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# **EDUCATION**

Ph.D	Purdue University	1998
MA	Purdue University	1993
BA	Oglethorpe University	1991

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Ball State University	Department of English	2003-present
Kalamazoo College	Department of English	2001-2003
Michigan State University	Department of American Thought & Language	1998-2001

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### ВООК

"A Vocabulary of Thinking": Gertrude Stein and Contemporary North American Women's Innovative Writing, U of Iowa P, 2007.

### **EDITED COLLECTION**

Approaches to Teaching the Works of Gertrude Stein, Co-edited with Logan Esdale, Modern Language Association, 2018.

## ARTICLES

- "The Dutchman,' Black Arts, and African American Culture." *Approaches to Teaching Amiri Baraka's* Dutchman, edited by Matthew Calihman and Gerald Early, Modern Language Association, 2018, pp. 91-96.
- "Lineages and Legacies: Real and Imagined." *The Cambridge History of 20th-Century American Women Poets*, edited by Linda Kinnahan, Cambridge UP, 2016, pp. 258-73.
- "From Fragility to Strength: Mapping the Heroic Body in Rich's Poetry and Prose." Co-authored with Laura Hinton. Voice, Vision, Politics, and Performance in the Poetics of Adrienne Rich and Jayne Cortez, edited by Laura Hinton, Lexington Books, 2016, pp. 63-90.
- "In Loving Memory: Vernacular Memorials and Engaged Writing." *Producing Public Memory: Museums, Memorials, and Archives as Sites for Teaching "Writing,"* edited by Laurie Grobman and Jane Greer, Routledge, 2015, pp. 160-70.
- "Enspirited Bodies and Embodied Spirits in Toni Morrison's *Paradise*." *Studies in the Humanities*, vol. 41, 2015, pp. 88-101.
- "Inspiration, Perspiration, and Impudence in Harryette Mullen's Muse & Drudge." Contemporary Women's Writing, vol. 8, no. 1, 2014, pp. 53-70.
- "Gertrude Stein's Currency." *Modernist Star Maps*, edited by Aaron Jaffe and Jonathan Goldman, Ashgate, 2010, pp. 93-104.
- "Shaking the American Tree." Sagetrieb, vol. 19, no. 3, 2006, pp. 201-20.
- "Tender Revisions: Harryette Mullen's *Trimmings* and *S\*PeRM\*\*K\*T*." *American Literature* vol. 77, 2005, pp. 65-92.

# **PUBLICATIONS, CONTINUED**

"An Erotics of Collaboration: Daphne Marlatt and Betsy Warland's *Double Negative*." *Contemporary Literature*, vol. 41, 2000, pp. 291-319.

### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- "Gayl Jones" and "Maxine Hong Kingston." *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Twentieth-Century Fiction*, edited by Patrick O'Donnell, et al. Blackwell Publishing, 2011.
- "Kathleen Fraser," "Carla Harryman," and "Audre Lorde." *Contemporary American Women Poets:*An A-to-Z Guide, edited by Catherine Cucinella, Greenwood P, 2002, pp. 122-26, 173-77, 219-27.

#### BOOK REVIEW

Rev. of Tell This Silence by Patti Duncan. MFS, vol. 51, no. 1, 2005, pp. 204-07.

## **RECENT CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

# PRESENTATIONS

- "Refined Awareness and Fleeting Impressions: Harryette Mullen's *Urban Tumbleweed*." Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900. Louisville, KY. February 2018.
- "A diagnosis is an ending": Pathology and Presence in Bettina Judd's *Patient*." Midwest Modern Language Association. Cincinnati, OH. November 2017.
- "No, no, no, I really didn't see you': Black Women as Presences in Claudia Rankine's *Citizen* and Bettina Judd's *Patient*." Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900. Louisville, KY. February 2016.
- "We must both be here': Lyric Poetry and Political Engagement." Modernist Studies Association. Boston, MA. November 2015.
- "Lineages and Legacies." Modernist Studies Association. Pittsburgh, PA. November 2014.
- "Teaching Gertrude Stein's *Tender Buttons*." The American Literature Association Conference. Boston, MA. May 2013.
- "Stripped as you are': Mapping the Body in Adrienne Rich's Poetry." The Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900. Louisville, KY. February 2013.
- "Lucille Clifton and Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance." Modernist Studies Association. Las Vegas, NV. October 2012. (Part of a roundtable on Lines of Filiation and Affiliation: Modern and Contemporary Women Poets, organized by Elizabeth Savage and me.)
- "full of grace and like': Lucille Clifton's Embodied Spirituality." The Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900. Louisville, KY. February 2011.
- "I beg to dicker': Harryette Mullen's Lyric Wordplay." Contemporary Women's Writing Conference. San Diego, CA. July 2010.
- "Everybody has to think about that': Gertrude Stein and Money." *Modernist Studies Association*. Nashville, TN. November 2008.
- "Enspirited Bodies and Embodied Spirits in Toni Morrison's *Paradise*." Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900. Louisville, KY. February 2008.
- "This time" "you will be" "in the story": Alice Notley's *The Descent of Alette*. Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900. Louisville, KY. February 2007.
- "Call me Ruth': Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick* and Marilynne Robinson's *Housekeeping* in Conversation." While Melville Matters Now. Albany, NY. November 2006.

## RECENT CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES, CONTINUED

### OTHER CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

- Roundtable Organizer, with Elizabeth Savage. "Why Women's Poetry Now?" Modernist Studies Association. Pittsburgh, PA. November 2014.
- Roundtable Organizer, with Logan Esdale. "Really Teaching Gertrude Stein." American Literature Association. Boston, MA. May 2013.
- Roundtable Organizer, with Elizabeth Savage. "Lines of Filiation and Affiliation: Modern and Contemporary Women Poets." Modernist Studies Association. Las Vegas, NV. October 2012.
- Plenary Speaker. New Directions in Feminist Scholarship. Lifting Belly High: Women's Poetry since 1900. Pittsburgh, PA. September 2008.
- Seminar Organizer. "Poetry, Poetics, Pedagogy." Modernist Studies Association. Vancouver, BC, Can. October 2004.

# **GRANTS FUNDED**

EXTERNAL

NEH Summer Institute: Black Poetry After Black Arts. Lawrence, Kansas. July 2015.

**INTERNAL** 

Provost's Immersive Learning Grant, with Adam Beach. Academic year 2013-2014.

#### **TEACHING**

## GRADUATE COURSES

English 607: Literary Theory II

English 640: Studies in American Authors

English 644: Early Twentieth-Century American Literature

English 645: Contemporary American Literature

English 646: U.S. Ethnic Literature

English 647: African American Literature

English 651: Studies in the Novel

English 652: Studies in Poetry

English 693: Writing in the Profession

### Undergraduate Courses

English 210: Introduction to English Studies

English 230: Reading and Writing about Literature

English 250: American Literature II

English 347: Twentieth-Century American Literature

English 347: Twentieth-Century American Fiction

English 349: Twentieth-Century American Poetry

English 400: Special Topics (Digital Literature Review)

English 444: Senior Seminar

English 445/351: Contemporary American Literature

English 490: Literature and Gender

English 492: Native American Literature

English 493: US Ethnic Literature

English 496: Literary Theory

# **TEACHING, CONTINUED**

# IMMERSIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Digital Literature Review (with Adam Beach)

Vernacular Memorials

Provost's Immersive Grant, 2013-2014

VBC Seminar, fall 2010

#### STUDENT ADVISING

Chair, doctoral committee, Hayat al-Bedaiwi	ongoing
Chair, doctoral committee, Danita Mason	ongoing
Member, doctoral committee, Jesse Sopher	ongoing
Member, doctoral committee, Cody Mullins	ongoing
Member, doctoral committee, Cortney Robbins	ongoing
Member, doctoral committee, James Chambers	left program, 2017
Co-chair, doctoral committee, Carrie Duke	completed, 2017
Chair, doctoral committee, Joseph Hurtgen	completed, 2016
Member, doctoral committee, Jason Parks	completed, 2016
Co-Chair, doctoral committee, Rachel Baumgardner Burke	completed, 2015
Chair, doctoral committee, Kathleen Champlin	completed, 2015
Co-Chair, doctoral committee, Nathan Myers,	completed, 2012
Dr. Myers's dissertation won the RSU Alumni Association	-

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Distinguished Dissertation Award in 2013.

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Chair, doctoral committee, Andrea Powell Wolfe	completed, 2010
Chair, doctoral committee, Patricia Leaf	completed, 2012
Chair, doctoral committee, Julie Goodspeed-Chadwick	completed, 2007
Member, doctoral committee, Maria Staton	completed, 2007
Member-at-large, doctoral committee, John Ginocchio, Dept. of Music	completed, 2006

# Masters Committees

Member, masters committee, Bethany Stayer	ongoing
Chair, masters committee, Olivia Gehrich	completed, 2016
Co-chair, masters committee, Jeremy Carnes	completed, 2014
Member, thesis committee, Nathan Neely	completed, 2009
Mr. Nagly's Thesis wen the PSU Alympi Association	•

Mr. Neely's Thesis won the BSU Alumni Association

Best Creative Project Award in 2010 Member, masters committee, Megan Auffart completed, 2009 Member, masters committee, Sarah Chavez completed, 2007 Member, masters committee, Annette Dolph completed, 2006 Member, masters committee, Valerie Cooper completed, 2006 Member, masters committee, Thomas Chester completed, 2005 Advisor, masters research project, Megan Stevenson completed, 2007 Advisor, masters research project, Emily Sherron completed, 2007 completed, 2005 Advisor, masters research project, Andrea Powell

# Undergraduate honors projects

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Advisor, honors project, Niki Wilkes	completed, 2014
Co-Advisor, honors project, Jessica Berg	completed, 2014
Advisor, honors project, Thiana Rarick	completed, 2009
Advisor, honors project, Dani Deason	completed, 2007
Advisor, honors project, Katie Dittelberger	completed, 2007
Advisor, honors project, Kira Horstmeyer	completed, 2004
Advisor, honors project, Krystel Madison	completed, 2004

## **SELECTED SERVICE**

#### DEPARTMENT

Assistant Chair for Graduate and Undergraduate Programs 2009-2010, 2015-2016 Chair, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 Promotion and Tenure Committee

Secretary, 2012-2013

Member, 2005-2006, 2010-2011, 2017-2018

Chair, 2008-2010 Department Assessment Committee Director of Graduate Programs 2007-2009

Literature Search Committee Chair, 2014, 2009-2010, 2008-2009

Member, 2014-2015

Academic Job Market Workshops

Co-Organizer, 2006-present

# COLLEGE

Promotion and Tenure Committee Member, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 Dean's Faculty Advisory Council Member, 2012-2015 Women's Studies Advisory Committee Member, 2009-present Ad Hoc Committee on Women's Studies Member, 2009

#### University

University Diversity Committee August 2016-present Acting/Interim Associate Dean of the Graduate School February 2016-August 2017 Chair, 2010-2011, 2012-2016 Graduate Education Committee Member, 2009 Special Assigned Leave Committee Member, 2013-2014 President's Travel Fund Committee Member, 2012-2013

HLC Criterion Subcommittee Member, 2011-2012 Student Rights and Responsibilities Secretary, 2010-2011 Chair, 2008-2009 Publications and Intellectual Properties Committee Secretary, 2009-2010

Member, 2007-2008

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Advisory Board Member, "Innovation and Activism in American Women's Writing," Lexington Press

External Doctoral Committee Member, Kansas State University

Outside Reviewer for Tenure, University of Windsor

Manuscript Reviewer, MELUS

Manuscript Reviewer, Rowan and Littlefield Press

Manuscript Reviewer, Broadview Press

Manuscript Reviewer, Fordham University Press

Manuscript Reviewer, Contemporary Literature

Manuscript Reviewer, Contemporary Women's Writing

Manuscript Reviewer, Ariel

Manuscript Reviewer, Modern Philology

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member, Modern Language Association Member, Modernist Studies Association