Department of English New Faculty Reception

KU English will formally welcome Randall Fuller, the inaugural Herman Melville Distinguished Professor of Nineteenth-Century American Literature, as well as our new graduate students and GTAs, at a New Faculty Reception on Tuesday, 19 September. The event will be held in the newly-renovated North Gallery of the Spencer Research Library from 3:30-4:40 pm. There will be a brief program at about 4:05. We hope that will give everyone with 2:30 classes that day plenty of time to migrate to Spencer. Light refreshments and beverages will be served. All faculty, staff, and graduate students are invited to attend. Fuller has been active in establishing the name of the new Melville professorship across the country this summer and fall, penning two public humanities reviews for the Wall Street Journal, publishing a short article in Nature, and, most recently, delivering the Common Book Keynote Address at Skidmore College where his newest monograph, The Book That Changed America: How Darwin’s Theory of Evolution Ignited a Nation, was selected as required summer reading for incoming Skidmore students. This man deserves a free drink! Come officially greet Randy and his wife, Julie, as well as all of our new GTAs and graduate students (and each other) on the 19th.

Publications

Baltazar, Jason

Bensel, Alyse

Evans, Stephen F.

Presentations

Fuller, Randall

Herrmann, Jacob (with Adam Mills)
“How to Design Workshops and Run a Workshop Program in Your Writing Center.” The Greater Kansas City Writing Center Tutor Retreat, Overland Park, Kansas, 26 August 2017.

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Accepted for Publication

Bensel, Alyse

Calendar

F 15 Fall 2017 Applied Humanities Workshop. Diverse Academic Careers presents N.Y. Nathiri, Executive Director of P.E.C. which hosts the Zora Neale Hurston Festival of Arts and Humanities, 4:00-5:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Room. Co-sponsored by English.

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

2nd Annual State of the College, hosted by Dean of CLAS Carl Lejuez, will include an overview of College priorities and an audience Q&A. To be recorded for future viewing. 4:00 pm, The Commons.

Reading/Talk by Kij Johnson, English, to launch the new Gunn Center (CSSF) and Emily Taylor Center for Women & Gender Equity feminist science fiction book club, 6:00 pm, Jayhawk Ink.

F 22 Book Launch, In Good Faith, by Maria Polonchek (MFA ’11), 7:00 pm, The Raven.


W 27 2Cs, 5:30 pm, Cielito Lindo.

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F 29 Digital Humanities Forum, for schedule, see idrh@ku.edu.
Announcements, Notes, & News

- The winners of the 2017 Trollope Prize, administered by KU English, are Katharine Scott, College of William and Mary (undergraduate level), and Joel Simunditch, Brown University (graduate level). The winners receive cash awards of $1000 and $2000 respectively. Simunditch’s essay, “Feeling for the World: Everyday Life and the Utopianism of Form in Anthony Trollope’s The Fixed Period,” will be published online by The Fortnightly Review. The judges for this year’s competition were Mary Poovey, Samuel Rudin University Professor in the Humanities and Professor of English at NYU; Gordon Bigelow, Professor of English at Rhodes College, and Dorice Williams Elliott, KU English. More information on the Trollope Prize can be found at http://trollopeprize.ku.edu).

- Alyse Bensel has been selected to receive Third Place for the Nan Snow Emerging Writer Award. The Snow Awards will be presented at the C.D. Wright Conference at the University of Central Arkansas in November 2017.

HBW News

- The Project on the History of Black Writing had a busy summer, hosting the Beijing Foreign Studies University/KU English Institute from July 12-15 (see picture below). Individual students who have worked with HBW have seen recent success as well. Kris Coffey has been hired as an assistant professor at Evergreen State University. Hui Meng has begun an appointment as an assistant professor at Beijing Foreign Studies University. Will Cunningham has accepted a position with Defy Ventures as a grant writer and research analyst (he also successfully defended his dissertation). Crystal Bradshaw did an internship with the Center for American Indian Community Health in Kansas City. Mona Ahmed was selected to participate in the Summer 2017 Wellesley College Women’s Leadership Program.

KU and Regional Events

- Digital Humanities Seminar. “HathiTrust Research Center: Strategic approaches to opening research opportunities on closed data,” J. Stephen Downie, Director, HathiTrust Research Center, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 18 September, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room. Additional meeting for faculty earlier in the day to discuss the creation of subject collections in HathiTrust, 11:00 am, Johnson Room, 350 Spencer Research Library.

- CTE Fall Workshop. “Inclusive Assignment Design,” Andrea Greenhoot, CTE/Psychology and Lua Yuille, Law, 19 September, 12:00-1:00 pm, 135 Budig.

- Oral History Seminar. “Queering Flamenco: OUT in the Tropics 2016,” Michelle Heffner Hayes, Dance, 19 September, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- Coffee Talk & Tasting, 21 September (and every third Thursday), 3:00-4:00 pm, Ecumenical Christian Ministries.

- Military & Society Seminar. “No Beer, No Booze, No Babes: Entertaining America's Volunteer,” Kara Dixon Vuic, History, Texas Christian University, 21 September, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- Colonialism Seminar. “Unsettling States: Race and Purity in Cuba’s Last Indian Pueblos,” David Sartorius, History, University of Maryland, College Park, 25 September, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- Disability Studies Seminar. “Aging and Disability: The Lost Generation,” Carl F. Calkins and Laura Walker Jackson, Human Development, UMKC, 28 September, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

- Philosophy Lecture. “Schema, Perception and Memory in Social Interaction,” Susan Sterrett, History/Philosophy of Science, Wichita State University, 29 September, 3:30 pm, Divine Nine Room, Kansas Union.

- CTE Fall Workshop. “Improving Student Engagement in Online Courses,” Julie Loats, CODL; Susan Marshall, Psychology; and Doug Ward, CTE/Journalism and Mass Communications, 28 September, 12:00-1:00 pm, 135 Budig.

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


The BFSU/KU English Institute visits a quilting exhibit opening at the Spencer Museum of Art. BFSU and KU students bracketed by Beth Schultz (L) and Maryemma Graham (R). “Narratives of the Soul” exhibit organizer Marla Jackson (C).