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READING & LECTURE SERIES

April
4th-3pm- Joanna Klink Poetry Reading, Watzek Library, Pamplin Room
10th- 7pm- Alumni-Student Career Networking Event, Miller 210
15th-7pm- Lyell Asher Lecture, Miller 102
17th-7pm- Senior Poetry Reading, Manor House
29th-7pm- Senior Fiction Reading, Manor House

May
1st-4pm- Literary Review Reading, Miller 4th Floor Lobby
11th-8am- Graduation Party for Seniors and Families, Miller 4th Floor Lobby

Events are free & offer a great opportunity to mingle with faculty. www.lclark.edu/dept/english/specialevents.html

ALUMNI-STUDENT CAREER NETWORK

The Department will host the first of many Alumni-Student Career Networking Events Thursday, April 10th at 7pm in Miller 210. The evening will include a panel discussion and Q&A session followed by a reception. Come network with English alumni and learn about careers in: Copy Editing, Magazine Editing, Archiving, Law, Human Resources, Public Relations, Radio Production, Journalism, Teaching and Freelance Writing. Are you an English alum? Come back and offer your wisdom during the reception or learn about career opportunities. RSVP by April 7th to cahn@lclark.edu

DIXON AWARD WINNER

Junior English Major Jessica Cartwright received the 2008 Hillary and Adam Dixon Award. The $2500 Award is granted annually to a junior English major wishing to conduct research associated with their English studies. Cartwright will use the funds to travel to the Alex Turnbull Library in New Zealand to study Katherine Mansfield. Applications for the 2009 award will be available in November.

OVERSEAS PROGRAM: IRELAND FALL 2009

John Callahan will lead an overseas program in Fall 2009 to Ireland. In preparation, he and His English and History class will visit the University of Dublin and take a course on Irish Literature and History of Ireland in Spring 2009. Applications for the overseas program will be available in Fall 2008.

FACULTY NEWS

Karen Gross is a recipient of the 2007-08 Arnold L. & Lois S. Graves Award in the Humanities. The award, given in alternate years to a young professor teaching at a liberal arts college in the West, recognizes excellence in teaching in the humanities. Professor Gross will use the award to attend a conference in Swansea, UK to present the research she is conducting on Chaucer and his Italian sources, and the intellectual exchanges between England and Italy during the later Middle Ages.

Pauls Tontongbi traveled to Latvia with the US State Department in March to lecture at three universities and give a reading. His novel, Red Weather, will be released in German in 2009.

Rishona Ziming gave birth to a baby girl, Zoe, March 4th. Rishona and little Zoe are both home from the hospital and doing great. Next semester, Professor Ziming will lead the overseas program to Scotland and will return to LC in Spring 2009.

Will Pritchard’s novel Outward Apperances: The Female Exterior in Restoration London has been published by Bucknell University Press. Professor Pritchard will return to LC in Fall 2008.

SENIOR PROFILE: ADRIANNA ELY

My research this year has focused on Blake’s representation of language in The Book of Urizen, one of his early “prophetic” works. I am especially interested in how Blake represents language as generating, rather than embodying, meaning. It is probably obvious that Kurt Fosso’s critical theory class has deeply influenced my academic interests, and he has been a great help since the inception of this project last fall. My favorite books I’ve read in the past year are Vladimir Nabokov’s Ada or Ardor and David Foster Wallace’s Brief Interviews with Hideous Men. I plan to attend grad school in the future, but am currently applying to the Peace Corps. I suppose that I’m looking to get kicked around by the “real world” a bit before continuing with school, as well as pursue my interests in creative writing and drawing.

STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

The Academy of American Poets Prize is a national poetry award for college students. The contest is open to all seniors currently enrolled full-time at LC. The winning poet is awarded a cash prize of $100 and acknowledgement in the Academy’s newsletter. The winning poems are forwarded to the Academy of American Poets for publication consideration in their national anthology.

Submit: 1-3 poems, not to exceed 5 pages in total
Deadline: Thursday, April 3rd
Details available in English Department.

Kurt Fosso will present a paper titled, "Solutions at Our Feet: Reasoning Innocence in Oedipus the King" at the 14th Annual Conference of the Association for Core Texts and Courses, in Plymouth, MA, April 2008.

Mary Syzbist has poems forthcoming in The Virginia Quarterly Review, Mare Nostrum, Tin House, and Best American Poetry 2008.

John Callahan gave the keynote address at the Albert Murray Symposium at Auburn University, January 24th. The title of his talk was: “It Don’t Mean a Thing if It Don’t Have That Swing: Albert Murray, On the American”.

Jerry Harp’s poems have appeared recently in The Iowa Review and Pleiades; his work is forthcoming in Fulcrum, Hubbub, and the Journal. In June he will present a paper, “Theology in a Digital Age: The Example of David Tracy,” at the annual conference of the Media Ecology Association, in San Francisco. This paper is a follow-up to his “Relationist Theology: David Tracy and Literary Study,” which he delivered at the MLA conference in December.