



Objects in March May Be Closer Than They Appear



Today, amazingly, is March 1 (are your summer and fall course descriptions in?). Spring Break will be **over** in two weeks. Suddenly, a host of English Department events will be upon us as soon as classes resume. **Recruited graduate students will be visiting** on March 18. The Department's **Mini-Symposium on the Bicentennial of Herman Melville's Birth**, featuring three prominent Melville

scholars, takes place on March 21. More of **HBW's 35th Anniversary Events**, including a **Symposium on Mass Incarceration** and two events featuring alum **DaMaris Hill** follow that weekend (March 23-24). It's time to shake off that February mindset – along with any snow from this weekend's expected storm. See "Calendar" below for some details and watch upcoming DNBs for more information on this year's rites of spring at the vernal equinox.

Announcements, Notes & News

- The **a2ru National Conference** (see "Calls for Papers") is being hosted by KU this fall. The College is encouraging faculty members who are doing cross-disciplinary work on the arts-sciences-humanities spectrum to share experiences and achievements with interdisciplinary scholars from across the country. For more information, contact Emily Ryan, eryan@ku.edu, at The Commons.

KU and Regional Events

- **Nature & Culture Seminar**, "Indigenous North American Horse Raiding: Human Social Mobility, Equine Sociability, and the Fate of Nations in the Greater Western Borderlands," Thomas Andrews, University of Colorado Boulder, 1 March, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- **Medieval & Early Modern Seminar**, "Law and French Literature in the Middle Ages: Two Examples for Consideration," Bernard Ribemont. History, University of Orleans, 4 March, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- **Humanities Book Talk**, "Ned Christie: The Creation of an Outlaw and Cherokee Hero," Devon Abbott Hihesuah, Cora Lee Beers Price Teaching Professor in International Cultural Understanding, 5 March, 3:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.
- **Video Smash**, "Kick-off Info Session," to explain this program wherein teams of faculty, grad students, and/or undergraduate students will create short videos demonstrating the power of the humanities. Cash awards for top entries. Session: 6 March, 3:00-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall.

Calendar

- T 5 Budig Teaching Lecture**, "Telling Stories: How I Learned to Write and Teach Writing," Peter Bobkowski, Journalism, 4:00 pm, Watson 3 West, Watson Library.
- Ayah Wakkad**, PhD Exam, 3:30 pm, 3001A Wescoe (Elliott, Neill, Santangelo, Warrior, Perreira).
- Poetry Reading** with **Hieu Minh Nguyen**, poetry editor of *Muzzle Magazine*, 7:00 pm, Liberty Hall.
- W 6 Modern Medievalism Film Series** featuring *Game of Thrones*, "The Battle of the Bastards," Roundtable with **Misty Schieberle**, English; Tara Welch and Emma Scioli, Classics, 6:00-7:30 pm, Spencer Museum of Art Auditorium.
- M 11-F15 Spring Break**
- M 18 Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Workshops**, "Uncorseted: Victorian Studies and the Romance Novel," **Hannah Scupham**, English, 12:00-1:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- Graduate Student Recruitment Visits**, details TBA.
- T 19 Celebration of Books Published by Humanities, Social Sciences, and Arts Faculty in 2018**, 4:00-6:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall. Among the books to be featured, works by **Amy Devitt**, **Iain Ellis**, and **Stephen Johnson**.
- W 20 Deadline** for all **English Awards** submissions.
- R 21 Herman Melville Display**, items from the Spencer Research Library's collections, 1:00-2:30 pm, Johnson Room, Spencer Research Library.
- Melville and Race: A Mini-Symposium on the Bicentennial of Melville's Birth**, 2:30-4:30 pm, North Gallery, Spencer Research Library. Reception follows.
- F 22 SAGE Meeting**, 4:00-5:00 pm, 4033 Wescoe.
- S 23 HBW's 35th Anniversary Event: Symposium on Mass Incarceration**, 2:00-6:00 pm, Lawrence Public Library Auditorium.
- HBW's 35th Anniversary Event: Reading and Book Signing**, "A Bound Woman Is a Dangerous Thing," **DaMaris Hill** (PhD '12), English, University of Kentucky, 7:00 pm, Crystal's Spot, 704 Massachusetts.
- N 24 HBW's 35th Anniversary Event: Writers Workshop** with **DaMaris Hill**, 4:00-6:00 pm, Lawrence Public Library, Meeting Room A.

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

- **Gender Seminar**, “Feminism and Firearms: Concealed Carry in the Cultural Toolkit for Women,” Margaret Kelley, American Studies, 7 March, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- **IDRH Event**, “Play and Build: 2-D Character Design,” 7 March, 5:00 pm, Digital Media Lab, Summerfield 418.
- **Place, Race & Space Seminar**, “The Struggle to Save the Quindaro Site,” Fred Whitehead, 18 March, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- **The Urban Experience Seminar**, “‘The Country Club School’: A Socio-Historical Case Study of an Urban School Evolution,” Lauren Coleman-Tempel, ELPS, 21 March, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.
- **Red Hot Research**: “Research and Policy,” speakers from Communications Studies; Psychology; Physics and Astronomy; Geography & Atmospheric Sciences, 22 March, 4:00-5:30 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

● **a2ru** (The Alliance for Arts in Research Universities) **National Conference**, 7-9 November, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. Submissions deadline: 5 April.

● **Humanities in the Wild**, a monthly evening of humanities presentations, puzzles, games, demos, and more as part of the Final Fridays art walk in downtown Lawrence between April and October 2019. Presentations should reveal how humanities scholars are “grappling with a wide array of questions related to the great outdoors.” Sponsored by the Hall Center for the Humanities. For more information, please contact Dave Tell at davetell@ku.edu or Sarah Bishop at sarahbishop@ku.edu. Application deadline: 25 March.

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

● **12th Annual Sustainability Leadership Awards**, to recognize students, faculty, and staff, as well as programs and projects that have made important contributions to sustainability and have promoted the values of environmental, economic, and social responsibility. Nomination deadline: 29 March.