



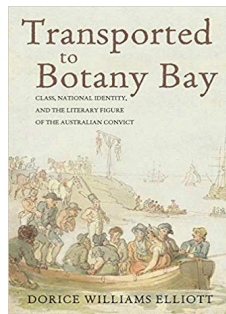
Transported to Botany Bay



Dorice Williams Elliott

Professor **Dorice Elliott's** ship has come in. In February, she completed a book project that has occupied her on and off since a sabbatical research trip to Australia in 2003. *Transported to Botany Bay* was published this week by Ohio University Press. Subtitled "Class, National Identity, and the Literary Figure of the Australian Convict," the work examines literary treatments of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century convict transportation, the removal by sea of over 168,000 British felons to Australia, a prison without walls where a second chance at respectability and social mobility was possible. Press pub-

licity notes, "In analyzing novels, broadsides, and first-person accounts, Elliott demonstrates how Britain linked class, race, and national identity at a key historical moment when it was still negotiating its relationship with its empire. The events and incidents depicted as taking place literally on the other side of the world, she argues, deeply affected people's sense of their place in their own society, with transnational implications that are still relevant today." *Transported to Botany Bay* addresses works by canonical writers like Charles Dickens and Anthony Trollope, but also analyzes lesser-known material by and about convicts and transportation, thus, in the words of one press reader, "helpfully broadening our critical horizons." An Australian scholar, also writing for the press, praises the book as "a major contribution to the fields of Victorian studies and Australian literature." Congratulations, Dorice!



Calendar

- M 6 Anthony Boynton, Doctoral Exam**, 9:00 am, 3001A Wescoe (Anatol, Canady, Hardison, McKitterick, Baringer)
- Mercedes Lucero, PhD Defense**, 11:00 am, 2085 Wescoe (Graham, Kaminski, Low, Warrior, Zamora)
- T 7 Meeyoung Kang, PhD Defense**, 9:00 am, 3001A Wescoe (Anatol, Fowler, Fuller, Mielke, Tell)
- W 8 Jordan Burr, PhD Defense**, 9:00 am, 3025 Wescoe (Conrad, Drake, McKitterick, Outka, Baringer)
- Jimin Choi, Doctoral Exam**, 9:00 am, 3001A Wescoe (Elliott, Mielke, Neill, Rowland, Welsh)

Kate Nygren, PhD Defense, 9:30 am, 2050 Wescoe (Anatol, Canady, Fischer, Fowler, Barnette)

Pete Fey, MFA Defense, 1:00 pm, 3025 Wescoe (Canady, Kaminski, Lorenz)

Farewell Reception for Clarence Lang, Interim Dean, and **Jim Mielke**, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 4:30 pm, Alumni Association, 2nd Floor.

R 9 HASTAC Scholars Project Showcase, to celebrate the work done by KU's outgoing cohort of HASTAC scholars and welcome in a new cohort, including **Christopher Peace**, English, 1:00-2:00 pm, Watson 455.

Jesse Tatum, MA Defense, 3:00 pm, 3025 Wescoe (Drake, Outka, Rowland)

F 10 Stop Day

Sarah Polo, PhD Defense, 11:00 am, 3087 Wescoe (Devitt, Reiff, Greer, Wolf-Wendel, Hallman)

Kyle Teller, Doctoral Exam, 11:30 am, 3001A Wescoe (Anatol, Johnson, Rowland, Schieberle, Perelmutter)

Meagen Youngdahl, RDP, 1:00 pm, 3025 Wescoe (Drake, Fischer, Harrington)

Ayah Wakkad, RDP, 1:15 pm, 3087 Wescoe (Elliott, Neill, Santangelo, Warrior)

Divya Bhalla, RDP, 3:30 pm, 3025 Wescoe (Elliott, Johnson, Moriarty)

Poetry/Fiction Reading by **Tiffany Midge**, Simons Public Humanities Fellow, 10 May, 7:30-9:00 pm, The Raven Book Store.

M 13 Lesley Wheeler, Doctoral Exam, 1:00 pm, 3001A Wescoe (Anatol, Kaminski, Outka, Rowland, Nam)

T 14 Charlesia McKinney, RDP, 11:30 am, 3001A Wescoe (Anatol, Devitt, Reiff)

Wil Kenney, MFA Defense, 1:30 pm, 3001A Wescoe (Anatol, Moriarty, Baringer)

R 16 Hannah Scupham, Doctoral Exam, 8:30 am, 3001A Wescoe (Elliott, Mielke, Neill, Rowland, Vandenhurst)

F 17 Department of English Honors and Awards Ceremony, 5:00 pm, Ballroom, Kansas Union.

M 20 Jessica Weatherford, PhD Defense, 1:00 pm, 3001A Wescoe (Anatol, Fitzgerald, Moriarty, Santangelo, Tucker)

R 24 Final Grades Due, 11:59 pm.

Department of English Honors and Awards Ceremony

The 2019 Department of English Honors and Awards Ceremony will be held at 5:00 pm on the Friday of Commencement Weekend (5/17) in the Ballroom of the Kansas Union. Come join faculty, staff, students, and families at this end-of-the-academic-year gathering. All graduating seniors in attendance will be recognized and many graduates and undergraduates who produced outstanding scholarly and creative work in 2018-2019 will be honored.

Publications

Elliott, Dorice Williams

Transported to Botany Bay: Class, National Identity, and the Literary Figure of the Australian Convict, Ohio University Press. 2019.

Harrington, Joseph

From "Spies in the Living House" (long poem). *Spacecraftproject*, 1 May. Web.

Kaminski, Megan

Witness (chapbook). Dusie Press, Kollektiv 9. 2019.

Presentations

Kaminski, Megan

Poetry Reading, *The Blue Turn* w/ Mike Young and Jordan Stempleman. The Raven Book Store, Lawrence, KS, 24 April.

Announcements, Notes & News

• **Laura Mielke** reports that "**Matthew Smalley** (Ph.D. '16), Assistant Professor of English at Fort Hays State, was recently awarded the Fischli Excellence in Higher Education Award from the FHSU Honors Society. The Society also gave him the award last year, which means that Smalley has been recognized for his "teaching, mentorship, and example" in both of his first two years on faculty."

• PhD candidate **Rachel Brown** has been selected to serve as the senior advisor for a five-person team of graduate student reporters for *ESQ: A Journal of Nineteenth-Century American Literature and Culture*. She and the reporters will attend the upcoming American Literature Association conference in Boston (where **Laura Mielke**, **Randall Fuller**, and **Susan Harris** will present), then write an article for *ESQ*'s "Year in Conferences" series. *ESQ* will publish the article in 2020. Rachel looks forward to representing KU as a "Year in Conferences" senior advisor!

KU and Regional Events

• **Medieval & Early Modern Seminar**, "'God, What Strange Minds Women Have': Misogyny Medieval & Modern," F. Regina Psaki, Department of Romance Languages, University of Oregon, 6 May, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• **Friends of the Department of Religious Studies Speaker 2019**, 'Religious Liberty and/or Civil Rights,' Jay Michaelson, Chicago Theological Seminary, 6 May, 7:00 pm, Jayhawk Room, Kansas Union.

• **The Urban Experience Seminar**, "Geographical Considerations of Emerging Transportation Technology Introduction in Urban Environments," Scott B. Kelley, Geography, University of Nevada-Reno, 9 May, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• **CTE Celebration of Teaching**, annual poster session and reception, 10 May, 3:00-5:00 pm, Beren Auditorium, Slawson Hall, Earth, Energy & Environment Center.

• **Place, Race & Space Seminar**, "Even Development: Kansas City's Path to an Equitable and Well-Designed Housing Policy," James Baker, 13 May, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

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

• **KU Teaching Summit 2019**, 22 August. Propose breakouts, workshops, and facilitated discussions. Deadline: 3 June.