

# Reading Matters

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## PUBLICATIONS

• **Traci Brimhall**, “Amor Fati” (poem), *The Nature of Our Times: Poems for Science*, 2025: <https://natureoffourtimes.poetsforscience.org/amor-fati/>

“Ghost Ranch as Color Theory” and “Practice” (poems). *Harvard Advocate*, Vol 159, No. 3, Fall 2024, pp. 23, 7.

• **Mark Crosby**, *William Blake's Songs of Innocence*. Bodleian Library Publishing, 2024.

• **Philip Nel**, “Meditations in purple.” *Oxford University Press Blog* 27 Jan. 2025: <<https://blog.oup.com/2025/01/meditations-in-purple/>>.

## PRESENTATIONS

• **Cydney Alexis** and **Theresa Merrick Cassidy**, “Can AI Join the Team? Collaborating with GenAI in Higher Education” (invited talk). AI in Engineering Education Faculty Learning Community. Kansas State University. 12 Dec. 2024

• **Traci Brimhall**, “The Lost Poems of Amelia Earhart” (invited talk). Earhart Hangar Museum (online). 16 Jan 2025.

Reading from *Love Prodigal*. Volta Reading Series, Replay Lounge, Lawrence, KS. 15 Jan 2025.

• **Mark Crosby**, “William Blake's Apprentice Copperplates.” *Seeing the Unseen*

*in Oxford University Collections*, Bodleian Library, University of Oxford, England, 2 Dec. 2024. <https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/event/dec24/seeing-the-unseen>

• **Karin Westman**, “These fragments I have shored against my ruin”: Scaling Literary History” (roundtable on “Saving Literary History”). *Modern Language Association Conference*. New Orleans, LA. 11 Jan 2025.

“Two (or Three) Editors are Better Than One: The Benefits of a Co-Editor Model for Peer-Reviewed Journals” (roundtable for Council of Editors of Learned Journals). *Modern Language Association Conference*. New Orleans, LA. 10 Jan 2025.

## AWARDS

• **Anuja Madan** received a Faculty Development Award from K-State's Office of Research for travel to Spain and the 27th Biennial International Research Society for Children's Literature (IRSC) Congress to present research on ecofeminism and Indian children's picture Books: <<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Research-Weekly--January-29--2025.html?oid=1128260340769&aid=bVTJkyw4DZI>>

• **Tom Sarmiento** was recognized as Professor of the Week at the January 29 men's home basketball game: <<https://www.k-state.edu/today/announcement/?id=101742>>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On December 20, 2024, University Distinguished Professor Emeritus **Jonathan Holden** passed away. Visit the department announcement at <https://englishkstate.org/2024/12/28/remembering-jonathan-holden/> for more information.

• **Isabelle Greenemeyer** (BA '28) and **Mary Adeyemo** (MA '26) are newly selected K-State Libraries Student Ambassadors: <<https://www.k-state.edu/media/newsreleases/2025-01/KState-students-join-Libraries-Ambassadors.html>>

## FEATURED IN MEDIA

• **Traci Brimhall**, in conversation with Kaye McIntyre, Kansas Public Radio, 7 Jan 2025: <https://kansaspublishradio.org/podcast/kpr-presents/2025-01-07/kansas-poet-laureate-traci-brimhall>

## NEWS FROM ALUMNI

• **Tolu Daniel** (MA '23) published “Exodus” (essay) in the *Hayden's Ferry Review*, Volume 75 (2025): <https://haydensferryreview.com/issue-75>

• *The NoMad* published “Storms, Maybe a Metaphor for Us” (essay) by **Kase Johnstun** (MA '01) and nominated it for a Pushcart Prize: <<https://www.the-nomad.org/kase-johnstun-storms-maybe-a-metaphor>>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Wednesday, February 12, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Department Colloquium, Literature Track Graduate Symposium.
- **Wednesday, February 19, 3:30-5:00 p.m.** Career Seminar.
- **Friday, February 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** 34th Annual Cultural Studies Symposium with Chadwick Allen.
- **Monday, February 24, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** An Introduction to the MA Project and Thesis Information Session
- **Friday, February 28, 4:00-5:00pm,** joint lecture by Dr. Marilisa Jimenez and Dr. Sonia Rodriguez
- **Friday, March 7, 3:30-4:30pm,** Reading by Jennifer Case.
- **Wednesday, March 12, 3:30-4:30pm,** 22nd Annual Graduate Lit Track Symposium
- **Thursday, March 27, 4:00-5:00pm,** Lecture by Julie Kohner on "Voices of the Generations," a multi-media program that shares experiences of the Holocaust through the life of her family.
- **Friday, March 28,** Grad Program Visiting Day.
- **Friday, March 28, 3:30-4:30pm,** Sherlock & Co: A Year of Mystery, a series of lightning talks on the origins and legacy of Sherlock Holmes.

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