WELCOME

Welcome to our new graduate student cohort! Here are the new faces you’ll be seeing around the department:

M.A.
Shelli Castor – B.A., University of Tulsa
Caleb Freeman – B.A., University of Tulsa
Veronica Goss – B.A., Alcorn State University
Alexis Weber – B.A., Oral Roberts University

Ph.D.
Beth Csomay – B.A., Westminster College; M.A., Duquesne University; eighteenth-century British literature
Layne Farmen – B.A., M.A., University of South Florida; British modernism
Allen Jenkins – B.A. Oklahoma State University; M.F.A., University of Central Oklahoma; nineteenth-century British and American literature
Amanda Pate – B.A., University of Mary Hardin-Baylor; M.A., University of Central Oklahoma; young adult literature; women’s literature.

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Dr. Airey will be collecting information throughout the year for inclusion in the Spring 2019 newsletter. Please send all of your good news her way: Jennifer-airey@utulsa.edu. Have a wonderful fall semester!
ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year, Dr. Airey will host fora on preparing for comprehensive exams and the prospectus writing process and on the academic job market, dates TBA. Please be on the lookout also for information about our department’s new dissertation and article writing workshop, hosted by Dr. Brown!

Nieta M. Pinkerton Graduate Fellowship for International Research:

Congratulations to Dayne Riley, the recipient of the 2017-18 Pinkerton Grant! Dayne travelled to England in May, conducting archival research in four cities: Oxford, Gloucester, Taunton, and London. Dayne’s research examines eighteenth-century British satire and its critique of male sociability, the environs in which men congregated, and masculinity. Dayne writes, “The trip was extremely rewarding. At the archives that I visited, I worked with some of the central texts that I will be evaluating in my dissertation, and after seeing and experiencing the places in London in which these poems are set, I understand them at a much more intimate level.”

The department is now soliciting applications for the 2018–19 Nieta M. Pinkerton Graduate Fellowship for International Research, which provides $20000 for a graduate student to conduct research abroad. Under the terms of the award, doctoral students who have reached candidacy have preference, as do students working on material before 1850, but all graduate students in the English department are eligible to apply.

Applications should be sent to Dr. Airey via email by November 15. Please provide the following:

A curriculum vitae
A description (not to exceed 2 double spaced pages) of your research project and explanation of how research outside of the United States will advance this project.
A provisional itinerary and list of the archives or libraries you plan to visit.

GRADUATE NEWS

Awards and Honors

Congratulations to the following students, who received 2018 Chapman Distinguished Ph.D. Awards: Carlos Acosta- Ponce, Amy Pezzelle, Annie Paige, Dayne Riley, Marie Sartain, and Laurel Taylor!

Congratulations to Megan Gibson and Linda Hudson, our 2018-2019 Bellwether Fellows!
This fall, Megan Gibson will spend the month of September conducting research in the UK through a fellowship from Oxford Brookes University’s Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History. The fellowship will allow her to conduct archival research at the Oxford Centre, as well as the John Rylands Library in Manchester and other archives in London, in order to support one of her dissertation chapters, which examines how Methodist devotees perceived themselves in relation to their charismatic religious (celebrity) leaders. —George Whitefield and John Wesley. Throughout the fellowship, she will be looking at the journals, diaries, and devotional writings of Methodist worshippers in order to construct a general understanding of the forms of religious devotion practiced by Methodist worshippers as well as of the influence of celebrity on Methodist devotional practices, fitting this research into her larger dissertation project on celebrity and devotion in eighteenth-century Britain.

Destiny Hrnčíř has been named a fellow at the Oklahoma Center for the Humanities for 2018-19.

Amy Pezzelle was nominated by the graduate school of the University of Tulsa for the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Excellence in Teaching Award. Her paper, “Some of those monsters are humans; Constructs of Monstrosity in Joseph Bruchac’s Killer of Enemies,” presented at the American Comparative Literature Association in Utrecht, was nominated for the Horst Frenz Prize.

Publications


Annie Paige’s essay on advertising in American women’s magazines was accepted for publication in a forthcoming collection on modern periodical studies.

Conferences

Beth Csomas has organized a panel, “Gothic Deviancies, Disobediences, and Dissolutions”, which has been accepted for inclusion on the program of the 2018 ASECS conference.

Lily Coleman and Megan Gibson have co-organized a panel, “‘Mad, Bad, and Dangerous to Know’: Notoriety in the Eighteenth Century,” which has been accepted for inclusion on the program of the 2018 ASECS conference.


Amy Pezzelle delivered an invited talk, “Indigenous Futurism in Contemporary YA,” at the Cultures of the Americas: Dislocations and Migrations Symposium, held at the Helmerich Center for American Research in March 2018.

Marie Sartain presented a paper entitled “From the Mouth of Fans: Victorian Fan Language and Nonlinguistic Communication in ‘Circe’” at the International James Joyce Symposium in Antwerp, Belgium. She has also been accepted to present at the SCMLA conference in October 2018.
Layne Farman presented a paper on Richard Linklater's Waking Life and Joyce's Finnegans Wake at the 2018 CEA annual conference in St. Petersburg Florida. He also presented a paper on James Joyce, Richard Linklater, and nationalism at the 2018 International James Joyce Symposium.

Seungho Lee presented a paper, 'Reading Jean Rhys's Smile Please: Female Body, Autobiography, and Home,' at the Cultures of the Americas Symposium: Dislocations and Migrations, held at the Helmerich Center for American Research, in March 2018. He also presented a paper entitled 'Diasporic Dwelling: Sam Selvon's Moses Migrating and the Semi-dwelling Places' at 49th annual NeMLA convention.

**Milestones**

Congratulations to Dr. Stewart Habig and Dr. Holly Mannucci, who completed their degrees this spring and will serve as our 2018-19 postdoctoral fellows!

Annie Paige passed her comprehensive examinations in March 2018.

Marie Sartain passed her comprehensive examinations in March 2018.

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**ALUMNI NEWS**

David Chandler (Ph.D. ’15) has taken up a new position as Academic Advisor at TCC.

Kent Emerson (Ph.D. ’16) published an essay, “Joyce’s Ulysses: A Database Narrative,” in the most recent issue of Joyce Studies Annual. This year, he begins a graduate program in the Information School at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he serves as a research assistant at the Center for the History of Print and Digital Culture.

Marcia Farrell (Ph.D. ’05) was named editor of the Journal of Eric Studies.

Younghie Ko (Ph.D. ’13) published an essay, “Moving Beyond the Famine: Joyce, Emigration, and Imagining a New Community in ‘Penelope,’” in the most recent issue of Joyce Studies Annual.

Lindi Smith (Ph.D. ’16) accepted the position of Senior Digital Editor/Writer for the Dallas County Community College District.

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**FACULTY NEWS**

Dr. Jennifer Airey was named a 2018 University of Tulsa Outstanding Professor. Her book manuscript, Religion Around Mary Shelley, has received final editorial approval from Penn State University Press, and it will be forthcoming later this year. She recently published an article entitled “He bears no rival near the throne”: Male Solipsism and Early Feminism in the Works of Charlotte Dacre in Eighteenth-Century Fiction, and her essay, “Cult: The Case of Mary–Catherine Cadière,” is forthcoming in Studies in Eighteenth–Century Culture. She also delivered a paper, “Delaireville Manley’s Missing Children: Constructing the Autobiographical Self in The New Atlantis and The Adventures of Rivella,” at the Aphra Behn Europe conference in Dublin, Ireland.

Dr. Dennis Denisoff has published the scholarly edition Arthur Machen: Decadent and Occult Works (Cambridge: MHRA, 2018) and he and Dr. Talia Schaffer have begun co-editing the 45-essay Routledge Companion to Victorian Literature. With Dr. Regenia Gagnier, he co-edited and introduced the peer-reviewed digital edition of Oscar Wilde’s 'The Harlot's House' (covecollective.org). He co-organized a conference on 'Curiosity and Desire in Fin-de-Siecle Art and Literature' (Clark Library, UCLA) and gave two invited talks: 'Trans–species Feminism in the Neo–Pagan Movement,' at the Occult and Popular Social Movements Symposium (U Glasgow) and 'Eco–Paganism as a Trans–Historical Politics' at the Victorian Ecofeme Symposium (CUNY Graduate School).
Dr. Sara Beam gave a presentation titled “Mindfulness and Meditative Thinking in/and Steven Universe, Adventure Time, and the Zen Shorts Series” at the SCMLA conference. In July 2018, she gave a presentation entitled “Taking a Leap: Portfolio Improvement Pilot (PIP) at the University of Tulsa Writing Program” at the 2018 Council of Writing Program Administrators Conference. The collection of Oklahoma women’s personal stories that she co-edited and contributed to, *Voices from the Heartland*, vol. II, is forthcoming from OU Press in 2019.

Dr. Don James Brown was awarded the Hench Post-Dissertation Fellowship at the American Antiquarian Society, 2018-2019, to support his current book manuscript, *The Phobic Imagination in American Literature*. He is also the recipient of the University of Pennsylvania’s Diane Hunter Prize for the best dissertation in English, 2017-18.

Dr. Sean Latham has been named director of the University of Tulsa Institute for Bob Dylan Studies and will be hosting a major symposium called the World of Bob Dylan from April 30–June 2 here in Tulsa. With Dr. Brian Hosmer, he is co-editing a collection of 34 essays on Dylan’s work, life, and context that will be published next year by Cambridge University Press. This summer, he and Dr. Jeff Drouin published a co-authored essay on the Modernist Journals Project and digital humanities in Modernism/modernity. Latham has been invited to deliver several lectures in the coming months, including a keynote address on Dylan at the University of Southern Denmark in October 2018 and a distinguished lecture on the humanities at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga in September. Much of this work comes from a new book he is writing tentatively titled *Bob Dylan’s Odyssey*, a biography that explores the singer-songwriter’s development from a sometime folk musician and rock star into a Nobel-winning storyteller.

Dr. Bob Jackson became the James G. Watson professor of English. He also edited a special issue of *The Faulkner Journal*, ‘Faulkner and the North,’ which came out this spring.

Dr. Grant Jenkins was invited to give two lectures in Paris last July, one on the poetry of Ron Padgett at l’Université de Paris 7 & 8 and another on the ethics of experimental African American Poetry at l’Université de Paris – Est, Marne le Vallée. The latter talk is part of Jenkins’ latest book project, *Other Wise: Ethics in African American Poetry After the Civil Rights Movement*, which is currently under review at the University of Iowa Press and forms the basis of his fall 2018 graduate seminar. Jenkins delivered the paper, “Slaves to Consumerism: Harriet Beecher Stowe’s Repackaged Slave Narrative," for the Constructions of the Black Writer Panel, which he organized for the Louisville Conference on Literature. In addition to scholarship, he also had some creative accomplishments. His poem "for erica lewis" was published in *Fresh Prints*, while Jenkins gave several readings around Tulsa throughout the year, one of which he organized, “OK Avant Garde.” Jenkins is also involved in the Tulsa arts scene, serving on the Board of Director of Living Arts, MC’ing several events for the Tulsa Artist Fellowship, and sitting on the planning committee for its first annual “Lit Fest.” He is currently seeking a publisher for his latest novel, *Ivory Tower*, which he completed in January.

Professor Keija Parssinen earned fellowships to Yaddo, the MacDowell Colony, and Playa Summer Lake. This year, she placed a short story with *The Arkansas International*, and has several pieces forthcoming in *World Literature Today*, including an article on Literary Vienna.

Dr. Laura Stevens was appointed a 2018 Obama Fellow, at the Obama Center for Transnational American Studies, Johannes Gutenberg Universität, Mainz, Germany, June 2018. She gave a public lecture there titled “Geronimo: The Mohawk People, Christian Missions, and Native Survivance,” and visited the University of Siegen, where she gave a lecture titled, "An African American among the Cherokee: John Warrington’s Life Writing.” She was also awarded a 2018-19 Fulbright Award; this summer, she will teach graduate classes in the Interdisciplinary Center for Study of the European Enlightenment (or IZEA, Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für die Erforschung der Europäischen Aufklärung). She will also be researching the circulations and expressions of emotion in correspondence between Pietists at the Franckesche Stiftungen zu Halle (Francke Foundation in Halle) and the Church of England’s Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts in London. Her essay, “The Virgin Mary and Violated Mothers in British and Colonial Anti-Catholicism” is forthcoming in *Anti-Popery in the Anglo-American World, c. 1550-1850*, edited by Evan Haefeli. Her essay “Devotion in the Enlightenment: A Forum," is forthcoming in next issue of *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture*. 