



English Selected For CTE Department Teaching Award

The Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, Dan Bernstein, has just informed us that the KU Department of English is to be awarded the 2004 CTE Department Teaching Award. Details are forthcoming in both the CTE newsletter and *The Oread*. Chair **Jim Hartman** notes, "This heartening news stems from the considerable time, hard work, good thinking and good writing of Professors **David Bergeron**, **Amy Devitt**, and **Doreen Fowler**, who, together, prepared our Department's application materials. We owe them our thanks. And, even more, we owe thanks to all of ourselves and those before us who established the tradition of outstanding teaching in the Department."

Publications

Gunn, James E.

Editor, *The Road to Science Fiction #4: From Here to Forever* (book). Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2003 (updated edition).

"The Reality Paradox in *The Matrix*," *Taking the Red Pill: Science, Philosophy and Religion in The Matrix*, ed. Glenn Yeffeth (article). Dallas, TX: BenBella Books, 2003: 59-69.

"Sine of the Magus" (story). *E. J. Gold's Retro Visions*, Nevada City, CA: Gateway Books, 2002: 113-184. Reprint of 1954 novella.

Johnson, Michael L.

"Jacob Burckhardt's Greeks" (poem). *Parnassus Literary Journal* 27:1 (Spring 2003): 54.

Presentations

Northway, Kara

"Representations of Wandering in Romance: *Philaster's* Concern with the Masterless and the City," Shakespeare Association of America, Victoria, Canada, 11 April.

Yacher, Nancy

"Mythology as Truth in C. S. Lewis's *Experiment in Criticism*," Fifth Annual C. S. Lewis & The Inklings Conference, "The New Mythmakers," 4-5 April, Oklahoma City University.

Announcements, Notes, & News

• Our final **Lecturers and Readers** visitor for the year will be poet, essayist and activist **Minnie Bruce Pratt**, who will come to the campus May 1 and 2. She will read from her work at 7:30 pm, Thursday, 1 May, in Alderson Auditorium of the Kansas Union. On Friday, 2 May, 3:30 pm, Pratt will be the featured participant in a roundtable discussion on art, politics, and freedom of expression in the Governor's Room of the Kansas Union. **Joe Harrington** would like to know if you plan to attend this second gathering (strong advance interest could dictate a change of venue). Please contact him at <j-harrington@ku.edu>. More details in the next *DNB*.

• The 2002-2003 **English Department Awards Ceremony** will be held this year on Sunday, 11 May, 7:00 pm, in the Ballroom of the Kansas Union. All members of the Department and guests are welcome. Following the awards event, there will be a party for the Department to celebrate the end of the academic year at the home of

Mary Klayder, 1212 Vantuy Drive. Details are forthcoming, but we do know that the **Midday Ramblers**, Kory Willis's bluegrass group, will be performing (Kory is Katie Conrad's husband). Stomp away those grading aggressions before finals begin!

• Professors **Frank Farmer** and **Marta Caminero-Santangelo** have been elected to the Merit Review Committee for three-year terms.

• Professor **Pamela Hammons** of The University of Central Florida has accepted an offer to continue her career at the University of Miami. In a phone call to Professor Hartman, she praised the University and the Department and expressed her regret that budget pressures forced the College to delay any possible appointment until 2004. She had looked forward to visiting the campus as a candidate for a faculty position here.

• Hall Distinguished Professor **Susan Harris** has been appointed to the editorial board of *American Literature* for a three-year term.

• **Beverly Boyd** attended the annual meeting of the Medieval Academy of America at the University of Minnesota, 10-12 April.

• **Steven Trout** (Ph.D. 1994) will be one of the featured speakers at the International Cather Seminar 2003, "Cather as Cultural Icon," to be held

Calendar

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S 19 **EAT** presents Tennessee Williams's *The Glass Menagerie*, 18 April, 8:00 pm, 19 April, 2:30 pm. Lawrence Arts Center, 940 New Hampshire

M 21 **Crystal Gorham, M.A. Exam**, 3:00-4:30 pm, 3108 Wescoe (*Barnard*, S. Harris, Farmer)

Advisory Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm, 3132 Wescoe.
Agenda: 1) Enrollment Figures 2) Year-End Wrap-Up

W 23 **Heather Schrotberger, M.A. Exam**, 1:30-3:00 pm, 3108 Wescoe (*Farmer*, Arnold, Hartman)

T 29 **Voting Department Meeting**, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe.
Agenda: 1) Committee Slates 2) Library Update (**Rich Ring**)
3) Committee Initiatives

this summer (28 May-2 June) at the Bread Loaf Campus of Middlebury College in Ripton, VT.

KU and Regional Events (Posted)

- **War, Peace and Diplomacy Seminar**, “The Father’s Draft? Manpower Mobilization in WWII,” Robert Blackstone, History, 18 April, 4:00-5:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.
- **Philosophy Department Visiting Lecture Series**, “Epistemic Agency,” James Pryor, Princeton University, 18 April, 4:30 pm, Pine Room, Kansas Union.
- **Poetics and Philosophy & Literature Seminars**, “Postmodernisms: Session I,” Panel: Omofolabo Ajayi, Theatre and Film, Daniel Breslauer, Religious Studies, Thomas Heilke, Political Science, 21 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room; “Postmodernisms: Session II,” Panel: Adrienne Harris-Bogges, Slavic Languages, Andrew Debicki, Spanish and Portuguese, John Pultz, History of Art, 23 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.
- **Understanding the Pipeline**, “Studying the IT Workforce in the Greater Kansas City Area: Initial Insights,” Ron Ash, School of Business, Joshua Rosenbloom, Economics, 24 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.
- **Nature & Culture Seminar**, “Natural Politics: Beyond Dualistic Understandings of Race, Gender and Nature,” Noel Sturgeon, Women’s Studies, 25 April, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.
- A “Virtual Reality” production of Mozart’s *The Magic Flute* will be staged by University Theatre and the Department of Music & Dance, 26 April & May 1-3, 7:30 pm, 27 April & 4 May, 2:30 pm, Crafton-Preyer Theatre, Murphy Hall.
- **Before 1500 Seminar**, “Patriarchy and the Exchange of Power: Case Studies from the Lives of 13th Century Norman Clerics,” Jennifer Thibodeaux, History, 22 April, 4:00-5:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

- **60-Minute Speaker Series**, “Taming Red Tape: Discerning Between Useful and Useless Paperwork,” Leisha Dehart-Davis, Public Administration, 12:00 pm, Edwards Campus,

- As part of “Alums Come Home IV,” 24-27 April 2003, the Department of Theatre & Film presents a sneak preview of Neil LaBute’s new film, *The Shape of Things*, starring KU Alum, Paul Rudd. 25 April, 7:30 pm, Liberty Hall. Former students will perform for Open Mic Night following the film. \$10.

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

- **From Fossils to Forceps – Science and Medicine on the Plains**, Home on the Range Conference, 9-10 May, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS.
- **Confronting the Challenges of Conflicting World Views**, 12th International Conference on General Semantics, 31 October-2 November, Las Vegas, NV. Deadline: 30 April.

Contests, Fellowships, Grants (Posted)

- **2003 aWorldConnected.org Essay Contest**, for essays promoting a scholarly discourse on globalization. Deadline: 1 May.
- **MLA Graduate Student Travel Grants**, for qualified Ph.D. candidates, for travel to the MLA convention (must be members of the MLA). No deadline given. Deadline to join MLA is 30 June.
- **HGDO Grant Alerts: Faculty: Grants for Academic Study of Religion in American Life**, Pew Charitable Trusts, (website is 97 characters long! See photocopy if you’re brave), no deadline; **Residencies at the Bellagio Center**, <www.rockfound.org/>, 10 May 2003.
- **KU Digital Library Internal Grants Program**, designed to assist faculty in creating online scholarly content that is unique to KU, and to promote its use in teaching and research. Proposal deadline: 2 June.