

# OU English Department

OU College of Arts and Sciences

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*Get to know the OU  
English Department!*

## **Christopher Edison, Haeyoung Lee, and Allison Nepomnick**

Christopher Edison, Haeyoung Lee, and Allison Nepomnick received the Provost's Certificate of Distinction in Teaching. The recipients represent the top 10 percent of all graduate assistants across campus by student evaluations for courses taught during the Fall 2016 semester. The students were recognized at a special reception honoring their outstanding teaching performance on Tuesday, February 28, at the Jan Marie and Richard J. Crawford University Club.

## **Catherine John and Joshua Nelson**

Drs. John and Nelson successfully launched the Unlearning Racism Pilot Workshop for faculty in November of last year and successfully trained facilitators in January of 2017. They will both be involved in rolling out the first official workshops in March and April of this semester. Our department now has workshop facilitators among both our faculty and graduate students these include: Prof. Amit Baishya, and graduate students Haeyoung Lee and Amanda Cuellar.

## **Sandra Tarabochia**

Dr. Tarabochia has been selected to join the "Writing through the Lifespan" collaborative as a core researcher. With over thirty scholars from countries including (among others) the U.S., U.K., Canada, Colombia, and South Africa, she will collaboratively design a century-long longitudinal, mixed-methods study that will investigate writing

development across the lifespan in communities across the globe.

Dr. Tarabochia and recent OU graduate Dr. Shannon Madden, Assistant Professor at the University of Rhode Island, were awarded the prestigious Emergent Research/er Grant from the Conference on College Composition and Communication for their research investigating the writerly development, writing support, and barriers to writing access that exist for graduate students and early career faculty across the disciplines.

## **Vincent Leitch**

Dr. Leitch's latest book was recently published: *Literary Criticism in the Twenty-First Century: Theory Renaissance* (London: Bloomsbury, 2014), xiv, 174 pp. Published in New Delhi: Bloomsbury Academic, 2016.

## Amanda Klinger

Dr. Amanda Klinger delivered a paper, titled "Nervous Mobilities: Urban Sensibility in Blake's *Jerusalem*," at the Romantic Studies Association of Australasia's biennial conference, "Transporting Romanticism," in Wellington, New Zealand on February 17.



Amanda Klinger and family in Hobbit land in New Zealand

## Su Fang Ng

Su Fang Ng was awarded a Solmsen Fellowship at the Institute for Research in the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a Longterm Fellowship at the Newberry Library in Chicago. She will take one of them up in the 2017-18 academic year.

She published "Bare-forked Animals: *King Lear* and the Problems of Patriarchalism," in *Family Politics in Early Modern Literature*, ed. Hannah Crawforth and Sarah Lewis (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017).

# English Events



Faculty and Student Participants at the English Booth

## Majors and Minors Fair

English faculty and majors had a great time working together to promote the department at OU's Majors & Minors Fair. Thanks to Dr. Kurlinkus's exhibit design, we won a prize for best table display. (Trophy pictured). Appearing here from left to right are Professors Sandy Tarabochia, Jim Zeigler, and Will Kurlinkus, and majors Hannah Grace Lanneau, Chynna Terrell, Seth Oliveras, and Elizabeth Felz. Undergraduate Advisor Brett Burkhart and Professors Rilla Askew and Gabi Rios participated too.

## Graduate Student Recruitment

Dr. Rita Keresztesi organized a weekend of recruitment events. Faculty and graduate students came out to greet and meet potential new graduate students, to answer their questions, and share a meal together.

## Tea with the Professor

Dr. Kenneth Hodges held a tea in February showcasing developments in the Digital Humanities.



Dr. Hodges leads Tea with the Professor

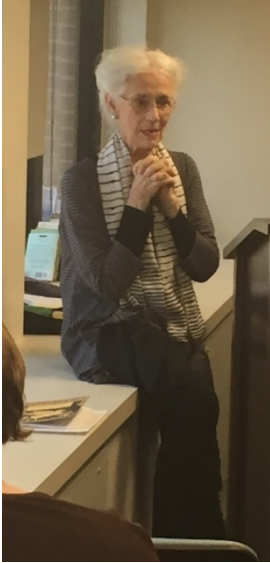


## **Dream Course**

Su Fang Ng and Sara Coodin (Classics and Letters)'s Presidential Dream Course "Searching for Hamlet" hosted their first guest speaker in February, Professor Terri Bourus from Indiana University at Indianapolis, who visited the class and gave a public lecture on February 1 on "Enter Young Shakespeare [Meeting Young Hamlet]"

## **Andrea Lunsford Visits OU English**

We were honored to host Dr. Lunsford who gave a talk about pedagogy in English Department. FYC made her visit possible.



**Dr. Andrea Lunsford speaking to the faculty and students**