

[Abbreviated CV: Kevin Rabas]

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in English, University of Kansas, 2007

Against Gravity: *Last Road Trip* (poems) and *Sidewalk Drum* (a play): A Creative
Dissertation

M.F.A. in Creative Writing, Goddard College, 2002

M.A. in English, Kansas State University, emphasis in Creative Writing, 1998

B.A. in English, emphasis in Creative Writing and Journalism, University of Missouri
at Kansas City, 1995

PUBLICATIONS

POETRY BOOKS:

Late for Cymbal Line [poems & stories] *Local Gems Press* (Long Island, NY) (forthcoming)

All That Jazz [poems] *Spartan Press* (Kansas City, MO) (forthcoming)

Songs for My Father [poems & stories] *Meadowlark Books* (Emporia, KS), 22 April 2016.

Eliot's Violin [poetry chapbook] *Oil Hill Press* (El Dorado, KS) 6 April 2015.

Sonny Kenner's Red Guitar [poetry] *Coal City Review Press* (Lawrence, KS) 8 May 2013.

Lisa's Flying Electric Piano [poetry] *Woodley Press* (Washburn U, Topeka, KS) 28 April 2009.

Bird's Horn & Other Poems [poetry] *Coal City Review Press* (Lawrence, KS) 18 June 2007.

PROSE BOOKS:

Green Bike [novel] with Simmons & Graves *Meadowlark Books* (Emporia, KS) 10 May 2014
(co-author Tracy Million Simmons owns this press)

Spider Face [short story collection] *Otoliths* (Australia) 15 April 2011.

EDITED:

--Advisory Editor, *Flint Hills Review: 2015-2017*, Provided guidance, copyedited, served as liaison
With printer

--Managing Editor & Co-Editor, *Flint Hills Review: 2005-2014*, Edited, completed
compilation, layout, and design for this annual national literary journal

-- Edited 8 books for Woodley Press, including *Still Life with Dirty Dishes* (poems) by Ramona
McCallum, Woodley Press, Washburn University, Topeka, KS, 1 March 2013.

GUEST LECTURES:

--Led Kansas Humanities Council TALK sessions regularly since 2007, including:

“Charles Frazier’s *Cold Mountain*,” Kansas Humanities Council TALK Session, Augusta Public
Library, Augusta, KS, 10 Sept. 2016.

“Kansas Humanities Council TALK Sessions, “Geraldine Brooks’s *People of the Book*,”

Newton Public Library, Newton, KS, 28 Jan. 2015.
“Kansas Humanities Council TALK Sessions, “Gordon Parks’s *The Learning Tree*,”
Council Grove Public Library, Council Grove KS, 19 Nov. 2013.

REVIEWS, INTERVIEWS, & PROFILES: JAZZ STUDIES / JAZZ / MUSIC:

--Write regularly for *Jazz Ambassador Magazine (JAM)*, including:
“Paul Shinn Trio: Into That Good Night” (CD Review) *Jazz Ambassador Magazine (JAM)*,
April/May 2016, 24.
“Mark Lowrey: Tangos for 18th Street” (CD Review) *Jazz Ambassador Magazine (JAM)*,
April/May 2014, 22.
“Chet Baker: *The Missing Years* by Artt Frank” (memoir) *Jazz Ambassador Magazine* April/May 2014, 20.
“Todd Strait Plays KC” (performance review) *Jazz Ambassador Magazine (JAM)*, August/Sept. 2013, 28.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (abbreviated)

“Creative Interactions with Text & Objects,” with Susan L. Crane-Laracuate, Kansas Association of Teachers of English (KATE) Conference, Wichita, KS, 20 Oct. 2016.
“Shakespeare and Berryman” Annual Literary Festival: Teach the Torches to Burn Bright: Acting and Reacting to Shakespeare Today, Newman University, Wichita, KS, 6 April 2013.
“Writing Narrative Poems and Flash Fiction” Kansas Authors Club Conference, Salina, KS, 6 Oct. 2012.
“Resisting the Suicidal Blue(s): Text, Voice, and Music in Langston Hughes and Charles Mingus’s *Weary Blues*” (with Masami Sugimori) Hawaii International Conference on Art and Humanities, Honolulu, Hawaii, 13 Jan. 2012.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, RECOGNITION (abbreviated)

UNIVERSITY AWARDS

President’s Award for Research and Creativity, ESU, 2011-2012
Liberal Arts and Sciences Award for Excellence in Scholarship, ESU, 2009-2010

WRITING AWARDS: (abbreviated)

NELSON POETRY BOOK AWARD, Kansas Authors Club, (*Sonny Kenner’s Red Guitar*),
October 2013
KANSAS NOTABLE BOOK, Kansas Center for the Book, (*Lisa’s Flying Electric Piano*),
July 2010
NELSON POETRY BOOK AWARD, Kansas Authors Club, (*Lisa’s Flying Electric Piano*),
July 2010
LANGSTON HUGHES POETRY AWARD, Lawrence Arts Center, 2005

SERVICE (abbreviated)

--ESU Faculty President, 2012-2013
--Manuscript Editor, Woodley Press, Washburn U, Topeka, KS, 2007-Present
--Kansas Talking Books Reader, July 2013-July 2014