

*Department of Literature Chair, Professor Nina Zhiri, announces Literature Department's Graduate Student Accomplishments
2011-2012*

Edward Avila has accepted a tenure track position as Assistant Professor of English at Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico.

Caralyn Bialo has accepted a job at Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY, teaching Renaissance and Medieval English Literature.

Jennie Daniels has accepted the position of Assistant Professor of Spanish in the English and Modern Languages Department at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Eunsong Angela Kim has been selected as a recipient of the by the UC San Diego Committee on Senate Awards as a recipient of the 2011-2012 Barbara and Paul Saltman Excellent Teaching Award for Graduate Students. This award is given to a Graduate Student for a truly outstanding commitment to teaching and for inspiration brought to the education and lives of our students. Angela “has done phenomenal work as a TA in the Culture, Art, and Technology program... running Writing Studio and training undergraduate peer tutors in innovative writing pedagogies and making curricular connections between writing, digital literacy, and arts practice...” (Elizabeth Losh, Director of Academic Programs, Sixth College).



Joo Ok Kim has been awarded a Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship for the 2012-2013 academic year. The Ford Foundation is committed to faculty ethnic and racial diversity, endeavors to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and focuses on increasing the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching education for all students.



Adam Lewis has been selected for the Barra Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the McNeil Center or Early American Studies in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He has also accepted the position as Assistant Professor of American Literature at Boston College, Boston, Massachusetts, which he starts after the fellowship.

Daniel Quiros has accepted a tenure track position as Assistant Professor in Spanish at Lafayette College, a small liberal arts school in Easton, Pennsylvania.

Dixa Ramirez has received a one-year Postdoctoral from the Center for African American Studies at Princeton University in New Jersey and a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Latina/o Literature position at Yale's American Studies Program and Ethnicity, Race and Migration Program in New Haven, Connecticut.

John Rieder has accepted the position of Assistant Professor of English at Southwestern College in Chula Vista, California.

L. Chase Smith has been awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the UCLA Mellon Postdoctoral Program in the Humanities “Cultures in Transnational Perspective,” and is a renewable fellowship for a second year. While at UCLA, Los Angeles, California, Chase will teach Andrew W. Mellon Visiting Assistant Professor.

Kaitlin Solimine was named winner of Dzanc Books’ International Literature Award for “American Nurse,” which is an excerpted chapter from her first book *Empire of Glass*, which is represented by William Clark Associates in New York, New York. In connecting with this award, Kate receives airfare, accommodations, and full tuition to attend DISQUIET 2012 in Lisbon, Portugal, in July.



Lisa Vernoy has been selected by the UC San Diego Committee on Senate Awards as the recipient of the 2011-2012 Barbara and Paul Saltman Excellent Teaching Award for Graduate Students, confirmed by the Representative Assembly on April 24, 2012. This award is given to a Graduate Student for a truly outstanding commitment to teaching and for inspiration brought to the education and lives of our students. Lisa’s “selection as a Teaching Award recipient is a tribute to the extraordinary excellence of [her] teaching” (S. Schick, Chair, Committee on Distinguished Teaching).

Franciszka Voeltz has accepted a residency at Art Farm Nebraska in Marquette, Nebraska. She will spend the summer engaged with other professionals in all areas of the arts, using accommodations and studio space to pursue her writing in exchange for a contribution of labor of 12 hours per week to help renovate and maintain Art Farm’s buildings and grounds as well as other projects.



Katrina White has been awarded a 2012-13 IICAS Graduate Student Research Travel Award to conduct dissertation research in Puerto Rico during the summer of 2012.



Alvin Ka Hin Wong will be a Postdoctoral Fellow at the UCLA Mellon Postdoctoral Program in the Humanities, called “Cultures in Transnational Perspective.” During his term in this program, Alvin will teach as a Visiting Assistant Professor for the Comparative Literature and Gender Studies Departments at UCLA, Los Angeles, California.

Warm congratulations from all of us in the UC San Diego Department of Literature!