



# THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CONTEMPORARY LITERARY STUDIES

Welcome to the BACLS April 2023 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@outlook.com](mailto:julia-ditter@outlook.com) or via messaging the [@BACLS\\_official](#) Twitter account.

**Please send items by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 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: [Poetry and Care Conference](#), 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September 2023, University of Plymouth. Poetry and Care invites papers and poems which investigate and express the variety of ways in which care is central to poetry. Abstracts for critical papers, poetry readings/talks, roundtables, panels or paper jams are due on 1 June.

Call for Contributions: [Elements in Feminism and Contemporary Critical Theory](#) is a new series for Cambridge University Press seeking to commission exciting feminist work in its range of 'mini-monographs' of 20-30K words. Grounded in queer, trans, antiracist, and intersectional feminist traditions, the series looks to expand familiar paradigms of academic writing, locating new methods and modes to account for a transformational feminist politics today. Priced competitively (£15) and free to digitally download for 2 weeks after publication, these peer-reviewed books also promise a wide dissemination. Please see the [website](#) and contact Jennifer Cooke (Loughborough University), [J.A.Cooke@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:J.A.Cooke@lboro.ac.uk) if you think you have an idea we might be interested in.

Call for Contributions & Special Issues: BACLS-affiliated journal [C21 Literature](#) has published its first issue since a change in editors and expansion of the editorial team. As part of this spring issue, additional articles and reviews will be published in the next few weeks, and a second issue will be published later this year. C21 is now actively encouraging new submissions including research articles, reflections on the teaching of contemporary literature, interviews with authors/practitioners, roundtable

discussions, and book and conference reviews. The journal is also keen to hear from scholars interested in editing a special issue. Feel free to get in touch with the C21 editors: Siân Adiseshiah ([S.Adiseshiah@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:S.Adiseshiah@lboro.ac.uk)) and Caroline Edwards ([Caroline.Edwards@bbk.ac.uk](mailto:Caroline.Edwards@bbk.ac.uk)).

## Events

[Contemporary Writers: Ali Smith Symposium](#): Registration is now open for the Ali Smith symposium, taking place on Wednesday 26th April 2023, 9.30am-5.30pm at the Faculty of English, University of Cambridge. To see the programme and register please visit the [conference website](#).

## New Publications

[C21 10 \(1\): Spring 2023 Issue](#): BACLS-affiliated journal *C21 Literature* has published its first issue since a change in editors and expansion of the editorial team. As part of this spring issue, additional articles and reviews will be published in the next few weeks, and a second issue will be published later this year.

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

[Graduate Teaching Fellowship \(PhD\)](#), Literature and Environmental Crisis, University of Lincoln, Full Time UKRI Stipend. Closes 17<sup>th</sup> April.

[Senior Lecturer in Environmental Humanities](#), University of Exeter, Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. Full Time, Permanent. Closes 26<sup>th</sup> April.

[Online Tutor - MA Creative Writing](#), Cambridge Education Group, University of Hull (online). Part Time, Fixed Term (15-week module). Closes 21<sup>st</sup> April.

[Lecturer in English](#), Edinburgh Napier University. Full Time, Permanent. Closes 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

[Senior Lecturer Creative & Professional Writing](#), St Mary's University Twickenham, Institute of Theology and Liberal Arts (IoTLA). Part Time, Permanent. Closes 24<sup>th</sup> April.

[Lecturer/Senior Lecturer/Reader in Creative Writing](#), University of St Andrews, School of English. Full Time, Permanent. Closes 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

[Lecturer in Black British and/or Diasporic Literatures](#), Newcastle University. Full Time, Permanent. Closes 4<sup>th</sup> May.

[Lecturer in Contemporary Global Literatures](#), University of Lincoln, School of Humanities and Heritage. Full Time, Permanent. Closes 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Membership Fee Waiver**

BACLS offers a 12-month membership fee waiver for members who may be experiencing financial hardship. If you would like to request a fee waiver then please contact Julia Ditter, Membership Secretary ([julia-ditter@outlook.com](mailto:julia-ditter@outlook.com)).

Best wishes for the year ahead,

Julia, on behalf of the BACLS Executive Committee.