

**MFA CARBONDALE: BRAG SHEET 2008-2009**  
(more details at <http://mfacarbondale.blogspot.com>)

**Alumni Accomplishments**

Scott Beem (MFA '04): story in *Fusion Fragment*

Helena Bell (MFA '08): poem in *Rattle*

David Bond (MFA '98): honorable mention in *River Styx* International Poetry Contest, semi-finalist, Gwendolyn Brooks Open Mike Award, first place in poetry, SIWG contest

Jake Boyd (MFA '07): poems in *New South*, *Measure*, finalist for the Third Coast Poetry Prize

Jason Lee Brown (MFA '08): poems in *Natural Bridge*, *Post Road*, *Tar River Poetry*, *Spoon River Review*, and the anthology *Cold Shoulders*, *Evil Eyes*, *Steadying Gazes*, and *Warm Embraces*; story in *Quiddity*; memoir in *The Truth About the Fact: A Journal of Literary Nonfiction*

Chris Bryson (MFA '07): story selected as story of the week in *Narrative Magazine*

Sara Burge (MFA '08): poems in *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *New York Quarterly*

Ethan Castelo (MFA '06): story in *Prairie Fire*

Curtis L. Crisler (MFA '04): winner of the *Keyhole Magazine* chapbook contest; poem in *Ninth Letter*; poetry book, *Pulling Scabs*, accepted for publication by Aquarius Press

Joan Dy (MFA '05): chapbook, *The Taste of Saltwater*, accepted for publication by Finishing Line Press

Stefan Forester (MFA '99): poem in *Sou'wester*

Jim Gill (MFA '99): story in *Colorado Review*

Matt Guenette (MFA '99): poems in *Diode*, *Southern Indiana Review*, *Verse Daily*, *decomp*, chosen for the 2009 Hessen-Wisconsin Writers Exchange

Paul Guest (MFA '99): poems in *Diode*, *Roger*, *River Styx*; featured in an article in *Poets & Writers*; featured in "The Poet's Choice" column of the *Washington Post* Book Review, third book of poems, *My Index of Slightly Horrifying Knowledge*, published by Ecco

Justin Hamm (MFA '05): poems in *Renaissance Magazine*, *Oak Bend Review*, *Spoon River Poetry Review*, *Plains Song Review*

Douglas Haynes (MFA '02): hired as a tenure-track creative writing professor at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Melanie Jordan (MFA '01): reviews in *Southern Indiana Review*

Deb Jurmu (MFA '06): story in *Natural Bridge*

Kathryn Kerr (MFA '00): poems in *Blueline*, finalist & publication of a chapbook in Finishing Line Press New Women's Voices Series; chapbook published by Pikestaff Publications; essay in *Big Muddy*

Gillian King (MFA '05): story in *Carve*; nominated for a Pushcart Prize

Tim Marsh (MFA '06): stories in *Green Hills Literary Lantern*, *Oregon Literary Review*, *Newfoundland Quarterly*, *White Whale Review*, *Paragon*, and *Nashwaak Review*; awarded an arts grant by the St. John's City Council and Arts Jury

Melanie Martin (MFA '04): featured poet in *Pearl*

Adrian Matejka (MFA '01): winner of the Metro Arts in Transit 2008 Poetry in Motion contest, poems in *Pleiades*, *ANTI-*, *American Poetry Review*, *Ninth Letter*; finalist for the Prairie Schooner Book Prize; second poetry book *Mixology* chosen for publication in the National Poetry Series

Kevin McKelvey (MFA '04): poems in *Alehouse*, *Cutthroat*

Michael Meyerhofer (MFA '06): poems in *Sojourn*, *River Styx*, *North American Review*, *Quick Fiction*, *Margie*, *Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine*, *Strange Horizons*, *Valparaiso Poetry Review*, *Another Chicago Magazine*; poetry book, *Blue Collar Eulogies*, published by Steel Toe Books; nominated for a Pushcart Prize

James Miller (MFA '07): poems in *Blackbird*, scholarship to Sewanee Writers Conference

Chad Parmenter (MFA '05): poems and a review in *Pleiades*; interview with Reginald Shepherd published in *American Poetry Review*

Ben Percy (MFA '04): awarded a Whiting Fellowship

Greg Schwipps (MFA '98): novel published, *What This River Keeps* by Ghost Road Press; profiled in *DePauw University News*

JY (Jared) Sexton (MFA '08): stories in *Emerson Review*, *Relief*, *The Benefactor*

Tim Shea (MFA '08): poems in *Rattle*, *Poetry London*

Chad Simpson (MFA '05): stories in *The Rambler*, *5\_Trope*; story in *Esquire's* book blog

Steve Trebellas (MFA '05): poem in *GLASS*

Liz Whiteacre (MFA '02): Vesle Fenstermaker Poetry Prize from the 2008 Indiana University Writers' Conference

### **Current Student Accomplishments**

Janelle Blasdel: story published in *Main Street Rag's* anthology *Dots on a Map*

Mark Brewin: poems in *New Delta Review*, *Packingtown Review*

Kerry James Evans: semi-finalist for the Discovery/Boston Review Contest; finalist for Wick Prize; poems in *Eclipse*, *Spoon River Poetry Review*, *Poet Lore*, *AGNI*, *Georgetown Review*, *Iron Horse*, *Roger*, *New England Review*, *The Pinch*; finalist for the Milton Kessler Memorial Prize for Poetry and publication in *Harpur Palate*, finalist for *Gulf Coast Poetry Prize*, will attend Florida State University in fall 2009 as a Ph.D candidate in creative writing

Renee Evans: story in *Roger* (story nominated for the Pushcart Prize).

Rachel Furey: first place in Press 53's creative nonfiction contest; stories published in *Main Street Rag*, "Twins and More" edition of *Chicken Soup for the Soul*; finalist in *Glimmer Train's* November Short Story Award for New Writers; honorable mention in the Roxana Rivera Memorial Poetry Contest; winner of the *Sycamore Review's* Wabash Prize for fiction, will begin a PhD at Texas Tech University in fall 2009

Laura Gross: poem in *Chantrelle's Notebook's* "best of" print journal

Alex Lumans: scholarship to Ropewalk Retreat; finalist in Press 53's short story contest; finalist in the 2009 Single Poem Contest, sponsored by South Carolina's Poetry Initiative and *The State*, stories forthcoming in *Greensboro Review* and *Southern Indiana Review*, and in the anthologies *Surreal South '09* and the *Versus Anthology*

Lane Kareska: stories in *Poor Mojo's Almanac(k)*, *Prick of the Spindle*

Sarah McCartt-Jackson: second place in the Academy of American Poets Prize 2009

Andrew McFadyen-Ketchum: interview with Rodney Jones published in *The Missouri Review*; poems in *Sou'wester*, *River Oak Review*, *Blueline*; second place in the Roxana Rivera Memorial Poetry Contest

Travis Mossotti: poems in *Rattle*, *New York Quarterly*, *Cream City Review*, *Southern Humanities Review*, *Passages North*, *Antioch Review*, *New Delta Review*, *Another Chicago Magazine*, *Fourth River*; winner of *North American Review's* James Hearst Poetry Prize; honorable mention in the Roxana Rivera Memorial Poetry Contest; first place and honorable mention in the Academy of American Poets Prize 2009, finalist for *Gulf Coast Poetry Prize*

Hannah K. New: semi-finalist for the Donald Barthelme Prize from *Gulf Coast*

James Scoles: story in *Prairie Fire*; stories nominated for 2008 National Magazine Award and The Journey Prize in Canada

Will Tyler: honorable mention in the Academy of American Poets Prize 2009

Amie Whittemore: poems in *Poetry Midwest*, *Atlanta Review*, *Bayou*; honorable mention in *Rattle's* poetry contest; first place in the Roxana Rivera Memorial Poetry Contest

Josh (J Dillon) Woods: first place in Press 53's genre fiction contest; story in *Main Street Rag*; edited the *Versus Anthology*, published by Press 53

Melissa Scholes Young: nonfiction in *Mothering Magazine*, *Family Forum*, *Stone's Throw Magazine*, "Voices of" anthology (*LaChance Publishing*); poems in *MO: Writings from the River*, *Literary Mama*; stories in *Mused Literary Journal*, *New Plains Review* (story awarded \$1000)

### **Graduate Writers Forum**

Hosted and organized the inaugural Little Grassy Literary Festival; hosted readers from University of Memphis; sent writers to read at Ball State University; hosted a reading and workshop with Ed Pavlic

### **Faculty Achievements**

Pinckney Benedict: stories in *New Stories from the South 2008: The Year's Best*, *The Ecco Anthology of Contemporary Short Fiction*, *Sonora Review*

Rodney Jones: elected to the Fellowship of Southern Writers

Judy Jordan: awarded an Illinois Arts Council Fellowship in Poetry

Allison Joseph: poems in *Mezzo Cammin*, *hotmetallpress.net*, *Margie*, *Free Lunch*, *Fifth Wednesday*; taught at *RHINO's* poetry workshop; winner of the 2008 Dancing Poetry Contest; chapbook, *Voice: Poems*, published by Mayapple Press; poetry book to be published by Steel Toe Books; featured in *Writing the Future of Black America: Literature of the Hip-hop Generation*; interviewed in *Heartland Women*