



THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR CONTEMPORARY LITERARY STUDIES

Welcome to the BACLS March 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 22nd April 2021 for inclusion in the next mailing.

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Call for papers / articles / contributions

Call for essays: The *Contemporary Women's Writing* Essay Prize: The journal of *Contemporary Women's Writing* (Oxford University Press) has announced the launch of the 2021 Essay Prize, full details [here](#). Deadline for submissions 1 May.

Call for applicants: NTU-Nottingham Contemporary Critical Poetics Summer School 2021. Further details about this event and how to participate are available [here](#). Deadline for applications 9 May.

Call for papers/panels: **#RECIPROCITY**: ASAP/12. Virtual event from October 27-30. [See information here](#). Proposals for panels, individual papers due 1 June, and seminars due May 15.

Call for papers: *C21 Literature* is seeking NEW article submissions for 2021. Full details about how to submit are available [here](#). *C21 Literature* also welcomes expressions of interest for special issues.

Call for essays: 2021 [Wasafiri Essay Prize](#). A new prize for innovative critical essays in the field of international contemporary literature. Deadline for submissions 31 August.

Events

Futures for Creative Writing Online Conference: registration deadline 7 May 2021. Further details available [here](#).

Save the Date: [The biennial BACLS What Happens Now Conference](#) will be held on 2-3rd September 2021, with keynote presentations, sessions to support teaching and research, Contemporary Conversations panel, discussions with writers, and opportunities to meet and socialise with members. Watch this space and our newsletter for further details and the WHN2021 call for papers and panels. BACLS WHN2021 will be held online and free for members.

New Publications

Report: Shaw, Katy. [Write Now: Exploring the Teaching of Contemporary British Literature in Global Higher Education](#), British Council. Further details about the project [are available here](#).

Journal Special Issue: Mousoutzanis, Aris, and Yugin Teo, eds. Special Issue on SF and Nostalgia. *Science Fiction Studies* 48.1 (2021).
<https://www.depauw.edu/sfs/covers/cov143.htm>

Article: Malone, Patricia. "[Measures of obliviousness and disarming obliqueness in Anna Burns' Milkman](#)". *Textual Practice* (2021).

Article: Schuh, Melissa. "[Which I presume is permitted, since we are talking about a writer' - Lateness, Memory, and Imagination in Literary Autobiography](#)", *The European Journal of Life Writing* (2020).

Article: Teo, Yugin. "[Recognition, collaboration and community: science fiction representations of robot carers in Robot & Frank, Big Hero 6 and Humans](#)". *Medical Humanities* 47.1 (2021).

Job / Funded PhD Listings

[Postdoctoral Research Assistant in Multispecies Storytelling](#), Edge Hill University. 0.4 FTE, Fixed term to May 2022. Deadline for applications 8 April.

[Postdoctoral Researcher for Poetry Off the Page: Literary History and the Spoken Word, 1965-2020 \(ERC Project\)](#), University of Vienna. Full-time, Fixed-Term for 3.5 years. Deadline for applications 15 April.

[Lecturer A in Contemporary Literature](#), University of Surrey. Full-time, permanent. Deadline for applications 18 April.

[Editorial Officer](#), Birkbeck, University of London. Full-time, permanent. Deadline for applications 19 April.

[Junior Research Fellowship in Black British Studies](#) at the University of Oxford, Pembroke College. Full-time, three years. Deadline for applications 26 April.

Other Announcements

Membership Fee Waiver: last year BACLS introduced a 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,

Zoe, on behalf of the BACLS Executive Committee.