



New English Advisor: Evan Johnson



Evan Johnson

We miss **Shantae Coleman**, last year's English advisor, who has moved on to a new assignment, but we're delighted to welcome **Evan Johnson** into that role this year and hope Department members will get to know him. This is Johnson's first year with CASS (College Advising and Student Services). He comes to KU with a B.S. in Sociology (Human Services) from Winona State University and a Masters of Education (Cultural & Educational Policy Studies) from Loyola University of Chicago. Originally from Bloomington, MN, Johnson has lived in Wisconsin as well as Min-

nesota and Illinois. He received a heavy dose of KU English indoctrination by attending the English faculty retreat in August, but escaped in time to fly to Minneapolis that night for his bachelor party. Evan is a dog person. He names basketball, music, documentaries, and cooking with his fiancée as favorite hobbies and diversions. He'd like to go to Bora Bora, but enjoys Colorado. During working hours, however, he's glad to be part of the CASS collaborative team. Why did he choose advising as a career path? "I wanted to be in a position where I can apply my talents, knowledge and forms of capital to help students in any way I can as they continue to figure out their path and this exciting stage of their lives." If you have a chance, stop by 3001P in the next two weeks to wish Evan well in his job and in matrimony. He gets married on October 6th.

Calendar

S 22 MAMA (Mid-America Medieval Association) Conference XLII, "Skins," 8:15 am-7:00 pm, Kansas Memorial Union. Registration required. KU English grad students, alums, current faculty, and emeriti with medieval ties and interests will be presenting, chairing, or in attendance, including **Peter Grund**, **Misty Schieberle**, **Beverly Boyd**, **Kyle Marie Teller**, **Maria Dones**, **Jacob Herrmann**, **Hannah Warren**, **Kristin Bovaird-Abbo**, and **Ann Martinez**.

M 24 Book Launch & Signing, Third edition of *Alternate Worlds: The Illustrated History of Science Fiction* by **James Gunn**, 4:00-5:30 pm, Jayhawk Ink Lounge, Kansas Union Level 2.

T 25 The Great American Read, "Heroes" episode viewing and discussion with **Randy Fuller**, English, 7:00-9:00 pm, Capital Federal Hall, Rm. 1020.

Humanities Lecture Series, "Frontline: Latinos and Immigration from a Woman's Perspective," **Maria Hinojosa**, NPR/PBS, 7:30 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall. **Public conversation**, 9/26, 10:00 am, Hall Center Conference Hall.

W 26 Marcus Höhne, PhD Exam, 2:00 pm, 3001A Wescoe (Bergeron, Devitt, Lamb, *Sousa*, Keel).

State of the College, hosted by Dean **Clarence Lang**, 3:30 pm, Burge Union. Q&A follows.

Sounds of the Plains: A recital of new music exploring ideas of nature and climate featuring art songs by Kansas composers and texts by Kansas poets, including **Megan Kaminski** and **Beth Schultz**. 6:30-7:30 pm, Perkins Central Court, Spencer Museum of Art.

R 27 Careers for English Majors, panel of English alumni who work in various non-academic fields, 5:30 pm, English Room, Kansas Union.

F 28 Memorial Service for Justin Hampton, KU English, 4:00 pm, Centennial Room, Kansas Union.

T 2 Full Professors Meeting to discuss 2018-2019 rank advancement candidacies, 4:00 pm, 4051 Wescoe.

The Great American Read, "Villains and Monsters" episode screening and discussion with **Giselle Anatol** and **Laura Moriarty**, English, Capital Federal Hall, Rm. 1020.

R 4 Gender Seminar, "Pregnancy and Masculinity in Modernist Literature," **Aimee Wilson**, Humanities, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

Digital Frontiers Conference 2018, "Finding Communities in Digital Humanities," runs through Saturday, 10/6. Sessions in Burge Union and Lawrence Public Library. Registration fees halved for KU students and faculty. Please consult website <https://digital-frontiers.org/df2018> by 9/23. Keynotes free and open to the public.

F 5 SAGE Meeting, 4:00 pm, 4076 Wescoe.

Red Hot Graduate Research, "Process and Response," featuring **Charlesia McKinney**, English, and presenters from four other units, 4:00 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

N 7 Taproom Poetry Series with **Kristi Maxwell**, English, University of Louisville; **Ruth Williams**, English, William Jewell College; and **Emily Sieu Liebowitz**, 5:00 pm, Eighth Street Taproom.

Publications

Kaminski, Megan

“Weeds” (poems). *Diagram* 18.4 (2018) http://thediagram.com/18_4/kaminski.html.

Announcements, Notes, & News



Mary Klayder

• **Jeff and Amy Handlin** have established the **Mary Klayder Honors Faculty Fellowship in English** to support an Honors Faculty Fellow position for a member of the English faculty, currently Klayder herself. Honors Faculty Fellows are selected to teach, advise, and consult at the KU Honors Program and come from all over the University. This gift will ensure that English will always be represented among these fellows. The Handlins are former Honors students and advisees of Mary.

• **Kij Johnson** had an interesting publishing success this week. She sold the rights for her story, “Ponies,” to “a Klingon anthology called (in Klingon), *Worlds of Translation*, published by the KLI (which, naturally, is the Klingon Language Institute).” She adds that “Klingon is a fully developed artificial language, largely designed by Dr. Lawrence Schoen, with an utterly berserk fanbase.” Johnson notes that she was “charmed” when she received the following reply to her inquiry about translating the title of her story: “I cannot give you a definitive answer on how they’ll render “Ponies” at this time. My guess is that they’ll use the word **Sargh** (or “Sark”) which is a Klingon animal that resembles a Terrestrial horse, and then mark it with either **-Hom** (a diminutive suffix) or **-oy** (an endearment suffix). There will be discussion.”



Lauren Klein

• The opening keynote speaker at IDRH’s **Digital Frontiers 2018** conference is **Lauren Klein**, Associate Professor of Literature, Media, and Communication at Georgia Tech University. Her talk is entitled “Data Feminism: Community, Allyship, and Action in the Digital Humanities.” She will speak on Thursday, 10/4, at 9:40 am in the Burge Union. The keynote talks are free and open to the public. Discounts off the registration fees for the rest

of the conference are available to KU faculty and students (see “Calendar”). KU English graduate student **Charlesia McKinney** will also deliver a paper at the conference.

KU and Regional Events

• **CTE Workshop**, “Incorporating Disciplinary Thinking and Research into Your Undergraduate Course,” with Mark Mort, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology; and Alison Olcott, Geology, 24 September, 12:00-1:00 pm, 135 Budig.

• **CTE Workshop**, “Supporting Flexible Career Paths for PhD Students,” with Nicole Reiz, CLAS; and Holly Storkel, CLAS/Speech-Language-Hearing, 27 September, 12:00-1:00 pm, 135 Budig.

• **Colonialism Seminar**, “Brotherhoods of the Sea: Comparative History, Minor Solidarity, and Transoceanic Empathy,” Emmanuel Bruno Jean-Francois, French & Francophone Studies/Comparative Literature, Penn State University, 28 September, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• **Medieval & Early Modern Seminar**, “Ronsard Gets Political: The Discours des misères de ce temps and Religious Polemics,” Bruce Hayes, French & Italian, 1 October, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• **Humanities Grant Development Workshop Series**, “Student Workshop 1,” 3 October, 12:00-1:00 pm, Hall Center for the Humanities. RSVP required.

• **Special Lecture**, “Amazonian Humanities, Popular Environmentalisms, and Resilience Thinking,” Jorge Marcone, Rutgers University, 3 October, 4:00-6:00 pm, Malott Room, Kansas Union.

• **Nature & Culture Seminar**, “The Anthropocene: Knowing the Life of the Planet Means Knowing Ourselves,” Kris Krishtalka, Biodiversity Institute, 5 October, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• **Gordon Parks Celebration**, 5-6 October, Fort Scott Community College, Fort Scott, KS. This year’s “Gordon Parks Choice of Weapons Award” will be presented to actor Roger E. Mosley.

• **Atha Graduate Student Seminar**, “Creative Culture in 18th-Century Britain,” 12 October, 10:30 am-12:00 pm, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, 45th & Oak, Kansas City, MO.

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

• The **Sports Studies Caucus** of the **American Studies Association** will award its first annual **Graduate Student Paper Prize** at the ASA 2018 meeting in Atlanta. All currently-enrolled graduate students presenting sports-related papers at the annual meeting are eligible to submit their papers for consideration. Deadline: 22 October.