



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CONTEMPORARY LITERARY STUDIES

Welcome to the BACLS August 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](#) Twitter account. **Please send items by 16 September 2020 for inclusion in the next mailing.**

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Call for papers / articles / contributions

- Call for Papers: [“Pandemic: Race. Literature. Politics.” The New Americanist](#) is seeking articles which engage with contemporary literature within the framework of race and politics. Deadline for abstracts 31 August 2020.
- Call for Essays: [Telepoetics](#) - an edited collection exploring the relationship between literature and telephony in a range of global contexts and from the nineteenth century to the present day. Deadline for abstracts 1 September 2020.
- Call for Papers: [OGOM Conference 2021 - ‘Ill met by moonlight’: Gothic encounters with enchantment and the Faerie realm in literature and culture](#) - University of Hertfordshire, 8–10 April 2021. Deadline for papers/panels proposals 30 October 2020.
- Call for Chapters: [Genetic Histories and Liberties: Eugenics, Genetic Ancestries and Genetic Technologies in Literary and Visual](#)

[Cultures](#). Gender and the Body Series, Edinburgh University Press.
Deadline for proposals 1 November 2020.

Digital Events / Recordings

- [Midlands Network of Popular Culture Inaugural Forum](#). Catch up with a Twitch recording of recent symposium.
- [Beyond Borders: Empires, Bodies, Science Fictions](#). 11-12 September 2020. Event hosted by the [London Science Fiction Research Community](#) (LSFRC) in partnership with the [London Chinese Science Fiction Group](#) and [Science Fiction Beyond the West](#). Sign up to attend online.

New Publications

- Book: Aryan, Arya. [The Post-war Novel and the Death of the Author](#)
- Book: Boast, Hannah. [Hydrofictions: Water, Power and Politics in Israeli and Palestinian Literature](#)
- Book: Harris-Birtill, Rose. Now out in paperback: [David Mitchell's Post-Secular World: Buddhism, Belief and the Urgency of Compassion](#)
- Book: Marsh, Huw. [The Comic Turn in Contemporary English Fiction: Who's Laughing Now?](#)
- Book: Maxey, Ruth (ed.) [21st Century US Historical Fiction: Contemporary Responses to the Past](#)
- Book: Montgomery, Will. [Short Form American Poetry: The Modernist Tradition](#).
- Book: Olszok, Charis. [The Libyan Novel: Humans, Animals and the Poetics of Vulnerability](#)
- Book: Ramone, Jenni. [Postcolonial Literatures in the Local Literary Marketplace: Located Reading](#)
- Special Issue: [Paradoxa](#) 'Climate Fictions' edited by Alison Sperling

Please note you can also share news of recently published articles, so please feel free to send those over to include in future newsletters.

Job Listings

- [Lecturer \(Education\) in Liberal Arts and Digital](#). King's College London - Liberal Arts. (Full-time, Permanent) Deadline 21st August 2020.
- [Research Associate in Black Health and the Humanities](#). University of Bristol - School of Humanities. (Full-time, Fixed Term) Deadline 25th August 2020.
- [Lecturer in English](#). University of Bristol - School of Humanities. (Full-time, Fixed Term 1 Year) Deadline 25th August 2020.
- [Teaching Fellow in Creative Writing: Playwriting/Screenwriting](#). Royal Holloway, University of London - Department of English. (Full-time, Fixed Term 10 months) Deadline 27th August 2020.

- [Lecturer in Creative Writing](#). University of Leeds - Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Cultures. (Full-time, Permanent) Deadline 10th September 2020.
- [British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme](#) now open for applications – for 36-month posts commencing no sooner than September 2021.

Other Announcements

We are delighted to share the 2019 BACLS Book Prize Winners:

- Congratulations to Timothy C. Baker for winning the BACLS Monograph Prize for [Writing Animals: Language, Suffering, and Animality in Twenty-First-Century Fiction](#)
- Congratulations to Sharae Deckard & Stephen Shapiro (eds.) and all the contributors to [World Literature, Neoliberalism, and the Culture of Discontent](#) which won the BACLS Edited Collection Prize.
- Communications Survey: Do you want to shape the kind of information that this newsletter contains or comment on how BACLS might best communicate with members in the future? [Please fill out this \(short!\) questionnaire.](#)

Best wishes,

Zoe, on behalf of the BACLS Executive Committee.