



## Twin Spin

At his book launch party on the evening of May 2, KU English MFA student **Korbin Jones** will have a decision to make. When someone asks him to read from his new book, should he select one of the poems he translated from Spanish for *SFO: Pictures and Poetry about San Francisco?* Or should he choose one of the original poems from his first poetry collection, *songs for the long night*? Since both books are being published this month, either will be an option. What a pleasant dilemma! Perhaps he'll do a "twin spin" and read a poem from each. *SFO* contains over twenty poems by Pablo Luque Pinilla, translated by Jones, all with an accompanying photograph by José Luis R. Torrego. *songs for the long night* collects much of the poetry Jones has written over a tumultuous last few years (for more details about this work, see KU English PhD student **Kyle Teller's** interview with Jones at <https://englishcw.ku.edu/korbin-scott-jones-songs-long-night>). The interview also contains information about Jones's endeavors as editor-in-chief of *Fearsome Critters: A Millennial Arts Journal* and co-host of *Spectered: A Paranormal Podcast* (with fellow MFA student **Arielle Michelle Raymos**). KU English's **Nadine Worley** will be a featured reader at the book launch, along with poet Kelley Lewis. The event takes place at The Raven Book Store beginning at 7:00 pm.



Korbin Jones



## Calendar

**M 22 SAGE Book Fair**, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Wescoe Beach (continues through 4/24).

**Nino Cipri, MFA Defense**, 2:00 pm, 3025 Wescoe (Anatol, Johnson, Moriarty)

**Library Collections Forum**, update on scholarly journal negotiations and subscriptions, 2:00-3:00 pm, Watson Library, Third Floor West.

**Brianna Blackwell, MA Defense**, 3:30 pm, 3025 Wescoe (Anatol, Lamb, McKitterick)

**T 23 Simons Public Humanities Luncheon/Seminar**, "How Sacagawea Got Her Groove Back," **Tiffany Midge**, poet, editor, author, and 2019 Simons Public Humanities Fellow, 12:00-1:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall. RSVP to [hallcenter@ku.edu](mailto:hallcenter@ku.edu) by 4/16.

**Graduate Symposium** to share research on subjects related to Latin America and the Caribbean. Presenters include **Gibette Encarnación** and **Sandra Jacobo**, English (on panel at 3:20 pm), 2:00-5:00 pm, Jay Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor), Kansas Memorial Union.

**Dave Snyder, MFA Defense**, 1:00 pm, 422 Chalmers Hall (Fischer, Kaminski, Burke)

**Voting Department Meeting**, 4:00 pm, 4051 Wescoe.

**W 24 Mikaela Warner, MA Defense**, 2:30 pm, 3025 Wescoe (Lamb, Schieberle, Sousa)

**Hall Center Research Fellow Presentation**, "Perverse Intimacies: Poetry, Anatomy, and the Early Modern Female Form," **Whitney Sperrazza**, Digital Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow, 3:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.

**R 25 Disability Studies Seminar**, "Returning to the Origin: A Somatic Approach to Disability & Trauma," **Amy Hume**, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

**Morgan McComb, MA Defense**, 3:30 pm, 3025 Wescoe (Anatol, Hardison, Bolden)

**F 26 Marcus Höhne, RDP**, 10:00 am, 3025 Wescoe (Lamb, Schieberle, Sousa)

**Ashley Ortiz, PhD Defense**, 11:00 am, 3001A Wescoe (Anatol, Conrad, Drake, Fitzgerald, Doan)

**Dee McElhattan, MFA Defense**, 1:00 pm, 3025 Wescoe (Anatol, Canady, Kaminski)

**Kim Gronniger, MFA Defense**, 2:00 pm, 3001A Wescoe (Lorenz, Moriarty, Lieberman)

**R 2 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Department of English Writers' Faire**, 11:00 am-2:00 pm, Spencer Museum of Art.

**Department of English Milestones Celebration**, to honor retiring colleagues, faculty members advancing in rank, and graduate students who are completing degrees, 3:30-4:30 pm, North Gallery, Spencer Research Library.

**Poetry Reading and Book(s) Launch** to celebrate the release of two poetry collections by KU English MFA student **Korbin Jones** (one he authored and one he translated). Featured readers: **Nadine Worley** and **Kelley Lewis**, 7:00-8:00 pm, Raven Book Store.

**F 3 Nature & Culture Seminar**, "Strange Stories and the Descent of Mind," **Anna Neill**, English, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

**English Director of Graduate Studies/English Graduate Students "All Hands on Deck" Meeting**, 4:15-5:15 pm, 4033 Wescoe Hall.



The annual **SAGE Book Fair** will enliven Wescoe Beach early next week. English graduate students will man book tables laden with everything from pulp thrillers to esoteric tomes from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 22-24. All funds raised will support graduate student travel to regional, national, and international conferences. This year, for the first time, SAGE will be able to accept credit cards. Stop by, find a bargain, and help out our graduate program!

## Publications

### Jones, Korbin

Translator, *SFO: Pictures & Poetry about San Francisco* by Pablo Luque Pinilla & José Luis R. Torrego, Tolsun Books, 2019  
*songs for the long night*, Rebel Satori Press, 2019.

## Accepted for Publication

### Schieberle, Misty

“An Intriguing Trilingual Miscellany in London, British Library, MS Harley 219,” *Review of English Studies*, forthcoming.

## Announcements, Notes & News

● **HBW Shines at the 2019 College Language Association Conference:** Claremont McKenna College professor **Derik Smith** nabbed the **CLA Book Award** for *Robert Hayden in Verse: New Histories of African American Poetry and the Black Arts Era*. Smith participated in HBW’s 2015 NEH Institute, “**Black Poetry after the Black Arts Movement.**” KU English MFA candidate **Vince Omni** won the **Creative Writing Award (Fiction)** for early pages of his thesis project. Omni is the office manager for HBW.



Derik Smith and Vince Omni

● **Laura Mielke’s** spectacular spring turned positively supernal with the announcement that she has been appointed as a **Dean’s Professor** by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

● **Megan Kaminski** received the **Bernadette Gray-Little “Expanding the Reach” Award** at this year’s **Emily Taylor Center’s Women’s Hall of Fame** celebration. The award is given to “a faculty member who is contributing to campus recruitment and retention efforts through their work to promote gender equity and campus diversity.” The presenter cited Kaminski’s success in creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment, especially for marginalized students. Her community work with the Taproom Poetry Series and the new Ad Astra Community Poetry Workshops were also noted. KU English MFA students **Hannah Warren** and **Hannah Soyer** nominated Kaminski for the award.

● Congratulations to **Tom and Sue Lorenz** who are first-time grandparents! Their daughter Kate gave birth to **Willia Suzanne Lorenz**, 7 lbs, 9 oz, on Tax Day.

● At a ceremony on 16 April, KU English PhD student **Jacob Herermann** was recognized as one of five finalists for the **Student Employee of the Year Award** for his efforts as Workshop Coordinator at the **KU Writing Center**.

## KU and Regional Events

● **Don’t Hide the Madness**, reading and book signing with Steven Taylor, editor; James Grauerholz, estate of William S. Burroughs; Peter Hale, Executive Director, The Allen Ginsberg Project, 25 April, 5:30-7:00 pm, Jayhawk Ink Lounge, Kansas Union Level 2.

● **University Theatre** presents *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, the opera, libretto adapted from Shakespeare by Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears, featuring the KU Symphony Orchestra, 26 April, 2, 4 May, 7:30 pm, 28 April, 2:30 pm, Crafton-Preyer Theatre, Murphy Hall.

● **Day of Creativity**, 1:00-4:00 pm, Spencer Museum of Art.

● **Hall Center Visiting Regional Faculty Luncheon**, with Edward Mulholland, World and Classical Languages and Cultures, Benedictine College; and Edith Nally, Philosophy, UMKC, 29 April, 12:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall. RSVP by 24 April.

● **HASTAC Scholar Showcase Meet-n-Greet**, 2 May, 12:00-1:30 pm, DH Studio, Watson 410A.

● **Gender Seminar**, “Missing Voices: Gender, Identity and Citizenship in the People’s Republic of China,” John Kennedy, Political Science, 2 May, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

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

● **KU Libraries Information Literacy Mini-Grants** for faculty who commit to working with a team of librarians to redesign an assignment in an undergraduate course to meet an information literacy learning outcome. Deadline: 3 May.

