



## Welcome Back!

**Paula Console-Soican** (KU English PhD '15) and **Carmaletta Williams** (KU English PhD '01) return to campus this week as **Hall Center Visiting Regional Faculty Fellows**. They will speak at a seminar/luncheon to be held on Tuesday, 10 September, at 12:00 pm in the Hall Center Conference Hall. Console-Soican is Assistant Professor of English at Donnelly College in Kansas City, Kansas where she specializes in postcolonial studies. Her talk, however, will focus on her current curriculum development research for two classes in other areas – environmental ethics and bilingual reading and writing. Williams taught for many years at Johnson County Community College and now serves as Executive Director of the Black Archives of Mid-America. She will present her research on her current book project, *A Mother Still: Voices of Resistance in Antebellum America*, which explores antebellum mothers' abilities to assume personal agency and control of their destinies regardless of skin color, ethnic background, or socio-economic condition. Perhaps Paula and Carmaletta will stop by Wescoe during their visit. Be sure to say hello.



Paula Console-Soican



Carmaletta Williams

## Fall 2019 Dates to Anticipate

**Humanities Lecture Series**, "Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower," **Brittney Cooper**, WGGS and Africana Studies, Rutgers University, 12 September, 7:30 pm, Liberty Hall.

**Kenneth A. Spencer Lecture** featuring **Jonny Sun**, author and illustrator, MIT, 25 September, 7:00 pm, Liberty Hall.

**Department of English Full Professors Meeting** to discuss 2019-2020 faculty promotion candidates, 1 October, 4:00 pm, 4051 Wescoe.

**Humanities Lecture Series**, "Sovereignty of the Soul: Centering the Voices of Native Women" **Sarah Deer**, WGSS/Public Affairs and Administration, 1 October, 7:30 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

**Richard W. Gunn Lecture**, "An Evening with **Sherwin Bitsui**," 2 October, 7:00 pm, The Commons, Spooner Hall.

**KU Common Book Lecture** by essayist and novelist **Kiese Laymon**, English, University of Mississippi, 3 October, 7:00 pm, Lied Center.

## Calendar

**F 6 Nature & Culture Seminar**, "Finding Zenobia: Toward an Alternative History of Transcendentalism," **Randall Fuller**, English, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

**M 9 Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Workshop**, "Herstory from Below: Explorations and Excavations," **Divya Bhalla**, English, 12:00-1:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room. For graduate students. Lunch provided. RSVP to Hall Center at least one week in advance.

**LandLocked Interest Meeting**, for anyone who wants to learn more about the grad-run literary magazine, 5:00-6:00 pm, 4051 Wescoe. Snacks!

**Feminism + Sci Fi Forum**, screening and discussion of *See You Yesterday*, with **Alessandra Jacobo**, English, and **Christopher Peace**, English, 6:00-8:30 pm, Pine Room, Kansas Union. Sponsored by the Emily Taylor Center. Co-sponsored by **The Gunn Center for the Study of Science Fiction**.

**KC Rep's Monday Night Playwrights Series** presents a script-in-hand developmental production of *#ROYCE*, by **Darren Canady**, English, 7:00 pm, Donor Lounge, Spencer Theatre, UMKC, Kansas City, MO. Admission is free but RSVP requested. Visit <https://ticketing.kcrep.org/mnps/9402>

**T 10 Resident Humanities Fellows Seminar: Console-Soican & Williams**, luncheon featuring Hall Center Visiting Regional Faculty Fellows **Paula Console-Soican** (PhD '15), Donnelly College, and **Carmaletta Williams** (PhD '01), Executive Director, Black Archives of Mid-America, 12:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Hall. Lunch provided. RSVP to Hall Center at least one week in advance.

**Voting Department Meeting**, 4:00 pm, 4051 Wescoe.

**R 12 Humanities Lecture Series**, "Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower," **Brittney Cooper**, WGGS and Africana Studies, Rutgers University, 7:30 pm, Liberty Hall.

**F 13 Emma Kostopolus, Doctoral Exam**, 12:00 pm, 3001A Wescoe (Devitt, Grund, *Reiff*, Belmas, Seo)

**T 17 English Department New Faculty Reception** to welcome **Pritha Prasad**, 4:00 pm, North Gallery, Spencer Research Library.

**W 18 Research on the Leading Edge**, "Musical Vitalities: Ventures in a Biotic Aesthetic of Music," Holly Watkins, Musicology, University of Rochester, featuring panelists including **Paul Outka**, English, 4:30-6:30 pm, Hall Center for the Humanities. Reception follows.

**R 19 Fall 2019 Linguistics Colloquy Series** welcomes **Michael Marlo**, English/Black Studies, University of Missouri, 4:00 pm, Blake Hall, Room 206.

**Digital Humanities Forum**, “Bodies, Justice, Futures,” 2-5 October, Burge Union.

**Haunting Humanities: Disciplines in the Dark**, 23 October, 5:30-9:00 pm, Abe & Jake’s Landing.

**Humanities Lecture Series**, “An Evening with **Alan Alda**,” 25 November, 7:30 pm, Lied Center.

**Department of English Holiday Party**, 13 December, 7:00-9:00 pm, Union Pacific Depot.

## Publications

**Fowler, Doreen**

“Black Scapegoating and White Redemption: Reconsidering Race in Flannery O’Connor,” *Flannery O’Connor Review* 17 (2019): 71-84.

## Announcements, Notes, and News

• **New Graduate Students:** The Department welcomes the following new MA students: *Literature Track*: **Amy Dunn Billings** (BA, University of Central Missouri); **Sharon Mugg** (BA, University of Toronto); **Katelyn F. Shirley** (BA, University of Kansas).

The Department also welcomes the following new MFA students: **Meagan Briana Dermody** (BA, Virginia Commonwealth University); **Erika Grandstaff** (BA, North Carolina State University); **Miriam Young** (BA, Truman State University).

The Department also welcomes the following new PhD students: *Literature Track*: **Jade Harrison** (BA+MA, University of Texas, Arlington); **Zachary Parker** (BA+MA, Wichita State University); **Ashley P. Simmons** (BA, Howard University; MA, Bowie State University). *Rhetoric & Composition Track*: **Brynn Fitzsimmons** (BA, Maranatha Baptist University; MA, UMKC).

• The Chair has set Voting Department meetings for **9/10**; **9/24**; **10/8**; **10/22**; **11/19**; and **12/10**, 4 pm, 4051 Wescoe. The full professors will meet on 10/1 for a rank advancement meeting at the same time and place.

• **Giselle Anatol** reports, “The Toni Morrison Memorial Reading on Saturday, 8/25, was a great success, with many moving presentations. Among those assembled: organizers **Giselle Anatol**, **Maryemma Graham**, **Ayesha Hardison**, **Edgar Tidwell**, and **Carmalotta Williams** (PhD); current grad students **Charlesia McKinney** and **Vince Omni**; KU English alumni **Jaime Whitt** (BA and Law), and **Hannah Steinhauer** (BA), new director of the Emily Taylor Center, Bulaong Ramiz, and professors **Laura Hines** (Law) and **Ignacio Carvajal** (SLLC/Spanish & Portuguese).”



• **The School of Journalism and Communications** is spearheading a **Centennial Celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment**, with events and programs scheduled throughout this academic year. The *DNB* will note these events individually as they appear on the horizon, but here is a link to a comprehensive list of the events: <https://journalism.ku.edu/centennial-celebration-19th-amendment>. The English Department will participate in the celebration by sponsoring a **Suffrage Centennial Essay Contest** for KU undergraduate students. Details will be available in January. The deadline for entries will be in March.

• **Laura Mielke** points out that “**Dr. DaMaris Hill** (PhD ’12) appears in the current issue of *Early American Literature* and reads one of her poems on the journal’s podcast.” *EAL*’s announcement about the podcast notes that Hill, “author of the explosively popular and multi-award-winning *A Bound Woman is a Dangerous Thing: The Incarceration of African American Women from Harriet Tubman to Sandra Bland* (Bloomsbury 2019), discusses her prose poem “Formed>in,” which explores her place in Kentucky and confronts the weight of history that the land bears witness to.” Hill is currently an assistant professor of English at UK.

## KU and Regional Events

• **Red Hot Research**, “Care and Well-Being,” panel of faculty from Design, Social Welfare, Civil Engineering, Philosophy, and Psychology, 6 September, 4:00 pm, The Commons.

• **Place, Race & Space Seminar**, “Texas or Territory: A Borderlands Challenge to Manifest Destiny,” Bobby Cervantes, American Studies, 9 September, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• **Study Abroad Fair**, 10 September, 10:30 am-3:30 pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kansas Union.

• **KU Center for Online & Distance Learning (CODL): Lunch & Learn**, “How to Keep Students Motivated,” Bernie Kish, HSES, and John Rury (ELPS), 12 September, 12:00-1:00 pm, Budig 6.

• **The Urban Experience Seminar**, “Mundane Resistance: Mobilizing Structures in Zafertepe,” Barry Bellinger, Architecture, 12 September, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• **Digital Humanities Grant Workshop**, 13 September, 11:00 am, Hall Center for the Humanities.

• **Digital Humanities Seminar**, “3D-printing in the Study of Ancient Roman Buildings,” Philip Stinson, Classics, 16 September, 3:00-4:30 pm, Hall Center Seminar Room.

• **Provost’s Community Forum**, 16 September, 4:00 pm, Beren Petroleum Conference Center, Slawson Hall.

• **Humanities Grant Development Workshops**, “Common Problems and How to Fix Them, Part 1,” 19 September, 12:00-1:00 pm, Hall Center for the Humanities.

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

• **Mosaic: an interdisciplinary critical journal** invites innovative and interdisciplinary submissions that examine “mobilities” as a ubiquitous part of our lives, whether geographical, social, virtual or theoretical. Deadline 31 January 2020.