



English Week at the Hall Center



Jonathan Beecher Field



Kij Johnson



Iain Ellis



Paul Outka

English scholars will be thick on the ground at the Hall Center this week, like snow on the Lawrence landscape. On Monday, **Jonathan Beecher Field**, Associate Professor of English at Clemson University, will address the Early Modern Seminar (see “Calendar” for details of this and other events). Field is a specialist in early American literature whose work is highly transatlantic in nature (see the title of his talk). He is the author of *Errands into the Metropolis: New England Dissidents in Revolutionary London* (Dartmouth, 2009). On Tuesday, two of the three featured speakers at the Hall Center’s “Celebration of Books” from 2012 will be KU English faculty members. **Kij Johnson** will discuss her story collection, *At the Mouth of the River of Bees*. **Iain Ellis** will talk about his *Brit Wits: A History of British Rock Humor*. Finally, on Friday, **Paul Outka** will present a portion of his research on Owen Wister’s *The Virginian* to the Nature & Culture Seminar. What a good week to head south, though more than a few hundred yards would be preferable!

Publications

Kaminski, Megan

“On ‘My Syntax Shift’” (essay). *In Their Own Words*, Poetry Society of America, February 2013.

Presentations

Harris, William J.

“Marilyn Nelson, Nikky Finney, and the Political Poem after the Black Arts Movement,” Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1990, University of Louisville, 23 February.

Lamb, Jonathan

Invited Lecture. “*Hamlet’s* Parenthesis,” Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, 27 February.

Thonus, Terese

“Researching the Writing Center: What We Can Learn.” Southeast Writing Centers Association Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 22 February

Accepted for Publication

Mielke, Laura

“Edwin Forrest’s July 4th Oration and the Specters of Provocative Eloquence,” *American Literature*.

KU and Regional Events

- **Peace, War & Global Change Seminar**, “Point Four and Mutual Security: The Intersection of International and Domestic Racial Tensions,” Amanda Schlumpberger, History, 1 March, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

Calendar

- S 2** **Beecher’s Party and Fundraiser**, to benefit MFA’s student-run *Beecher’s Magazine*, 6:00 pm (family-friendly BBQ), 8:00 pm (extra fun for 21& up), 3725 Westland Place, Lawrence. Suggested donation: \$5.
- N 3** **English Graduate Reading Series** features **Sara Leavens**, **Simone Savannah**, and **Justin Zaruba**, 6:00 pm, Genovese Restaurant, 941 Massachusetts.
- M 4** **Early Modern Seminar**, “Reading Antinomian Monstrosity During the English Civil War, 1640-1660,” **Jonathan Beecher Field**, English, Clemson University, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- T 5** **Celebration of Books Published by Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts Faculty in 2012**. Featured speakers: **Iain Ellis**, English; **Kij Johnson**, English; **Adrian Lewis**, History. 4:00-6:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.
- F 8** **Nature & Culture Seminar**, “Western Landscapes and the Dreamwork of Whiteness,” **Paul Outka**, English, 3:30-5:00 pm, Seminar Room 1.

• **CTE Event: Strategies for Integrating the Common Book into Your Courses**, Tom Volek, Journalism; Tara Welch, Classics; Jen Church-Duran, KU Libraries, 4 March, 12:00-1:00 pm, 135 Budig Hall.

• **Resident Fellows Seminar**, “The Unseen Things: HIV, Secrecy, and Wellbeing among Women in Nigeria,” Katie Rhine, Anthropology, 7 March, 12:00-1:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.

• **Institute for Digital Research in the Humanities Digital Jumpstart Workshop**, 7-8 March, all day, 4th Floor, Watson Library. RSVP required. See idrh@ku.edu for details.