



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CONTEMPORARY LITERARY STUDIES

Welcome to the BACLS April newsletter

The BACLS newsletter shares calls for papers, job listings, recent publications, and events (including conferences, talks, and exhibitions) relating to Contemporary Literary Studies in Britain and around the world.

Items for upcoming newsletters should be sent to the acting BACLS Publicity Officer, Julia Ditter at julia.ditter@northumbria.ac.uk or via messaging the [@BACLS_official](#) Twitter account.

Please send items by 13th May 2022 for inclusion in the next mailing.

BACLS is also on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) – please feel free to follow for updates and to share formal and informal announcements with BACLS members and the wider contemporary studies community.

Call for papers / articles / contributions

Call for Papers: [The 'Second World' in Contemporary British Writing](#). 16-18 September 2022, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg. Building on and aiming to complement these debates with new perspectives, the symposium invites critical investigations of contemporary British writing published after the fall of the Berlin Wall, but whose narrative focus lies on the Eastern and Central European past of the Cold War period – the so-called 'second world'. Papers should explore the disturbing potentials, productive prevarications, and the general appeal and promise of imaginative appropriations of this historical setting. Abstracts due 30th April 2022.

Call for Abstracts: [BACLS Research Seminar: Abstract Workshop](#), 27 May 2022, 2pm (Online). BACLS is running an online workshop in which participants can discuss their ideas for scholarly articles and essays. If you are interested in having your work discussed, please submit an abstract of max. 300 words to [James Peacock](#) by Friday 13th May 2022.

Call for Papers: "Ways of Picturing, Thinking and Telling Our Time: Fifty Years of Seeing with John Berger", 20-21 October 2022, University of Lorraine in Metz. Further information will be available shortly on the [website of the Société](#)

[d'Etudes Anglaises Contemporaines](#) (SEAC). Abstracts due 31st May 2022. See attached CFP for details.

Events

[Dis/Orientations and Dis/Entanglements in Contemporary Literature and Culture](#), 21-23 September, University of Málaga. Programme TBA.

[The Uses of Form: Theory – Methodology – Pedagogy](#), Workshop, 1-2 July (Online). Programme is now online, registration via email.

New Publications

Nonfiction: [Timothy Baker, *Reading My Mother Back: A Memoir in Childhood Animal Stories*](#), MIT Press, 2022 (available for pre-order).

[New issue of *Tolka* now available for pre-order](#) (publication May 2022), edited by Liam Harrison, Seán Hayes and Catherine Hearn.

All members are encouraged to share news of recently published books, essays, or articles, so please feel free to send those over to include in future newsletters.

Job / Funded PhD Listings

[Lecturer in Creative Writing](#), University of Lincoln, School of English & Journalism. Full Time, Permanent. Closes 8th May.

[Senior Lecturer in Critical Theory and Creative Writing \(Teaching and Research\)](#), University of Manchester, School of Arts, Languages and Cultures. Full Time, Permanent. Closes 9th May.

[Lecturer in 20th and 21st Century Women's Writing](#), University of Bristol, Department of English. Full Time, Permanent. Closes 12th May.

[PhD Studentship – Place, Space, Health: Representing the North-South Divide in Literature and Culture](#), Newcastle University. Closes 31st May.

Please note BACLS shares all opportunities, so as to present a wide range of jobs on offer but does not seek to endorse precarious and fractional employment as a standard practice.

Other Announcements

Nominations are now open for 12 positions on the BACLS Executive Committee.

- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Communications & Web Administrator
- Membership Secretary
- Ordinary Member (5 positions)
- Graduate Student Representative (3 positions)

If you would like to nominate yourself for one of these positions, **please complete the [short online form](#)**, including a 300-word statement detailing your background and suitability for the role. The deadline for nominations is Friday 29th April 2022.

Link to online form [here](#).

Please feel free to contact [current post holders](#) if you would like to get a better sense of what these roles involve.

BACLS Prizes

Nominations are invited for the 2021 Monograph, Edited Collection, and Postgraduate Essay prizes. Please send your nominations to:

- Monograph Prize: Dr Rachel Sykes (r.sykes@bham.ac.uk)
- Edited Collection Prize: Dr Tim Baker (t.c.baker@abdn.ac.uk)
- Postgraduate Essay Prize: Dr Kristian Shaw (KShaw@lincoln.ac.uk)

Further details about our prizes, and how to submit a nomination, are available [here](#). The deadline for submissions is 13th May 2022.

Membership Fee Waiver

BACLS is continuing its 12-month membership fee waiver for members who may be experiencing hardship and unforeseen difficulties as a result of the ongoing Covid-19 situation. If you would like to request a fee waiver then please contact Mike Witcombe, Membership Secretary (witcombeuk@gmail.com).

Best wishes,

Julia, on behalf of the BACLS Executive Committee.