

MFA AT EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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MARCH MADNESS

CHANGING OF THE GAURD

Hey all,

The Winter Quarter is almost over, the days are getting longer, and for those of us that are second years, we need to continue chipping away at thesis. I know this time of year is stressful, but I want to urge everyone to resist becoming shut off during the Spring Quarter. Getting your thesis done is important, don't get me wrong, but the people are one of the greatest aspects of this program. They will likely be your friends and readers long after your time here comes to an end. Maintain those relationships. Go to VoiceOver, go to readings, and go to the various after parties. I know I'm one of the worst about this, but I plan to change that. Recently, I left work at Target where I have been for nearly three years. My main motivation was to free time for thesis, but I also plan to start attending the program events again. Also to free time, I'm transitioning out of my role as editor of the newsletter. This will be my last issue and for the next year, Kerry Rutherford will be the editor. Welcome her, have some fun, and continue writing.

Cheers,
Cody

Hello MFA people!

I am excited to be the new editor of our newsletter with the next issue. Many of you know me, but for everyone else, here is a bit of background. I was born and raised near Seattle, got my bachelors in anthropology from the University of Washington, and am currently a first year nonfiction student here at EWU. I've lived in the NW, Alaska, and amazingly, Cody and I discovered we had both lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I love all forms of entertainment: books, music, movies, art and meeting new people. My first newsletter will be jam-packed with GetLit! Festival info, publishing tips, Dear Second Year Student column, and the usual announcements. If anyone has ideas or information you would like to see in our newsletter, you can email me at: kerryrutherford6@gmail.com.

Kerry

UPCOMING EVENTS

VoiceOver - March 17th from 7PM-9PM at Lindaman's - Voiceover is the student reading series of the EWU MFA program in Creative Writing. Come enjoy the work of Ben Murray, Carol Peters, Katie Setzer, Daniel Spiro, Clare Wilson, alums Lauren Hohle and JP Vallieres, and faculty reader Jonathan Johnson!



JONATHAN JOHNSON

POEMS PUBLISHED

The release of Jonathan's next book of poems, *May Is an Island*, has been set for October 2018 by Carnegie Mellon University Press. Congratulations Jonathan!



TAYLOR KENSEL

PUSHCART PRIZE NOMINATION

Congratulations, Taylor on the your nomination for a Pushcart Poetry Prize!

KERRY RUTHERFORD

UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

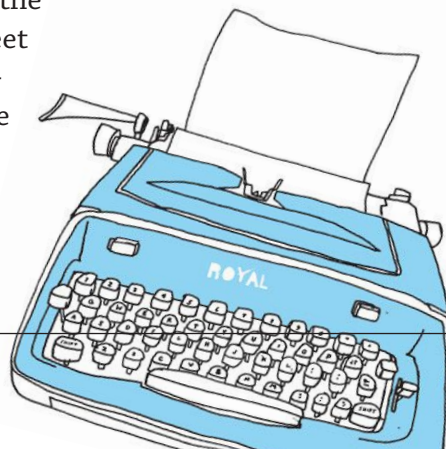
Congratulations, Kerry on the forthcoming publication of your essay and poem in *Spindrift Art & Literary Journal*. Available in May!



LISA LAUGHLIN

CHAPBOOK & PUSHCART PRIZE NOMINATION

Congratulations, alumna Lisa Laughlin on the recent publication of your chapbook by sweet Publications and on your Pushcart nomination for the title essay! The chapbook will be available for purchase at AWP this year.



AUNTIES EVENTS

Wednesday, Mar. 7 - 7 p.m.

Sally Lodato: *Seeing Myself Seeing the World*

Saturday, Mar. 10 - 1:30 p.m.

Sanan Kolva: Debut Signing

Saturday, Mar. 10 - 7 p.m.

Meagan Macvie and Stephen Wallenfels: In Conversation

Wednesday, Mar. 14 - 7 p.m.

Bruce Holbert: *Whisky* (Fiction students, go to this event! Everyone else, too!)

Thursday, Mar. 29 - 7 p.m.

Matt Young: *Eat the Apple*

