael welcomed **Balian William Lundin** on March 1 at 3:42 am, 7 lbs 15 oz. Misty theorizes that his early arrival signals his intent to contribute to the family's experience of March Madness. Misty and baby are home and doing well."



• Professor Emeritus **Jim Gunn** writes that he had a big week: "two stories in *Asimov's Science Fiction*; a guest editorial in *Analogue*"

## Calendar

**F 9 SAGE Meeting**, 4:00 pm, 4076 Wescoe.

**W 14 Resident Humanities Fellow Presentation**, "How Books Became Facts in Early Modern England," **Jonathan Lamb**, English, 12:00-1:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall. RSVP one week in advance to [hall-center@ku.edu](mailto:hall-center@ku.edu).

**M 19-  
N 25 Spring Break**

*Science Fiction/Science Fact*, a featured interview in *Locus*, and an agreement with a French company (making films in English) to film my 1976 Scribner's novel, *The Magicians*." The *DNB* will provide details when we get them.

● **Jacob Herrmann** is the recipient of a **Hall Center Graduate Summer Research Award** in support of his dissertation project, "Wandering Imperialism: Nationalism, Hybridity, and Identity in the Matter of Britain." **Rachel Brown** is also a recipient of a GRSA, adding to her extraordinary run of funding success this spring (see 19 January *DNB*).

### ***KU and Regional Events***

● **University Theatre** continues *When the Rain Stops Falling*, by Andrew Bovell, 9-10 March, 7:30 pm, 11 March, 2:30 pm, Crafton-Preyer Theatre, Murphy Hall.

● **KU Libraries Art + Feminism Wikipedia Edit-a-thon**, editing Wikipedia entries to improve the representation of art, feminism, gender studies, and LGBTQ+ topics, 10 March, 12:00-5:00 pm, Murphy Art & Architecture Library, Spencer Museum of Art. Bring laptop and power cord.

● **Place, Race, and Space Seminar**, "Truth Crushed to the Earth Shall Rise Again: The Political Evolution of General Baker, Black Revolutionary," David Goldberg, CLAS, Wayne State University, 12 March, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

● **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Paul Rehak Symposium in Ancient Art**, "Material Culture in Antiquity: Theory and Artifact," speakers from Columbia University, Boston University, and Cornell University (see Hall Center website), 13 March, 2:00-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.

● **Gender Seminar**, "Becoming Father and Son: Robert and Gregg Allerton and Historical Perspectives on Queer Kinship," Nicholas Syrett, WGSS, 15 March, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

● **Military & Society Seminar**, "Health Promotion for Military Bases and Base Communities," Vincent Francisco, Applied Behavioral Sciences, 15 March, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

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

● **FSE Project Proposals** for 2018-2019. All current GTAs are invited to apply. Deadline: 9 April.

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

● **CTE Teaching-Related Education and Travel (TREAT) Fund**, to explore cutting-edge work being done in teaching. Application deadline: 26 March.

Department of English Senior Lecturer **Stephen F. Evans** passed away on 26 February after a short illness. A gathering of his family and friends took place on 3 March. The Department will honor Steve at our annual Milestones Celebration on Thursday, 26 April, in the North Gallery of the Spencer Research Library.