

## **Assistant Professor Laura Moriarty**

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### **Academic Positions**

Assistant Professor, University of Kansas, August 2008- present.  
Instructor, Phillips Exeter Academy, Summer 2001.  
Writer-in-Residence, Phillips Exeter Academy, 2000-2001.  
Graduate Teaching Assistant, KU, 1996-2000.

### **Education**

B.S.W., University of Kansas, 1993.  
M.A., Creative Writing, University of Kansas, 1999.

### **Areas of Specialization**

Fiction, Personal Narrative

### **Honors and Awards**

KU Women of Distinction, 2004.  
George Bennett Fellowship for Creative Writing, Phillips Exeter Academy, 2000.  
KU Carlin Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, 1999.  
MARGO Award for Outstanding Performance in a Social Work Practicum, School of Social Welfare, 1993.

### **Publications**

*While I'm Falling*, Hyperion, 2009

- starred review from Kirkus reviews
- winner of Elle Magazine's Readers' Choice for Fiction, September, 2009
- Rights purchased for Australia and Great Britain, 2009

*The Rest of Her Life*, Hyperion, 2007.

- winner of Elle Magazine's Readers' Annual Choice for Fiction, 2007.
- Booksense #1 Pick for August 2007
- Rights purchased for Australia and Great Britain, 2007
- Rights purchased for Germany, 2008

*The Center of Everything*, Hyperion, 2003.

- Main Selection for Literary Guild, Book-of-the-Month Club
- Booksense #10 Pick for July, 2003
- translated to French by Belfond Publishers, Paris, 2003
- Rights purchased for Korea, Croatia, and France, 2003
- Rights purchased for Germany, 2008

### **Invited Talks**

Featured Author, Ticketed Lunch, Petoskey, Michigan, August 12, 2009.  
Guest Author. Women and Literature. Kansas State University, April 17, 2009.  
Guest Author. Recent Popular Literature. University of Kansas, March 23, 2009.  
Guest Author. PEN/Faulkner Writers in our Schools. Summer Academy, Kansas City, Kansas, March 2, 2009; Wyandotte High, Kansas City, Kansas, March 9, 2009.  
Guest Author. Kansas State Prison for Women. Topeka, Kansas. December 22, 2008.  
Guest Author. Honors English (Instructor: Mike Butler), University of Kansas, December 1, 2009.  
Guest Author, Honors English (Instructor: Brian Daldorph). University of Kansas, November 12, 2008.  
Featured Author, California Women's Conference, Long Beach, California, October 21, 2008.  
Featured Speaker, Amelia Island Book Festival, Amelia Island, Florida, October 4, 2008.  
Keynote speaker, "A Moveable Feast" Luncheon, Midwestern Booksellers Association Tradeshow, Minneapolis, October 7, 2007.  
Speaker at independent bookstores in twenty-three cities during tour to promote *The Rest of Her Life*.  
Guest Author, PEN/Faulkner Writers in our Schools. Kansas City, May 3rd, 2007; Independence, Missouri, May 7th, 2007; Kansas City, May 15, 2007.  
Speaker at independent bookstores in fifteen cities during tour to promote *The Center of Everything*, July 2003.

### **Teaching Experience**

Graduate Fiction Workshop, University of Kansas, Spring 2009.  
Honors Literature and Advanced Fiction Writing, University of Kansas, Fall 2008.  
Fiction Writing, Phillips Exeter Academy Summer Program, 2001.  
Fiction Writing 1 (English 351), KU, 1998-2000.  
Autobiography as Literature (English 203), KU, 1999.  
Changing Lives through Literature, Johnson County Department of Corrections, Spring 1999.  
Composition and Literature (English 101 and 102), KU, 1996-2000.

### **Volunteer Teaching Experience**

Independent Study, Personal Narrative, with students at Exeter while Writer-in-Residence, 2000-2001  
Personal Narrative and Creative Writing, Volunteer Position, Juvenile Detention Center, Lawrence, Kansas, 1998-1999