

Subplot

The Newsletter of the MFA Program in Creative Writing at ASU November 2009

Ongoing

Graduate Reading Series
Tavern on Mill, 404 S. Mill, Tempe, AZ
Weekly readings that start around 8:30 pm.
11/5: Hugh Martin, Justin Sikes, Leah Soderberg

October 28 - December 17

ASU's Creative Writing 25th Anniversary Display
Hayden Library Concourse
Exhibit with historical photos, broadsides and posters.
Melissa Pritchard in a wig. Norman Dubie in a hat.

November 1 - Piper Online Book Club

***The Devil's Gentleman* by Harold Schechter**
The Piper Online Book Club selection for November is *The Devil's Gentleman* by 2009 Distinguished Visiting Writer Harold Schechter. Visit <http://piperbooks.blogspot.com> to participate. **Discussion period: Nov. 16-20.**

November 2

Spring registration opens.

November 3

Poets **KATE GREENSTREET, ELIZABETH A. HISCOX, DOUGLAS S. JONES** and **ROSE SWARTZ**

Public Reading, 7 pm
Changing Hands Bookstore
26428 S. McClintock Dr., Tempe

November 4



Author **CAITLIN HORROCKS**
Public Reading, 7:45 pm
Piper Writers House
ASU Tempe Campus

Come after class, grab some eats, and celebrate our fall visiting faculty with a reading in the cozy setting of the Piper Writers House.

November 18

Harding Award applications due.

November 30

Author **CAROL ANN BASSETT**
Public Reading, 7 pm
Pima Auditorium, Memorial Union (Room 230)
ASU Tempe Campus

December 1

AWP travel grant applications due.

AWP Travel Grants Available

Don't miss an opportunity to receive a grant to attend the AWP conference in Denver April 7-10. Thanks to some creative collaboration involving Norman Dubie, the creative writing program, Piper, and the Program for Global Engagement, we are able to offer every student enrolled in the MFA program next semester an AWP 2010 Travel Grant. This grant will provide a reimbursement of justifiable expenses—registration, travel, housing, and meals—up to \$600. In addition, as many as 10 students willing to volunteer for 6 hours at one of ASU's book fair and information booths will receive an additional \$250 AWP 2010 Professional Development Grant. Students helping out at the booths will help to promote and disseminate information about the program, *Hayden's Ferry Review*, and Global Engagement.

All candidates for the MFA in creative writing at ASU enrolled for the spring 2010 semester who submit an application to the Program Director on paper by **5 pm December 1** will receive a AWP 2010 Travel Grant. (Keep in mind, though, that this grant is a reimbursement, not a cash advance.) See application email for additional information, or contact us with questions.

Wales International Fellowship Awards Announced

Third-year fiction MFA **Ari Sen** and second-year poet **Ryan Holden** have been selected for the Wales International Fellowship. They will accompany Professor Jewell Rhodes to London and Aberystwyth University in Wales.

Harding Award Applications

Entries are currently being accepted for the 2010 Philip R. Harding Spirit of Books Award. Entries are due by noon on **Wednesday, November 18**. Entries can be dropped at the Piper Writer House.

Hayden's Ferry Review Issue 45 Arrives This Month!



After Nov. 20, come on by the Piper Writers House to check out the new issue of *Hayden's Ferry Review*! All MFAs get one copy, and readers get up to five. Applications for the next set of editors will be due in December. If you're interested or have questions, please email **Beth Staples** at Beth.Staples@asu.edu, or stop by Piper to chat.

Fall Thesis Defense Schedule

November 19

Jeremy Spohr, Poetry
LL 316, 2 pm

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Mark Haunschild, Poetry
LL 316, 3 pm

MFA News and Notes

Kathleen Winter has poems forthcoming in *Cerise Press*. **Rachel Malis** was runner up for the 2009 *Slapering Hol Press* chapbook contest.

The State Press Features Graduate Reading Series

The State Press ran a feature story on the Graduate Reading Series last month. The article is still available on their website at: <http://www.statepress.com/node/7885>

New MFA Bios (Installment 2)

Shane Lake is from Massachusetts and he's a big Boston sports fan. He earned his undergraduate degree from Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA. In his spare time he enjoys listening to indie rock and going to live concerts.

Adrienne Celt is from Seattle. She went to school at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. After college she worked for Google, first in California and then in Chicago. She's also written some insightful and engaging book reviews for *The Huffington Post*. She enjoys sarcasm and winter squashes.

Eman Hassan has lived in Boston and Kuwait and she earned her undergraduate degree from American University. She worked as an interpreter in an evacuation hospital during the first Gulf War, served in the military, and worked in academia in Kuwait and the UAE.

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