Inaugural Writers’ Faire

The First- and Second-Year English Program is mounting an ambitious Writers’ Faire from 1:00-5:00 pm on Thursday, 10 December, at The Commons, Spooner Hall. This innovative event provides a showcase for student writing projects in the English Department, and is intended as a celebration of the “many kinds of texts that are being composed in our English courses.” FSE officials note that, “while traditional academic writing will be on display, other kinds of texts will be exhibited as well. In addition to standard essays, the Writers’ Faire will display zines and comics, chapbooks, websites, and blogs, children’s books, video essays, public service announcements, photographic essays, posters, etc.” In many cases, student authors will be present to discuss their work. Thanks to the efforts of Frank Farmer and Shane Wood, the Writers’ Faire has received widespread notice across the University and the community. Please support FSE and KU English by taking a bit of time on Thursday afternoon to go to the Faire!

Publications

Bensel, Alyse

Drake, Phillip

Harrington, Joseph

Johnson, Kij
“A Forest in Which to Grow Fantasies.” Review of B. Catling’s The Voohr, Slate, 5 June.

Kaminski, Megan

Calendar

F 4 Department of English Holiday Party, 7:00-9:00 pm, Union Pacific Depot/Lawrence Visitors Center, 402 N. 2nd St., North Lawrence.

M 7 Early Modern Seminar, “1615-2015: Part II of the Quijote in the Twenty-First Century,” featuring Jonathan Lamb, English; Isidro Rivera, Spanish & Portuguese; Robert Bayliss, Spanish & Portuguese; and Luis Cortuguer, History, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

T 8 Graduate Committee Workshop, “Graduate Student Funding,” 3:30 pm, 1009 Wescoe. Discussion of funding (3:30-4:15 pm); workshop of student materials (4:15-5:00 pm).

Advisory Committee Meeting, 4:00 pm, 3001A Wescoe.

W 9 Rebekah Taussig, Doctoral Exam, 9:00 am, 3001A Wescoe (Graham, Kaminski, Moriarty, Neill, Tucker).

R 10 Writers’ Faire, 1:00-5:00 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall (see above for details).

Satarah Wheeler, MFA Thesis Defense, 3:00 pm, 3025 Wescoe (Canady, Kaminski, Moriarty).

F 11 Stop Day

M 14 Patrick Gabbard, Doctoral Exam, 1:00 pm, 3001A Wescoe (Graham, Harrington, Lorenz, Rowland, Rosenthal).

T 15 Simone Savannah, Doctoral Exam, 9:00 am, 3001A Wescoe (Anatol, Canady Graham, Kaminski, Caccagnoi).

Chelsea Murdock, Doctoral Exam, 1:00 pm, 3001A Wescoe (Devitt, Farmer, Fitzgerald, Reiff, Cho).

Meghara Eichhorn-Hicks, Doctoral Exam, 1:30 pm, 2648 Wescoe (Conrad, D. Elliott, Outka, Rowland, Stock).

Creighton Brown, RPD, 2:30 pm, 3025 Wescoe (Anatol, B. Caminero-Santangelo, Graham).

W 16 Amanda Sladek, Doctoral Exam, 10:00 am, 3001A Wescoe (Devitt, Farmer, Grund, Reiff, Hallman).

R 17 Chancellor’s Annual Holiday Reception, 3:30-5:00 pm, Bruckner/McGee/All American Rooms, Adams Alumni Center.

F 18 Paula Console-Soican, Ph.D. Defense, 9:00 am, 3001A Wescoe (Anatol, B. Caminero-Santangelo, M. Caminero-Santangelo, Hayes, Myers).

T 29 Final grades due (11:59 pm)

McKitterick, Chris

**Presentations**

Conrad, Kathryn
Roundtable participant, “Yeats and Late Irish Modernism,” Modernist Studies Association (MSA 17), Boston, MA, 21 November (contribution delivered by Gregory Castle).

Johnson, Kij
“Immersion Strategies” (day-long seminar). Clarion West Writers Workshop, Seattle, WA, 10 October.
Reading. Clarion West Board Reading, Seattle, WA. 10 October.
Workshop. Odyssey Workshop (one week). Saint Anselm College, Goffstown, NH. 6-10 July.

McKitterick, Chris

**Accepted for Publication**

Sladek, Amanda
“Crossing the Academic Bridge with a ‘New Literacies Narrative’” *Writing on the Edge*, Fall 2015.

Johnson, Kij

Poole, Jason

**Announcements, Notes, & News**

• **Important!** As the end of the semester approaches, the office staff reminds full-and part-time faculty that it is inappropriate—and unwise—to have students turn in final exams or papers to the English office. In the past, papers and examinations have been lost because they have been misplaced by students, turned in without names or names of teachers, etc, to the great inconvenience of students, faculty, and staff. During faculty, lecturer, and GTA orientation, this rule is emphasized, but it is difficult to enforce, particularly when instructions to students have already been given. This semester, please collect papers or take-home exams in class or during office hours. The staff understands that some students will turn papers in late because of illness or procrastination, and is prepared to accommodate them. Problems arise when the mailboxes are used as the depository for entire classes.

• Ph.D. student **Angela Murphy** has received a double helping of Thanksgiving good news. Her paper, “A Tale of Two Universities: Organizational Responses to Serious Misconduct to Stakeholders,” was selected as a top paper at the National Communication Association Conference in Las Vegas in the Public Relations division. The selection is accompanied by an award. She also has received a Doctoral Student Research Award from Graduate Studies fo fund her research trip to Senegal, West Africa, in January 2016.

• Besides having a new short story accepted for publication (see “Publications”), **Jason Poole** has been informed that an earlier published story, “There from Here,” has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize by *The Fourth River*.

• Several poems by **Vic Contoski** have been published in Serbian translation (by Mira N. Mataric) in *PROLOM* XIX:67:100-103.