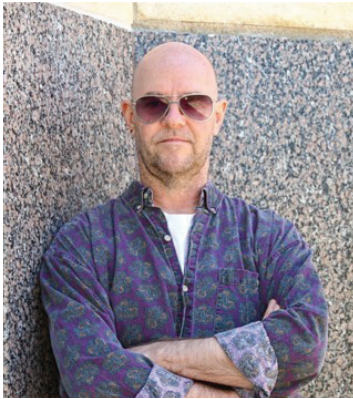




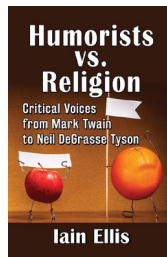
## Humorists vs. Religion



Ian Ellis

Department of English Senior Lecturer **Iain Ellis** has a new book out from McFarland this fall. According to press publicity, *Humorists vs. Religion: Critical Voices from Mark Twain to Neil DeGrasse Tyson* “recounts the dramatic skirmishes between religion – its dogma and edicts, political manifestations, and the nature of faith – and the satire, parody, jokes and hyperbole of popular wits.” Kurt Vonnegut,

H. L. Mencken, and Christopher Hitchens receive attention, along with groups and individuals including Monty Python, *Charlie Hebdo*, George Carlin, Bill Maher, Pussy Riot, Julia Sweeney, and Penn Gillette. *Humorists vs. Religion* follows two earlier Ellis monographs, *Brit Wits: A History of British Rock Humor* (2012) and *Rebels Wit Attitude: Subversive Rock Humorists* (2008). Congratulations, Iain!



## Fall 2018 Dates to Anticipate

**KU Common Book Lecture** by author **Edwidge Danticat**, 6 September, 7:00-8:30 pm, Lied Center.

**Reading** by **Michelle Tea**, memoirist, 20 September, 6:00 pm, Lawrence Arts Center Auditorium.

**English Advisory Board Fundraiser**, 20 September, 5:30-8:30 pm, Kansas City.

**Humanities Lecture Series**, “Frontline: Latinos and Immigration from a Woman’s Perspective,” **Maria Hinojosa**, journalist, 25 September, 7:30 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

**Justin Hampton Memorial Service**, 28 September, 4:00 pm, Centennial Room, Kansas Union.

**Department of English Full Professors Meeting** to discuss 2018-2019 faculty promotion candidates, 2 October, 4:00 pm, 4051 Wescoe.

**Digital Humanities Forum/Digital Frontiers 2018**, 4-6 October, Burge Union/Lawrence Public Library.

**Diverse Academic Careers Workshop**, “Pathways Beyond the Profes-soriate,” 9 October, 5:00-8:00 pm, Hall Center for the Humanities.

**Reading** by **Morgan Parker** and **Tommy Pico**, poets, 10 October, 7:00 pm, Liberty Hall.

**John F. Eberhardt Memorial Lecture**, novelist **Thrity Umrigar**, English, Case Western Reserve University, 11 October, 7:00 pm, Watson Three West, Watson Library.

**Fifth Jayhawk English Sneak Peak Visits**, for prospective graduate students, 19-20 October.

**The Unexpected Caribbean Symposium**, 18-20 October, KU Campus.

**Haunting Humanities: Disciplines in the Dark**, 24 October, 5:30-9:00 pm, Abe & Jake’s Landing.

**The American and British Lecture** by **Talia Schaffer**, English, Queens College, CUNY, 30 October, 7:00 pm, Malott Room, Kansas Union.

**Research on the Leading Edge**, “Shakespeare in the Shadows,” **Ruben Espinosa**, English, UTEP, 7 November, 3:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

**Lawrence Public Library Beach Author Series** presents fantasy novelist **Nnedi Okorafor**, English, University of Buffalo, 8 November, 7:30-9:00 pm, Liberty Hall. “Conversation,” 9 November, 9:00 am, Hall Center Conference Hall.

**Humanities Lecture Series**, “An Evening with Neil Gaiman,” 19 November, 7:30 pm, Lied Center.

**Department of English Holiday Party**, 7 December, 7:00-9:00 pm, Union Pacific Depot.

## Calendar

**F 24 Colonialism Seminar**, “Diasporic Born: Black New Orleans, Black Migrations, and Me,” **Randall Jelks**, American Studies, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

**F 31 Red Hot Research**, “Human, Next,” featuring **Paul Outka**, English, and scholars from Molecular Bioscience, EEE/C/Bioengineering, Design, and Communication Studies, 4:00 pm, The Commons at Spooner Hall.

**R 6 KU Common Book Lecture** by **Edwidge Danticat**, author of *Create Dangerously: The Immigrant Artist at Work*, 7:00-8:30 pm, Lied Center.

**F 7 Nature & Culture Seminar**, “Animal Value and the Failure of Advocacy in Peter Mathiessen’s *Far Tortuga* and Richard Powers’ *The Echo Maker*,” **Arnab Chakraborty**, English, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

## Department Meetings

Voting Department meetings have been tentatively scheduled by the Chair for **4 September, 23 October, 13 November, and 4 December**. All will take place at 4:00 pm in 4051 Wescoe. One or more of these meetings may morph into a Senior Staff meeting. It's possible that circumstances will require other meetings, so be sure to keep Tuesdays at 4 open. As noted above, there will also be a meeting of the **full professors** on **2 October** for discussion of and voting on this academic year's two faculty rank advancement candidacies.

## Publications

### Anatol, Giselle

"Using Folklore to Challenge Contemporary Social Norms: Papa Bois, Mama D'Lo, and Environmentalism in Caribbean Literature." *Practices of Resistance in the Caribbean: Narratives, Aesthetics and Politics*. Eds. Wiebke Beushausen et al. (New York: Routledge, 2018): 25-39.

### Hardin, Richard F.

Review of Silvia Montiglio, *The Myth of Hero and Leander: The History and Reception of an Enduring Greek Legend*. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 18 July 2018: x, 284.

### Johnson, Kij

"The Privilege of the Happy Ending," *Clarkesworld Magazine*. Web. 18 August.

### Lamb, Jonathan

"Shakespeare and the Experimental Classroom." Invited contribution to *Creating the Pre-Modern in the Post-Modern Classroom*, ed. Anna Riehl Bertolet and Carole Levin. Tempe: Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 2018.

"Digital Resources for Early Modern Studies," *SEL Studies in English Literature 1500-1900* 58, no. 2 (June 7, 2018): 445-72.

"William Shakespeare's *Mucedorus* and the Market of Forms," *Renaissance Drama* 46, no. 1 (March 1, 2018): 57-86, <https://doi.org/10.1086/697174>.

## Presentations

### Carothers, Jim

"Best Baseball Novels: *The Southpaw*" (paper), Sport Literature Association National Conference, 22 June.

Panelist, "Teaching Faulkner," Annual "Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha" Conference, University of Mississippi, 24 July.

"Percival Brownlee and the Ledgers," (paper), Annual "Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference, University of Mississippi, 24 July.

### Johnson, Kij

Reading, Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore, San Diego CA, 17 July

Reading, Science Fiction Bokhandeln, Stockholm (Sweden), 15 June.

Guest of honor, Swecon/Fantastika 2018, Stockholm (Sweden). Readings, interview, panel participant. 15-17 June.

### Wedge, Phillip

Host, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Sport Literature Association Conference, University of Kansas, 20-23 June.

Moderator, Panel VII, "Boxing, Round 1," Sport Literature Association Conference, University of Kansas, 21 June.

Poetry Reading, with Angie Abdou, Mark Noe, **Brian Daldorph**, Don Johnson, Shawn Rubenfeld, and Bruce Pratt, Raven Book Store, Lawrence, KS, 21 June.

## Accepted for Publication

### Lamb, Jonathan

"How to Concern Yourself with Shakespeare Books." Critical review article solicited by *Shakespeare Studies*. Forthcoming 2018.

Review of Matteo Pangallo, *Playwriting Playgoers in Shakespeare's England* (Penn UP, 2017), in *Medieval and Renaissance Drama in England*.

Review of Hugh Craig and Brett Greatley-Hirsch, *Style, Computers, and Early Modern Drama* (Cambridge UP, 2017), in *Modern Philology*.

## Announcements, Notes, & News

● **New Students:** Welcome to 25 new KU English graduate students, many of whom received GTA orientation from August 13-17. Next week's issue will provide information about who they are and where they're from, but please extend (or lend) a hand to anyone you don't recognize this week and throughout the semester.

● **New English Advisor:** **Evan Johnson** has taken over advising duties for English from **Shantae Coleman**. Evan will also advise for Philosophy and Religious Studies. We hope to profile Evan in a later issue.

● **New FSE Intern and Teaching Mentor:** This year's First- and Second-Year English Intern is PhD student **Alisa Russell**. The new FSE Teaching Mentor is lecturer **Tim Lantz** (PhD '18).

● A recent *Washington Post* story on "The Gay History of British Royals" cited **David Bergeron's** work on King James I. Similarly, **Geraldo Sousa** was interviewed by KCUR this summer in conjunction with Heart of America Shakespeare Festival's production of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

● English librarian **Sherri Brown** notes that the **MLA International Bibliography** will be available through both the ProQuest and EDSCO databases until the end of 2019, after which EBSCO will likely be the sole provider of this resource.

## KU and Regional Events

● **Gender Seminar**, "Gendering Indian Law: The Emergence of Indigenous Feminist Jurisprudence," Sarah Deer, WGSS, 6 September, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

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

● **eTropic**, Special Issue, "Tropical Gothic." Deadline: 30 December.

● **Critical Perspectives on Soccer and Social Justice**, Second Central Pennsylvania Consortium Symposium, 29 September, Dickinson College. Deadline: 8 September.

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

● **2018 George and Eleanor Woodyard International Educator Award**, for full-time, tenured KU faculty members on the Lawrence campus who have provided outstanding leadership in international education at KU. Deadline: 14 September.

● **The Brittingham & Felix Pollak Prizes in Poetry**, University of Wisconsin Press, for original full-length unpublished poetry manuscripts. Deadline: 15 September.