



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CONTEMPORARY LITERARY STUDIES

Welcome to the BACLS February 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 BACLS Publicity Officer, Zoe Hope Bulaitis at zoebulaitis@gmail.com or via messaging [@BACLS_official](https://twitter.com/BACLS_official) Twitter account.

Please send items by 20th February 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

Victorian Legacies podcast is looking for academics and creatives to talk about their current projects and why the nineteenth century continues to influence and fascinate us. If you're a C19 or Neo-Victorian scholar/creative and want to get involved in the future, feel free to drop Emma Catan an email at emma.catan@northumbria.ac.uk or victorianlegacies@gmail.com. ECRs, PGRs and independent scholars are very welcome, from any discipline that may look back at this period!

The 'Second World' in Contemporary British Writing, 16-18 September 2022, Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, investigates contemporary British writing published after the fall of the Berlin Wall, whose narrative focus lies on the Eastern and Central European past of the Cold War period – the so-called 'second world'. The CfP can be found on the conference [website](#). The deadline for abstracts is 28 March 2022.

Digital Events / Recordings

[BACLS Abstracts Workshop](#). Friday 25 February 2022, 2pm GMT. Following the seminars on preparing edited collection and book proposals (October 2021) and publishing in academic journals (November 2021), BACLS is running an online workshop in which participants can discuss their ideas for scholarly articles and essays. [Details on having your work discussed here](#).

New Publications

Book: Charlotte Beyer. [Contemporary Children's and Young Adult Literature: Writing Back to History and Oppression](#). Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2021.

Book chapter: Charlotte Beyer. "Chicago Crime, Blue Collar and White: Sara Paretsky's VI Warshawski Novels." in Køhlert, Frederik Byrn, ed. [Chicago: A Literary History](#), pp. 356-369. Cambridge University Press, 2021.

Book: Martin Paul Eve. [Warez: The Infrastructure and Aesthetics of Piracy](#) (punctum books, 2022)

Book: Ellen Jones. [Literature in Motion: Translating Multilingualism Across the Americas](#) (Columbia University Press, 2022).

Journal special issue: Ellie Byrne, Liam Connell & Phil Leonard (eds), '[Troubling Globalisation](#)', Parallax 27:1 (2021). Contributions from Diletta De Cristofaro, Liam Connell, Ellie Byrne, Arin Keeble & James Annesley, Martin Crowley, and Phil Leonard.

Please note you can 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

Call for Editor: [C21 Literature: Journal of 21st-century Writings](#) is the journal of the British Association for Contemporary Literary Studies (BACLS). The journal is dedicated to examining the genres, forms of publication, and circulation of 21st-century writings. C21 Literature is a logical development of the explosion of interest in 21st-century writings, seen in book groups, university courses, and the development of online publishing. The long-time Editor-in-Chief of C21, Katy Shaw, is stepping down from the role and the Association would like to thank Professor Shaw for her long service. As a result, the journal now seeks a new editor for a three-year term, to start on 1st April 2022. Candidates should have a desire to revitalize and renew the journal's direction with significant autonomy. [See here for details.](#)

Other Announcements

The BACLS Executive Committee met last week and discussed plans for the association in 2022. We look forward to announcing the 2022 book prize, developing our ongoing digital seminar series, and support member events early in the new year... watch this space!

Membership Fee Wavier: 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).