



Job Candidates Coming

The second of three candidates for the **Assistant Professor of Fiction Writing** position visits this week. **Deb Olin Unferth** will be on campus Wednesday and Thursday 29-30 January. A reading and reception are scheduled for 30 January (see "Calendar"). Deb Olin Unferth is a part-time faculty member at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and an adjunct faculty member at the Writer's Studio, Graham School, University of Chicago. She received an MFA in Creative Writing from Syracuse University in 1998. She has published over fifteen stories in ten different journals, was a finalist in *The Atlantic Monthly* writing contest in 1998, and has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize two of the last three years. She is also currently the fiction editor of *StoryQuarterly*. She is especially interested in the short short story form, travel writing and translation (she is fluent in Spanish), and the links between written texts and visual art. Our third candidate, **Rebecca Curtis**, will be here 3-5 February. The Department encourages all faculty members and graduate students to review the files of all the candidates in 3108 Wescoe (blue files should be reviewed by full-time faculty only).

Publications (2002)

Fowler, Doreen

Rev. of David Minter, *Faulkner's Questioning Narratives: Fiction of His Major Phase, 1929-42*. *The Arkansas Review* 33.3 (December 2002): 242-43.

Irby, Ken

"[nostos . kuboal]"; "Our backyard pavilion" (poems). *Hambone* 16 (2002): 179-181.

"When I was younger" (poem). *First Intensity* 17 (2002): 52-53.

Swann, Marjorie

Rev. of Graham L. Hammill, *Sexuality and Form: Caravaggio, Marlowe, and Bacon*, *Journal of Sixteenth-Century Studies*, 33.3 (Fall 2002): 901-902.

Rev. of Jennifer Summit, *Lost Property: The Woman Writer and English Literary History, 1380-1589*, *Albion* 33.3 (Fall 2001): 438-439.

Rev. of Barbara Howard Traister, *The Notorious Astrological Physician of London: Works and Days of Simon Forman*, *Journal of English and Germanic Philology* 101.3 (July 2002): 450-452.

Publications (2003)

Worth, George

Macmillan's Magazine, 1859-1907: "No Flippancy or Abuse Allowed" (book). Aldershot, Hampshire, and Burlington, Vermont: Ashgate, 2003.

Announcements, Notes, & News

• **From the Chair:** "The Department, through **David Bergeron** and **Amy Devitt's** good work, has qualified for the "finals" in CTE's award competition for large department teaching quality. As a reward for their good work, I have asked David and Amy, joined by our CTE representative, **Doreen Fowler**, to prepare the final portfolio documenting our teaching prowess, now and in the past. If you have

or can think of evidence that might be useful to them, please feel free to pass it on to them, along with your thanks for their collegial and civic-minded efforts.

• **Faculty Members:** Please tell your English majors about the internship opportunities available to them through the English Department. In addition to our ongoing relationships with Andrew-McMeel Publishing Company and the American Academy of Family Physicians, Publications Division, we are beginning a new relationship with Universal Press Syndicate, the world's largest independent newspaper syndicate. Internships are available for Spring, Summer, and Fall 2003 for good candidates. If interested, please contact: Professor **Bud Hirsch**, 3119 Wescoe Hall, (785) 864-2523, <bahirsch@ku.edu>.

Calendar

F 24 Encore presentation of **John Edgar Tidwell's** 1/22 appearance on Channel 6's "River City Weekly." Other encore presentations will be aired at 9:00 am on 1/25 and 7:30 pm 1/27-28.

M 27 **Jan Prewitt**, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam, 12:00-3:00 pm, 3132 Wescoe (*Casagrande*, Barnard, B. Caminero-Santangelo, D. Elliott, Eodice, Postma-Carter)

Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm, 3132 Wescoe. Agenda: 1) Preview of semester 2) Strategic Planning Report 3) Lower division credit for Study Abroad 4) Promotion and Tenure

R 30 **SAGE Reception** for **Deb Olin Unferth**, 9:00-10:00 am, 3132 Wescoe

Reading, "A Serious Explanation," **Deb Olin Unferth**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, candidate for Assistant Professor of Fiction Writing, 4:00 pm, Centennial Room, Kansas Union. **Department Reception** follows immediately at home of **Carolyn Doty**, 1630 Barker Avenue. All Department members are encouraged to attend.

F 31 Please submit **nominations** or **self-nominations** for the position of Chair of the KU Department of English to **Anna Neill** by this date.

M 3 **Philosophy & Literature Seminar**, "A Case for Peircean Literary Criticism: A Pragmatic Reading of *The Scarlet Letter*," John K. Sheriff, Bethel College, 3:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

Voting Department and **Senior Staff** meetings will be held on Thursday, 6 February, to discuss and vote on the candidates for the Fiction Writing position

• **This Doesn't Happen Every Day:** **Mary Catherine Davidson** received a surprise acknowledgment in Peter Dendle's new book *The Zombie Movie Encyclopedia*.

• **John Edgar Tidwell** was the invited Martin Luther King Day speaker in Winfield, KS. His presentation was entitled "Bearing Witness: Dr. King, Frank Marshall Davis, and the Fight for Racial Justice." Also, in preparation for the upcoming visit of fiction writer, Paule Marshall, Edgar facilitated a discussion January 22nd of her novel, *Praisesong for the Widow*, for the Lawrence Public Library study group reading four of Ms. Marshall's books.

• **Paul Stephen Lim** is pleased to let everyone know that the latest EAT playwright to appear in print is Michael O'Brien, whose play "Bunnies" is now available in "Best Student One Acts: Volume 7" from Dramatic Publishing, Inc. "Bereft" by Nick Woods was included in Volume 6, "Upright" by James Kilburn in Volume 4, "The Devil's Game" by Bo Price in Volume 2, and "The Beadsman" by Brian Boies in Volume 1. Published separately in an acting edition last year was "Whiteout" by Alan Newton. Still forthcoming, also from Dramatic Publishing, are "Pterodactyls" by Scott Ferree, and "Mourning Glorie" by Kirby Fields. Copies of all these plays can be ordered by calling 1-800-448-7469.

• **Laura Wexler** (M.A. 1997) has just published *Fire in a Canebrake: The Last Mass Lynching in America* (Scribner, 2003). Laura will be doing a book-signing at Borders Books, 9108 Metcalf, Overland Park on 28 February, 7:30 pm.

• **John K. Sheriff's** visit (See "Calendar") is co-sponsored by the English Department's **Lecturers & Readers** program. Sheriff is Leisy Professor of English and Academic Dean at Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas. His teaching and research areas include American literature, Shakespeare, literary theory, and semiotics. He received his B.A. (English) from Greenville College (Illinois), M.A. (English) from the University of Illinois, and Ph.D. (English) from the University of Oklahoma. His books include *The Fate of Meaning: Charles Peirce, Structuralism, and Literature* (Princeton UP, 1989) and *Charles Peirce's*

Guess at the Riddle (Indiana UP, 1994). Those more interested in Hawthorne than Peirce will find Professor Sheriff's paper very accessible. He plans to give a brief overview of his ideas regarding a Peircean-inflected literary criticism, while the discussion that follows will address his paper, a close reading of the text. The paper is available at the Hall Center website <www.hallcenter.ku.edu/Seminar/Phil&Lit>. Click on the listing for February 3; when prompted, type in the password (philandlit). If there are any difficulties retrieving the paper, please contact **Iris Fischer** at <ilsmith@ku.edu>.

KU and Regional Events (Posted)

• **KU Opera** presents Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Mikado*: 31 January-2 February, Swarthout Recital Hall, Murphy Hall.

• **CTE Tuesday Tea**, "Technology Outside the Classroom," Rich Hale, Aerospace Engineering and Joann Keyton, Communication Studies, 28 January, 3:30-4:30 pm; **CTE Lunch & Conversation**, 29 January, same subject, with Reva Friedman-Nimz, Teaching and Leadership, rather than Professor Keyton, 12:00-1:00 pm.

• **Academic Advisor Brown Bag Meetings**, "Learning Communities & the PRE-101 Orientation Seminar Course," 29 January, 12:00-1:30 pm, Kansas Room, Kansas Union. Discussion of the new "thematic learning communities" which will be launched at KU in the fall of 2003.

• **Humanities Graduate Student Grant/Fellowship Proposal Development Workshop**, 12 and 13 February, 6:00-8:00 pm (identical workshops), 419 Watson Library, to assist graduate students whose interests and research projects embrace the humanities to find and apply for sources of funding. Please RSVP by 4 February to 4-7833 or <hgdo@ku.edu>.

• **American Seminar**, "Distinctly Indigenous North American: The Cheyenne Ledger Book and Genre in Art/Literature," 29 January, Denise Low-Weso, Haskell Indian Nations University, 3:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.