

# Benchmarks

Although the **2011 Summer Conference** issue has been postponed until Spring 2012, this issue contains one article based on a paper delivered at the conference in High Point, NC: **Martin Fashbaugh**'s groundbreaking analysis of the lyric or "romantic" component of realism itself in Dickens and Meredith, his first article for *Anthropoetics*.

The other articles are by veteran contributors. **Peter Goldman**'s study of The Winter's Tale, derived from his **GA Summer Conference** paper in 2010 in Salt Lake City, interprets the Shakespearean romance as a critique of tragic form that accepts art's power to change the "fatal" world of tragedy. **Raoul Eshelman** pushes his notion of performatism to its limits in his analysis of a television series devoted to a "socially useful" serial killer. Finally, **Dawn Perlmutter**, whose articles are rarely good bedside reading, outdoes herself in describing the horrors perpetrated in the cause of Islamist purification.

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