



## Kimberly Blaeser Visit



Professor **Kimberly Blaeser**, Associate Professor of English at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a candidate for a joint position in English and Indigenous Nations Studies, will visit KU 20-21 November (see "Calendar"). Professor Blaeser is the author of

*Gerald Vizenor: Writing – in the Oral Tradition* (Oklahoma UP, 1996) and two volumes of poetry, *Trailing You* (Greenfield Review Press, 1994) and *Absentee Indians and Other Poems* (Michigan State UP, 2002). She has also edited *Stories Migrating Home* (Loonfeather Press, 1999). A scholar and eclectic creative writer, Professor Blaeser has published numerous articles in scholarly journals and collections, most recently "The Possibilities of a Native Poetics" in *Nothing But the Truth*, ed. Purdy and Ruppert (Prentice-Hall, 2001). Besides poetry, she also writes short stories and personal essays. The **reception** to be held on Thursday evening at the home of **William J. and Susan K. Harris** will be the best opportunity to meet the candidate personally. Department members are invited and **encouraged** to attend. A portfolio of Professor Blaeser's work is available for review in 3108 Wescoe (key can be obtained during business hours in 3116 Wescoe). Only Senior Staff members may read Professor Blaeser's letters of reference (blue folder).

### Presentations

#### Graham, Maryemma

"Margaret Walker and the PK (Preacher's Kid) Syndrome," University of Missouri-Columbia, 6 November.

### Announcements, Notes, & News

- There will be no edition of the *DNB* the week of Thanksgiving. Please submit all items that require attention up to 5 December by Thursday, 20 November, 12:00 pm.
- The **Department Holiday Party** is scheduled for Monday, 15 December, at the Lawrence Visitor's Center (Union Pacific Depot). Art de Cuisine will once again provide refreshments and the Free State High Jazz Combo will pay the Department a return visit after two years' absence. Please make plans to celebrate the end-of-the-semester and the holiday period by attending this festive event.

- The **Fall Poetry Panel** (see "Calendar"), sponsored by the Department of English will discuss what's happening in poetry today – who's writing, what are the publication trends, what forms are prevalent, what's going on at the grass roots level, etc. Each panelist will give ten minutes of opening remarks. Q & A will follow.

- The December 2003 print version of the *MLA Job Information List* has arrived. It has been placed in the files on the filing cabinets to the right of the door of 3116 Wescoe (as you enter).

- **Marjorie Swann** has been invited to visit Ohio State University in May 2004. In addition to delivering a lecture for OSU's Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Marjorie will also conduct a Graduate Workshop in the English Department. Previous leaders of the Graduate Workshop include Michael Moon, Robyn Wiegman, Walter Benn Michaels, W.J.T. Mitchell, Pamela Caughie, Sarah Beckwith, Nancy Glazener, Siobhan Somerville, and Deirdre Lynch.

### Calendar

- M 17 Advisory Committee**, 3:30 pm, 3132 Wescoe. Agenda: 1) Gunn Lecture Fund 2) Department Budget 3) College Memo on Teaching
- T 18 Jill Zasadny, Ph.D. Field Exam**, 1:30-3:00 pm, 3108 Wescoe (Davidson, Farmer, Graham)
- W 19 Fall Poetry Panel**, panelists John Mark Eberhardt, Kansas City Star, Stan Banks, Avila College, Denise Low, Haskell Indian Nations University, open to all, 7:00-8:30 pm, Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union.
- R 20 Job Candidate Presentation**, "Sacred Journey Cycles: Pilgrimage as Re-turning and Re-telling in American Indigenous Literatures," **Kimberly Blaeser**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 4:00 pm, Alderson Auditorium, Q & A following; **SAGE Open House** for graduate students to meet the candidate, 2:30 pm, 3132 Wescoe; **Reception**, 8:00 pm, home of **William J. and Susan K. Harris**, 5221 Harvard (exactly ½ mile west of Wakarusa, on the left, directly opposite the turn into Stoneridge Drive).
- F 21 Lifewriting Workshop**, 10:30 am-12:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room, co-organizers, **Janet Sharistianian** and **Edgar Tidwell**. All welcome, papers available. Contact <sharista@ku.edu>.
- R 25 Voting Department and Senior Staff Meetings** to discuss and vote on the candidacy of **Kimberly Blaeser** for a half-time position in the Department, 4:00 pm, 4019 Wescoe.

- **Susan Harris** is the subject of an article entitled “Mark His Words” in the current issue of the KU Endowment publication, *Catalyst*. The article, which focuses on Mark Twain’s relevance to contemporary American society, was written by KU English alum **Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg**. A copy has been placed in the Department Lounge. That is not Susan’s picture on the cover.

- **Writing Workshops:** 1) Marty Townsend, Director of Campus Writing Program, University of Columbia-Missouri, 24 November, 1:30-3:00 pm, Center for Teaching Excellence, 135 Budig. 2) **ESL Student Writer Exchange**, a forum for exchanging ideas on teaching writing with ESL students, 25 November, 1:45 pm, Jayhawk Room, Kansas Union, open to all faculty and GTAs.

- **Jim Carothers** correctly responded that the moonlighting advertising celebrity of the English Department is **Bud Hirsch**, who has been spotted on television promoting the Lawrence Athletic Clubs. No one has yet spotted Jim wearing the KU Open House T-shirt.

### *KU and Regional Events*

- **Public Hearing**, sponsored by the Parking Commission, about parking at KU, 19 November, 3:00 pm, Alderson Auditorium, Kansas Union. Individuals may speak at the meeting or send comments to the Chair to be read at the hearing. Write <kupark@ku.edu>.

- The Graduate and Professional Association is sponsoring the inaugural **Graduate Student Research Summit** on 27 January 2004, 12-4 pm, fourth floor lobby, Kansas Union. To participate, students must submit an application to GPA by **21 November**. Graduate faculty: Please alert your students to this opportunity. For further details, access <www.ku.edu/~gpa>.

- **Nature and Culture Seminar**, “Georgia’s Little Grand Canyon”: Providence Canyon State Park and the History of Conservation in the South,” Paul Sutter, History, University of Georgia, 14 November, 3:30-5:00 pm, International Room, Kansas Union.

- **War, Peace, and Diplomacy Seminar**, “A Lesser Evil? Union Soldiers in the Trenches at Petersburg,” Stephen Sodergren, History, 14 November, 4:00-5:30 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

- **Philosophy and Literature Seminar**, “Martin Buber’s Philosophy of Translation in Comparative Perspective,” Daniel Breslauer, Religious Studies, 17 November, 3:30-5:00 pm, Hall Center Conference Room.

- **Before 1500 Seminar**, “Saintly Inspiration: Lorenzo Ghiberti and the Shrine of St. Zenobius in Florence Cathedral,” Sally Cornelison, Art History, 18 November, Hall Center Conference Room.

- **CTE Faculty Conference**, “Professors Speak Out: Challenges in Undergraduate Teaching and What Can Be Done to Meet Them,” 14 November, 8:30 am-3:45 pm. Details (speakers, sessions, lunch) available on “Conferences” bulletin board. Registration deadline: 11 November.

- **University Theatre** opens *Cabaret* on 14 November. Performances November 14, 19, 20, 21, 7:30 pm, November 15, 22, 5:00 and 9:00 pm, November 16, 23, 2:30 and 7:30 pm, Stage Too! Theatre, Murphy Hall.

- **KU Opera** opens *The Crucible* on 15 November. Performances 15, 17, 19, 21, 23 November, 7:30 pm, Black Box Theatre, Murphy Hall.

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

- **National Undergraduate Literature Conference**, literary research, essays, fiction, poetry, creative works in Spanish by undergraduates, 1-3 April, Weber State University, Ogden, UT. Deadline: 30 January.

- **The State of Academic Labor: Defunding/Defending Education in Missouri**, for graduate students, sponsored by Missouri Philological Association and UMKC AAUP, will serve as a standard academic conference and a regional academic labor summit. Keynote speaker: Cary Nelson. 26-28 February, Kansas City, MO. Deadline: 20 January.

- **On the Margins of it All**, Undergraduate and Graduate Student Cultural and Literary Studies Conference, 24 April, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS. Deadline: 16 January.

- **Arthur Miller: The Man Who Had All The Luck**, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Arthur Miller Conference, 23-24 April, St. Francis College, Brooklyn, New York. Deadline: 31 January.

- **Melville’s Dialogic Muse**, Melville Society Panel of MLA, Philadelphia, 2004. Deadline: 1 March.

- **Belief in the Modernist Age: A Symposium of Major Novelists**, 5<sup>th</sup> Literature and Belief Symposium, 18-20 March, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT. Deadline: 15 December

- **Love Poems**, a forthcoming issue of *Poetry East*; submissions sought. Deadline: 31 March..

- **2003-2004 Kansas Playwriting Contest**, must be Kansas resident, sponsored by Coffeyville Community College. Deadline: 31 December.

- **(Dis)Integration**, topic for original critical essays to be published by *Portals: A Comparative Literature Journal*. Short poetry translations also eligible. Deadline: 31 December.

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

- **Fellowships in the Humanities**, The Newberry Library, long-term, short-term, special awards and fellowships. Various deadlines: 6 January and after.

- **The New England Regional Fellowship Consortium**, research grants, 2004-2005. Deadline: 1 February.

- **Research Fellowships at the Massachusetts Historical Society 2004-2005**, long-term fellowships, deadline: 15 January; short-term fellowships, deadline: 1 March.

- **The John Dryden Competition**, British Comparative Literature Association and British Centre for Literary Translation, for best unpublished literary translations from any language into English (poetry, drama, or prose from any period). Deadline: 31 January.

- **Lilly Fellowships in the Humanities and the Arts**, post-doctoral fellowships to renew and enhance the connections between Christianity and the academic vocation. Deadline: 7 January.

- **National Scholars Honors Society**, scholarships to highly qualified achievers from all academic pursuits. No deadline listed.

- **The Annual Bob Shacochis Short Story Award**, from *Ginkgo Tree Review*. Deadline: 15 March.