News

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Rachael Stanley as Prémie Assistante in Modern English Literature from August 2018.

Rachael holds a BA from Cambridge University, MA and PhD from Nottingham University, and last year she held a lectureship at the University of East Anglia. Her PhD, which is currently under consideration with Cambridge University Press, concerned the influence of French naturalism on British modernist writers. Her next project, which she’ll pursue while teaching for us, revisions 20C modernism as a female writers’ movement, centrally concerned with experimental writing of the erotic.

Staff News

Research and Publications


Hazel Blair presented a paper entitled “Saint, knight, and “chef de charite”: Hagiography and Romance in the Middle English Life of St Robert of Knaresborough” at the biennial Medieval Insular Romance Conference in Cardiff on 9-11 April.


Martine was also interviewed for the April/May edition of Uniscope (see below).

The FNS Region and Nation in Late Medieval Devotion to Northern English Saints team (Denis Renevey, Christiania Whitehead, and Hazel Blair) presented their project to colleagues in the English departments of the universities of Geneva and Lausanne on 28 February and 7 March, respectively.

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Maria Rosa Garrido Sardà presented a paper entitled “Language and intersectionality: Arab female communicators in a humanitarian agency” at the 2nd Workshop of the Language and Work Group, UCL Institute of Education, London, 21-22 April

Tino Oudesluijs presented a paper entitled "He maketh, makes or make? third person sing. ind. present tense inflections in Late Medieval and Early Modern Coventry" at the yearly SWELL (Swiss Works in English Language and Linguistics) meeting on 23 March

Benjamin Pickford presented a paper entitled “Late-Transcendentalism: Literature, Lines of Sight, and Cultural Registration” at the joint European Association of American Studies/ British Association of American Studies conference in London, 4-7 April 2018

Denis Renevey's chapter “The Emergence of Devotion to the Name of Jesus in the West”, was published in Aspects of Knowledge: Preserving and Reinventing Traditions of Learning in the Middle Ages, ed. Marilina Cesario and Hugh Magennis. Manchester UP, 2018. Details: http://www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/9780719097843/


Boris Vejdovsky attended the European Association of American Studies board meeting in London where he represented the Swiss Association of North American Studies (SANAS)

In the Media

Boris Vejdovsky appeared on the morning show, Invité de la rédaction on RTS 1, 29 March, where he spoke about Martin Luther King and other American matters. On April 3, Boris appeared on Couleur3 where he spoke about MLK once more

Student News

Summer Schools

Isis Giraldo will be teaching at a Summer School on Postcolonialism, 27-31 August at UNIL organised by the Social and Political Sciences Faculty. The school is interdisciplinary and in French and inscriptions are open until May 31. See the following link for details on how to register: http://wp.unil.ch/summerschools/courses/postcolonialisme/

Forthcoming Events

The English department will celebrate the 202nd anniversary of the conception of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein with a Frankenstein student conference and study day on Friday 31 May. For more information, see the posters around the department or contact Enit Steiner (enit.steiner@unil.ch)

Frankenstein Turns 202 in Switzerland

Thursday, 31 May 2018

This is a conference that combines student/ research in the novel with input from the staff of the English Department, in keeping with the spirit of context that goes ‘into Frankenstein, students and staff’ which involves contributions of different forms and formats, reflective papers (of civic or personal), creative pieces with or without, short stories, poems, dynamic poems, lyrical drama, visual and auditory pieces, etc. A prize will be awarded to the best creative contribution.

Please send a short description of your contribution by April 14 or earlier to En, See Stein, enit.steiner@unil.ch

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The 2018 edition of the Paris Study Trip took place between 27-29 April and was reported to be a great success! For evidence, see the photo at the bottom of the page.

English Department Research Seminar Series

All events take place in Anthropole 5196, 13h15 - 15h

16 May: Prismatic Translation. Matthew Reynolds (University of Oxford)

CUSO Doctoral Workshops

16 May: Professionalisation workshop. Writing Grant applications. Session led by Kirsten Stirling and Denis Renevey. UNIL, ANT 5136, 18h-20h


Open Calls for Papers


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