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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in English, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 2016.

Dissertation: “Crafting Modernity: Art-Making, Gender, and Literature’s Materials of Resistance in the Extreme Twentieth Century”

Committee: Walter Kalaidjian (chair, English), Jennifer Wicke (co-chair, Univ. of Virginia, English), Geraldine Higgins (English), Dalia Judovitz (French & Italian)

M.A. in English, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 2010.

Thesis: “Snapshot Aesthetics in the Fiction of Virginia Woolf”

Advisor: Rita Felski (English)

B.A. in English (with Distinction), Hendrix College, Conway, AR, 2008.

Minor: Studio Art

Study Abroad: Oxford Overseas Study Course (St. Peter's College), 2006.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of English, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN. 2016-present.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modernism, 20th/21st-century British literature; Irish studies; Caribbean and diasporic literature; Gender, sexuality, and feminism; Visual culture; Art and Aesthetics; Craft studies

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles

“From the Gutter to the Gallery: Berenice Abbott Photographs Mina Loy’s Assemblages,” *PMLA Little Known Documents*, forthcoming October 2019.

“A Stitch in Time: H.D.’s Craft Modernism as Transhistoric Repair,” *The Space Between: Literature and Culture 1914-1945* 12 (2016): http://scalar.usc.edu/works/the-space-between-literature-and-culture-1914-1945/vol12_2016_elkins.

“Cross-Cultural Kodak: Snapshot Aesthetics in the Fiction of Virginia Woolf,” *South Atlantic Review* 77.3&4 (2012): 1-20.

“Old Pages and New Readings in Virginia Woolf’s *Orlando*,” *Tulsa Studies in Women’s Literature* 29.1 (Spring 2010): 131-36.

Book reviews

“Touching on Modernism,” Review Essay of *Haptic Modernism: Touch and the Tactile in Modernist Writing* by Abbie Garrington, *Journal of Modern Literature* 38.1 (Fall 2014): 183-89.

Review of Savina Stevanato, *Visuality and Spatiality in Virginia Woolf’s Fiction*, *Woolf Studies Annual* 19 (2013): 274-77.

Public Criticism

“Has Art Anything to do with Life?: A Conversation with Ali Smith,” *Los Angeles Review of Books*, September 2019.

“Walking on Water: A Conversation with Daisy Johnson on ‘Everything Under,’” *Los Angeles Review of Books*, April 2019.

“Look Again! Look Again! A Conversation with Irish Artist-Novelist Sara Baume,” *Los Angeles Review of Books*, Oct. 2018.

“Craft as Negative Space,” digital flashmob contributor. *En dehors garde* project: <https://mina-loy.com/endehorsgarde/craft-as-negative-space/>. June 2018.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Troublesome Monographs” roundtable speaker. British Association for Modernist Studies. London, June 2019.

“Maps, Crafts, and Networks: Zadie Smith’s Woolfian Routes in the Age of Critical Making.” Modernist Studies Association. Columbus, Ohio, November 2018.

“Fragmentation Imagination”: Collage, Embodiment, and Ali Smith’s Modernist Media.” *Decorating Dissidence: Feminism, Modernism & the Arts*. Queen Mary, University of London, November 2017.

“Modernism Across the Arts,” roundtable speaker and co-organizer. Modernist Studies Association. Pasadena, California, November 2016.

“Mina Loy in the Age of Occupy: Trash Assemblage and the Aesthetics of Nonviolent Protest.” Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present. Clemson, South Carolina, September 2015.

“Mother(board) Ireland: Technology, Nature, and Gender in Irish Literature.” Modernist Studies Association Conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 2014.

“Fractured Optics: Modernism’s Glass Aesthetic.” Modernist Studies Association Conference. Sussex, United Kingdom, August 2013.

“Elizabeth Bowen’s Haunted Cartographies: The Cuala Press and the Visible Wor(l)d of Irish Politics in *Seven Winters*.” American Conference for Irish Studies. Atlanta, February 2013.

“Domestic Feminisms in Elizabeth Bowen’s ‘Joining Charles.’” South Atlantic Modern Language Association. Atlanta, November 2011.

“Cross-Cultural Kodak: Snapshot Aesthetics in the Fiction of Virginia Woolf.” South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference. Atlanta, November 2010.

Conference seminar papers

“Painting by the Book,” *Theory and Praxis: Visual Media in the Classroom* working group. Modern Language Association Conference, New York, NY, January 2018.

“Digitizing “Splendid Things”: DIY Feminism and Modernist Aesthetics.” *Digitizing the Texts of Modernist American Women Poets and the Pedagogy of Making it New* seminar. Leaders: Demetres Tryphonopoulos and Sara Dunton. Modernist Studies Association Conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 2014.

“London’s Cinematic ‘Art-Dimension’: H.D. and the Blitz.” *Modernist Cities* seminar. Leader: Tamar Katz. Modernist Studies Association Conference. University of Sussex, United Kingdom, August 2013.

FELLOWSHIPS

Edith and Richard French Research Fellowship, Beinecke Library at Yale University, March 2020
Wallace Scholarly Activities Grant, Macalester College. Competitive faculty funding for research, Summer 2019

Collaborative Summer Research Grant, Macalester College, Mellon Foundation *Lifelong Learners*, Summer 2018

Bill and Carol Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry Graduate Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Emory University, 2015-2016

Dean’s Teaching Fellowship in the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence, Emory University Laney Graduate School, 2015-2016 (declined)

The Emory University Woman’s Club Memorial Fellowship in Graduate Research, 2015-2016
Emory Center for Digital Scholarship (ECDS) Fellowship, to support digital humanities project, “Making ‘Splendid Things’: The *Potter’s Wheel* Online Archive,” Fall 2013

Graduate Writing Center Fellow, Emory University, 2011-2012

Reese Fellowship, Rare Book School, Charlottesville, Virginia, June 2011

Piedmont TATTO Fellow in Sustainability, Teaching, and Curriculum, Emory University, May 2011

Laney Graduate School Fellowship, Emory University, 2010-2015

Murphy Foundation M.A. fellowship, full funding at University of Virginia, 2008-2010

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Lore Metzger Dissertation Prize, Emory University, Fall 2017

Excellence for Pedagogy and Teaching, Emory Women of Excellence Awards, Spring 2016

Prize for Best Graduate Student Essay, Emory University Dept. of English, Spring 2015

Modernist Studies Association Conference Travel Grant, Pittsburgh, November 2014

Modernist Studies Association Conference Travel Grant, Brighton, UK, August 2013

Visual Scholarship Initiative Research Grant, Emory University, April 2013

Prize for Best Graduate Student Essay, Emory University Dept. of English, April 2012

Prize for Best Graduate Student Essay, South Atlantic Modern Language Association, August 2011

Rare Book School Director’s Scholarship. Charlottesville, Virginia, June 2010

Thomas J. Griffis Prize for the Best Essay by a Student in the First Year of Graduate Work in English, University of Virginia, April 2009

INVITED TALKS

Speaker, “The Exploded iPhone: ‘Homemade Tech’ in the Age of Feminist Critical Making,” Cardiff University, Image Works: Research and Practice in Visual Culture lecture series, June 2019.

Speaker and Workshop Leader, “Process & Praxis: Creative Pedagogies in Literary Studies,” Cardiff University, Image Works: Research and Practice in Visual Culture lecture series, June 2019.

Speaker, “‘Homemade Tech’: Virginia Woolf, Zadie Smith, and the Art of Critical Making,” University of Southern California, April 2019.

Guest lecturer, “The Visual World of Virginia Woolf” seminar, Prof. Kate Flint, University of Southern California, April 2019.

Guest lecturer, Old Dominion University (via Skype), “Texts and Technologies,” graduate seminar (Dr.

Margaret Konkol), spoke about H.D. article and craft-based research methods, March 2018.
 Speaker, “The ‘Fragmentation Imagination’: Collage, Film, and Ali Smith’s Embodied Activism.”
 Macalester Humanities Faculty Colloquium, Feb. 2018
 Speaker, “Multiculturalism in the Making: Multimedia Resistance from Virginia Woolf to Claudia Rankine.” Project Pericles Forum, Hendrix College, April 2017.
 Speaker, “The Craft of Survival,” American Craft Council Library Salon Series, Minneapolis, MN, March 2017
 Guest lecturer, University of St. Thomas, “Bright Young Things” graduate seminar (Dr. Emily James), spoke about the poet H.D. and archival research methods, February 2017
 Speaker, “Multimedia/Multicultural: Art, Literary Craft, and Disorientation in the Political Present,” Emory University Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry Fellows’ Luncheon, November 2015
 Speaker, “Crafty Women: Art, Protest, and the Politics of Making in 20th Century Literature,” Emory University Women’s Club, October 2015
 Presenter, “Experiential Learning in the English Classroom,” Emory University Graduate English Advisory Committee Teach-In, April 2015
 Speaker, “H.D.’s Craft Modernism” Emory English Recruitment Colloquium, January 2015
 Presenter and Organizer, “Creative, Visual, Critical: Using MARBL in the Composition Classroom” Emory University Graduate English Advisory Committee Teach-In, May 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Macalester College, Assistant Professor

ENGL 240/WGSS 294: Modernist Women Writers, Spring 2019
 ENGL 386: Virginia Woolf and Cinema, Spring 2019
 ENGL 294: Beyond the Pale: Irish-Caribbean Connections, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
 ENGL 137: On Beauty, Fall 2018 (First-year course), Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016
 ENGL 400: Virginia Woolf: Film, Theory, Media (Capstone), Fall 2017
 ENGL 341: British Multicultural Novels, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
 ENGL 240: Twentieth-Century British Literature: The Politics of Place, Fall 2016, Spring 2017
 ENGL 294: Bloomsbury to Brexit: British Literature and Visual Culture, Spring 2017

Emory University, Instructor

ENGL 211: Make it New: Modern Art and Literature (*Literature and the Other Arts*), Fall 2014
 ENGL 181: Literature, Space, and Gender (*Writing About Literature*), Spring 2013
 ENGL 101: Culture, Body Vision: The Rhetoric of Advertising (*Expository Writing*), Fall 2012
 ENGL 181: British and Irish Modernisms (*Writing About Literature*), Summer 2012

Emory University Office of Summer Programs, Instructor

Writing for College Success, Emory University Pre-College Program, Summer 2013-2016

PEDAGOGICAL GRANTS AND TRAINING

Critchett Grants, Macalester College Dept. of English. Funding for experiential teaching: Ceili with live Irish music (Spring 2018, Spring 2019), Erasure poem anthologies (Fall 2017), PlaceMaking projects (Fall 2016 and Spring 2017), Painting Woolf’s *To the Lighthouse* workshop (Spring 2017), Book cover designer Jeene Lee workshop (Fall 2016, Fall 2018)
 “Pre-Texts” training and workshop with Dr. Doris Sommer, Emory Center for Faculty Development and the Coalition for the Liberal Arts, 2016
 Safe Space Training program, Emory Office of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Life, 2015
 Cognitively-Based Compassion Training (CBCT) Foundation Course, Emory-Tibet Partnership, Geshe Lobsang Tenzin Negi, 2015
 Out There Arts Program Grant, Emory Center for Creativity and Arts (CCA) to support 25 student tickets to the High Museum of Art, Fall 2014

Classroom Mini-Grant, Emory Center for Faculty Development and Excellence (CFDE) to support art practicum curriculum and supplies, Fall 2014
 Out There Arts Program Grant, Emory Center for Creativity and Arts (CCA) to support trip to Flannery O'Connor's farm, Spring 2013
 Classroom Mini-Grant, Emory Center for Faculty Development and Excellence (CFDE) to support a digital collaboration with Heifer International's Creative Director, Fall 2012
 Inquiry Guided Learning Workshop, Laney Graduate School and Emory Center for Faculty Development and Excellence, 2012
 THATCamp Southeast (The Humanities and Technology Camp), Pedagogy Track BOOTcamp. Atlanta, March 2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Macalester College

Member, Hiring Committee, Poetry position, 2018-2019.
 Faculty Judge, Harry Sherman Poetry Award, Spring 2018.
 Faculty Judge, Ardis Hillman Study Away Awards, Spring 2018.
 Committee Member, Undergraduate Honors Project in Ceramics. Manya Jacobson '18, "Rattled." Defended in April 2018.
 Speaker, co-facilitator with Prof. Peter Bognanni, "Lady Bird." PopTalks, English Department, 2018.
 Member, Hiring Committee, Prose position, 2017-2018.
 Internship Advisor, Honor Murphy. Red Leaf Press, 2017 / Graywolf Press, 2018.
 Organizer, English Majors Conference, Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities, 2016-2018.
 Reading Group Facilitator, Faculty and Staff reading group: *The Hired Man* by Aminatta Forna, September 2017.
 Faculty speaker, "Applying to Graduate School," Macalester Dept. of English "What's Next?" series, Nov. 2106, Oct. 2017, Nov. 2018.
 Member, *Chanter* Literary Magazine Anniversary Edition Committee, 2016-2017.
 Committee Member, Undergraduate Honors Thesis in English. Ava Bindas '17, "Private Deaths: The Impossibilities of Home in the Modernist Novel." Defended in April 2017.
 Speaker, "Selfies: Self-Images from Frida Kahlo to Beyonce." PopTalks, English Department, 2017.
 Faculty Judge, Nick Adams Short Story Contest, Spring 2017
 Faculty Advisor, *Ulysses* reading group, Spring 2017
 Critchett Fund Committee Member, English Department, 2016-present
 Liaison to the Library, English Department, 2016-2017

Academic Service

Proposal Reviewer, Clemson University Press, 2019
 Manuscript Referee, *Modern Fiction Studies*, 2018
 Manuscript Referee, *Woolf Studies Annual*, 2017
 Moderator, Atlanta Modernism Symposium, NEH-funded Center for Humanistic Inquiry Interdisciplinary Research Seminar (CHIIRS), 2015-2016
 Manuscript Referee, *Studies in the Novel*, 2012

Conference Service

Panel chair, "Decorating Dissidence: Textiles as Modernist Legacy" (includes a Crafting/Thinking workshop). British Association for Modernist Studies. London, June 2019.
 Roundtable co-organizer, "Modernism Across the Arts" with Victoria Rosner. Modernist Studies Association. Pasadena, California, November 2016.
 Panel organizer, "Sight Unseen." Modernist Studies Association Conference. Sussex, U.K, August 2013
 Special session chair, "Teaching Modernism in the Digital World." South Atlantic Modern Language

Association Conference. Atlanta, November 2013
Conference assistant, "Online Humanities Scholarship: The Shape of Things to Come." Mellon
Foundation Conference. University of Virginia, March 2010
Panel chair, "Woolf and Fashion." 19th Annual Virginia Woolf Conference. Fordham Lincoln
Center, New York, June 2009

Advising and Outreach

Featured scholar, "New Scholarship: Amy E. Elkins on H.D.'s Needlework," Poetry and Beinecke
Library blog, Yale University, November 2017.
<http://beinecke.library.yale.edu/about/blogs/poetry-beinecke-library-room-26-cabinet-curiosities-yale-collection-american-literatur-2>.
Interview, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf Capstones?" *The Words* Macalester English Department
newsletter, December 2017.
Interview, "The Craft of Survival with Dr. Amy Elkins," American Craft Council Library Salon
Series, April 2017. <https://craftcouncil.org/post/video-craft-survival-dr-amy-elkins>.
Interview, "Popcorn, Pop Culture, Pop-Up Talks," *The Words* Macalester English Department
newsletter, April 2017
Interview, "Mac Community Members March for Women's Rights," in Macalester's newspaper, *The
Mac Weekly*, January 2017.
Interview, "Introducing New Academic Insight: Amy Elkins," *The Words* Macalester English
Department newsletter, October 2016
Advisor, Emory's 1915 Scholars Program for First-Generation College Students, 2015-2016
Practicum facilitator, Microteaching Capstone Assessment, Emory Laney Graduate School
Teaching Assistant Training Program (TATTO) Summer Workshop, August 2015
Practicum facilitator, Microteaching Capstone Assessment, Emory Laney Graduate School
Teaching Assistant Training Program (TATTO) Summer Workshop, August 2014
National Public Radio Interview, Weekend Edition, "Students Get Up Close and Personal With
Rare Books," July 2011

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present
International Virginia Woolf Society
Modern Language Association
Modernist Studies Association
British Association for Modernist Studies