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Professor (2023), Associate Professor (2019) (with tenure)

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019-

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2012		Associate Professor (with tenure) Department of English
		Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX)
2005		Assistant Professor Department of English Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX)
2003		Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching and Research Fellow English Department and Leslie Center for the Humanities Dartmouth College (Hanover, NH)
EDUCATION		
2019	J.D.	Southern Methodist University. Dedman School of Law Evening program (2013-19). Cum Laude Year of coursework at Harvard University
2004	Ph.D.	Johns Hopkins University. English and American Literature George E. Owen Dean's Fellowship Dean's Teaching Fellowship
1997	B.A.	Oxford University. Faculty of English Language and Literature First Class Honors, I Exeter College Fitzgerald Prize
1995	B.A.	Williams College. Honors in English Literature Summa cum laude. Phi Beta Kappa Elizabeth Shumway Prize in English

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- 2019 Chair. Department of Comparative Thought and Literature, July 2019-Dec 2022 Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD)
- 2018 Ruth Collins Altshuler Director. Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute. 2018-19 Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX)
- Associate Director. Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute. 2013-15 Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX)

NATIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIPS

- National Endowment for the Humanities [NEH] Fellowship. 2023-24
- New Directions Fellowship. Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. 2015–18 (\$222,000.00)
- 2015 American Council for Learned Societies [ACLS] Fellowship. 2015–16
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Cambridge, Massachusetts)
 Visiting Scholar Residential Fellowship. 2011–12
- University of Utah, Tanner Humanities Center. (Salt Lake City, Utah) External Research Fellowship (declined). 2011–12
- 2009 University at Buffalo, Humanities Institute (Buffalo, New York) Charles D. Abbott Library Research Fellowship. Summer.
- 1997 National Humanities Graduate Fellowship. Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. 1997–98

PUBLICATIONS

AUTHORED BOOKS

- 2020 *Modernism and the Meaning of Corporate Persons*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Hardcover and e-book. 270 pages. Paperback released March 2023. <u>link</u>
 - *Modern Language Association (MLA) 2021 Matei Calinescu Book Prize
 - *Modernist Studies Association (MSA) 2020 Book Prize
 - *Reviewed in: Twentieth Century Literature; Modern Fiction Studies (MFS); Law, Culture, and Humanities; Choice ("Highly Recommended"); American Literary History (ALH); Philosophy World Democracy; Critical Analysis of Law: An International and Interdisciplinary Law Review (book forum topic w/four reviews and author response).

- *Noticed/ Mentioned: Legal Theory Blog; Private Law Theory Blog; #1 of "7 Best New Corporate Law eBooks to Read In 2023," BookAuthority.org; #2 of "Top 8 Corporate Law Books To Read In 2023," HenryHarvin.com
- 2012 *Modernism's Other Work: The Art Object's Political Life*. New York: Oxford University Press. Hardcover and e-book. 272 pages. Paperback, June 2015. <u>link</u>
 - *Shortlisted: Modernist Studies Association (MSA) 2012 Book Prize
 - *Reviewed in: Radical Philosophy; Nonsite.org; Modernism/Modernity; American Literary History (ALH) Online Review; Art History

EDITED BOOKS

- Editor. The Norton Anthology of American Literature, Tenth Edition. Volume D. 1914-1945. New York: W. W. Norton & Company. 1000+ pages. link
- 2022 Editor (under General Editor Robert Levine). *The Norton Anthology of American Literature, Shorter Tenth Edition. Volume* 2. New York: W. W. Norton & Company. 1000+ pages. link

EDITED JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES

2021 Co-editor, with Rachel Watson. *Nonsite: The Legal Issue*. Nonsite.org. Interdisciplinary law and literature special issue on birtherism, plea bargaining, forensic architecture, evidence, and robotic free speech. link

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "Disorganization Chart: Troubling Corporate Decision-Making on *Succession*." Special Issue: The Waystar Royco School of Law Project: Legal Practice, Pedagogy, and HBO's *Succession*. *DePaul Law Review* 73, no. 3 (Spring 2024): 959-992. web link
- "William Gaddis's Frolics in Corporate Law." Special Issue: William Gaddis at his Centenary. *EBR: electronic book review*. 6,000 words. April 7, 2024. web link
- "Corporate Communiqué: The Derrida-Holmes Merger." Special Issue on Derrida's "Signature Event Context": The Next 50 Years? ed. Joshua Kates. *Nonsite* issue 45. 8,500 words. February 14, 2024. web link
- "Stateless Regionalism and Corporate Power: Willa Cather's Public Relations Novel." The Novel and Democracy Issue. *American Literary History* 35, no. 1 (Spring 2023): 126-42. web link

"Corporate Form and Modernism: A Response to My Commentators." Book Forum
on Modernism and the Meaning of Corporate Persons with essays by Melissa Ganz,
Penny Crofts, Roy Kreitner, and Emily Apter. Critical Analysis of Law: An
International and Interdisciplinary Law Review 9, no. 2 (Dec 2022): 69-80. web link

- "Against Theory, *Now with Bots!* On the Persistent Fallacy of Intentionless Speech." The Legal Issue, *nonsite.org*. Online. 6,000 words. Aug 2, 2021. "Recommended" in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*'s "Review Newsletter," Sept. 7, 2021. <<link>>
- "My Interdisciplinary Uncanny Valley." *Post45 Contemporaries*. On Interpretive Difficulty, ed. Johanna Winant. Online. 4,200 words. May 26, 2021. <<link>>
- "Distributing Agency Everywhere: TV Critiques Postcritique." For special issue, "Literary Criticism after Postcritique," ed. Tim Lanzendörfer and Mathias Nilges, Amerikastudien/ American Studies 64, no. 4 (2019) [2020]: 595-616. Awarded Honorable Mention, Best Article, Amerikastudien/ American Studies. << link>>
- "Dreiser's Anti-Corporate Tools: Veil Piercing and the Novel of Corporate Agency." **American Literary History 30, no. 2 (Summer 2018): 249-77. <scienter <scienter <a href="mailto:scienter
- "Art and Surrogate Personhood." *nonsite.org*. Issue #21: Art and Objecthood at 50. (Summer 2017). Online. 7,400 words. <link>>
- 2015 "Theorizing Corporate Intentionality in Contemporary American Fiction." *Law and Literature* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2015): 99-123. <link>>
- "Don't Let Me Be Universal; or, the Postwar American Poem." *nonsite.org*. Issue #16: Situation. (Summer 2015). Online. 4,000 words. << link>>
- 2013 "Speculating on an Art Movement: Gertrude Stein's *The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas*." In "Modern Life Narratives: Biography, Autobiography, *Bildungsroman*," ed. John Paul Riquelme. *Modern Fiction Studies* 59, no. 3 (Fall 2013): 591-609. <<<
- 2011 "Ang Lee and James Schamus's Neo-Indies: The Ultimate Movie Machine." *Post45: Peer Reviewed.* (December 20, 2011). Online. 14,000 words. <link>>
- Wallace Stevens's Fascist Dilemmas and Free Market Resolutions." *American Literary History* 23, no. 2 (Summer 2011): 337-361. <link>>
- 2008 "Modern Glass: How Williams Reframed Duchamp's Window." *The William Carlos Williams Review* 28, nos. 1-2 (2008): 117-139. Awarded the Walter Scott Peterson Prize, Best Essay in the *Williams Carlos Williams Review*. <<<<
- "Out of Air: Theorizing the Art Object in Gertrude Stein and Wyndham Lewis." *Modernism/Modernity* 10, no. 4 (2003): 657-676. << link>>

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2024 "Blindness without a Will: The Dilemma of Corporate Collective Knowledge and Intention in *Succession*." In *Evil Corporations: Law, Culpability, and Regulation*, ed. Penny Crofts, 159-71. London: Routledge. Forthcoming July.
- 2023 "The Limits of an American Modernist Avant-Garde." In *The Cambridge History of American Modernism*, ed. Mark Whalan, 349-63. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2021 "Eisenstein's Collage: Filming Montage in Museums at Night." In *A Modernist Cinema: Film Art from 1914 to 1941*, ed. Scott Klein and Michael Moses. Oxford: Oxford University Press. <link>>
- 2021 "Imperialism and Colonialism." In *The New Wallace Stevens Studies: Twenty-First-Century Critical Revisions*, ed. Bart Eeckhout and Gül Bilge Han. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. <ink>>
- 2015 "Modernist Poetics After Twitter, Inc." In *The Contemporaneity of Modernism:*Literature, Media, Culture, ed. Michael D'Arcy and Mathias Nilges, 203-215. London:
 Routledge. <link>>
- "Hiding Horrors in Full View: Atom Egoyan's Representations of the Armenian Genocide." In *The Armenian Genocide Legacy*, ed. Alex Demirdjian, 287-302. London: Palgrave Macmillan. <<<u>link>></u>
- 2010 "A Disciplined Nostalgia': William Gaddis and the Modern Art Object." In *William Gaddis*, "The Last of Something," ed. Crystal Alberts, Christopher Leise and Birger Vanwesenbeeck, 101-114. Jefferson: McFarland. << Amazon link>>
- 2007 "Telling a Horror Story, Conscientiously: Representing the Armenian Genocide from Open House to Ararat." In Image and Territory: New Essays on Atom Egoyan, ed. Monique Tschofen and Jennifer Burwell, 133-156. Waterloo, Ontario: Wilfrid Laurier University Press. << Amazon link>>

BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER SHORT ESSAYS

- Book Review. Andrew Fitzmaurice, King Leopold's Ghostwriter: The Creation of Persons and States in the Nineteenth Century (Princeton: Princeton UP, 2021). Law, Culture, and Humanities (Nov 2023): 1-3.
- Short Essay. "On Accidental and Parasitic Language." *Critical Inquiry*, online forum on "Against Theory" and AI. June 2023. web link
- Book Review. *The Oxford Handbook of Law and Humanities*, ed. Simon Stern, Maksymilian Del Mar, and Bernadette Meyler (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020). *Law and Literature* 33, no. 2 (Feb 2021): 337-41. <link>>
- 2020 Book Review. Nicholas Brown, *Autonomy: The Social Ontology of Art Under Capitalism* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2019). *Modernism/ Modernity* 27, no. 2 (April 2020): 414-16. <link>>
- Book Review. "On Zombie Discourses." Invited response to Mark Greif, *The Age of the Crisis of Man* (2015). "The Tank," *nonsite.org*. Online. 2,300 words. (Jan 2016). <<<<
- 2015 Art Exhibit Review. "Thin and Tantalizing: The Armory Show at 100." *The William Carlos Williams Review* 32, no. 1 (2015): 12-16. <link>>
- Book Review. "The Problem with Post-1955 Art as Literature." Invited response to Ann Middleton Wagner, *A House Divided: American Art Since 1955* (2012). "The Tank," *nonsite.org*. Online. 1,800 words. (July 2012). <link>>

MEDIA AND PUBLIC WRITING

- Podcast Commentator. "Puzzles of Collective Intention, Corporate Authorship, & Family Business Insurrection." *The American Vandal Podcast*, Season 6, episode 1, with Professors Matt Seybold and Michael Szalay. Center for Mark Twain Studies at Elmira College. September 13, 2022. web link
- 2022 Editor's Online Teaching Videos. InQuisitive, for W. W. Norton. "Modernism." "New Urban Landscape." "The Harlem Renaissance." *Norton Anthology of American Literature, 10th edition.* 2022. web link (requires sign-in)
- University Video. "Is Corporate Responsibility a New Concept in America?" Johns Hopkins University Quick Study (March 29, 2022). web link
- 2020 Public Interest Essay. "Do corporate acts always count as some person's actions?" Invited guest post for *Corporate Finance Lab*, a scholarly forum for discussions of the legal aspects of corporate finance and insolvency. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

(Belgium). Online. 1,600 words. Dec 15, 2020. web link

PRIZES AND GRANTS

2021	MLA Matei Calinescu Book Prize, for <i>Modernism and the Meaning of Corporate Persons</i> . "Distinguished work of scholarship in twentieth- or twenty-first-century literature and thought in any geographical context"
2021	Modernist Studies Association Book Prize, for <i>Modernism and the Meaning of Corporate Persons</i> . "Book that made the most significant contribution to modernist studies"
2019	Honorable Mention for Best Article, Amerikastudien/American Studies
2015	Ford Research Fellowship. SMU
2013	Shortlisted (one of four finalists) for the Modernist Studies Association Book Prize, for <i>Modernism's Other Work</i>
2012	Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute. Southern Methodist University. Inaugural Faculty Seminar Co-leader and Faculty Fellow, "The Concept of Agency." 2012–13
2011	University Nominee for NEH Summer Stipend Fellowship, one of two
2011	DePole Humanities Award, Dedman College Dean's Research Council Grant. Southern Methodist University
2010	Sam Taylor Fellowship Grant for image reproductions and permissions for <i>Modernism's Other Work</i>
2010	National Humanities Center (Research Triangle Park, North Carolina). Summer Institute in Literary Studies Seminar led by Louis Menand. Selected participant. 2010
2008	Walter Scott Peterson Prize for Best Essay in The William Carlos Williams Review
2006+	Undergraduate Research Council. Travel and Research Grants. Southern Methodist University. 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2015
2002	Dean's Teaching Fellowship. Johns Hopkins University
2000	Center for Research on Culture and Literature Prize Fellowship. Johns Hopkins University. 2000–01
1997	George E. Owen Dean's Fellowship. Johns Hopkins University. 1997–2002

1997	Johns Hopkins University Fellowships. Johns Hopkins University. 1997–2001
1997	Exeter College Fitzgerald Prize. Oxford University
1995	Horace F. Clark Prize Fellowship. Williams College

TEACHING

2019– JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY (BALTIMORE, MD)

Department of Comparative Thought and Literature

Modern American Poetry: Engaging Forms (graduate seminar)

Legal Fictions: Law and Humanities (co-taught first-year seminar with Prof. Jennifer Culbert, Political Theory)

Literature and Film of Unintended Consequences (mid-level undergraduate 20th and 21st c. literature and film course)

What is a Person? Humans, Corporations, Robots, Trees (upper-level undergraduate legal philosophy and literature course, cross-listed as graduate-level class)

Business Fictions (lower-level undergraduate modern and contemporary American Literature, drama, and film course)

Theory, Now and Then: Autonomy, Form, Critique (graduate seminar)

Comparative Theory and Methods (graduate pro-seminar)

2019– SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY (DALLAS, TX)

2005 English Department

Theory, Now and Then: Form, Autonomy, Critique, Feeling (Ph.D. seminar)

Business Fictions (modern and contemporary American literature for non-majors)

American Poetry, from 1945 to Twitter (capstone undergraduate seminar)

Introduction to Literary Theory (Ph.D. seminar)

Mapping Modernism, 1890-1940: Paris/London/St. Petersburg (Gen-Ed, team-taught course with faculty from Theatre and Dance)

Literary History of Corporate Personhood (Ph.D. seminar)

Corporate Persons/Literary Subjects: From Norris to Saunders (Ph.D. seminar)

20th-c American Poetry: From Modernism to Postmodernism (Ph.D. seminar)

American Modernism: The Poem and the Poetics of Art (MA seminar)

American Poetry: 1900-1945 (upper-division undergraduate seminar)

Semiotics of Culture: Representing Diaspora (undergraduate major course)

Introduction to Literary Study (Gateway to English Major)

Contemporary Poetry: Art and Artifacts (upper-level English major course)

Contemporary Approaches to Literature (Introduction to Literary Theory for the major)

Interpreting, Understanding, Doubting (Introduction to Honors Program)

2005– DARTMOUTH COLLEGE (HANOVER, NH)

2003 Postdoctoral Fellow, English Department

American Poetry Since 1945: Art and Artifacts

Locating Meaning in a Text: Is it Possible?

Contemporary Experimental Fiction

2003– JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY (BALTIMORE, MD)

2000 Instructor of Record, English Department

Principles and Practices of Literary Criticism

Twentieth-Century British Literature

Framing Diaspora in American Culture (Dean's Teaching Fellowship course)

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

ORGANIZING COMMITTEES

2024-	Armenian Society of Fellows (ASOF). Nominated and Elected Member (2024–)
2023–	Matei Calinescu Prize Selection Committee. Invited Member (2022–2024) Modern Language Association
2021-	Executive Committee. Nominated and Elected Member Law and the Humanities Forum (2022–2027) Modern Language Association
2021-	Organizing Committee. Member Law and Literature Work in Progress Group University of Toronto School of Law
2018	Executive Committee. Nominated for Election 20th- and 21st-Century American Forum Modern Language Association
2017– 2016	Program Committee. Invited Member Modernist Studies Association
2018– 2013	Executive Committee. Nominated and Elected Member Literature and Other Arts/Visual Culture Forum Modern Language Association
2011– 2009	Co-Founder and Leader DFW Working Group (Dallas area faculty writing group)
EDITOR	IAL BOARDS OR ACADEMIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2022-	Journal of American Studies (UK)
2019–	Modern Language Notes (MLN) (Baltimore, MD)
2017–	Nonsite.org (Atlanta, Georgia)
2016– 2004	Zoryan Institute (Toronto, ON)

BOOK MANUSCRIPT AND PROPOSAL PEER REVIEWER (ongoing)

Oxford University Press (multiple times) Cambridge University Press University of Chicago Press Duke University Press Palgrave Macmillan Modern Language Association Press Penguin Academic Continuum Books W. W. Norton

JOURNAL ARTICLE PEER REVIEWER (ongoing)

American Literary History (multiple times)

ARIEL: A Review of International English Literature

Canadian Journal of Film Studies

Cinema Journal

Configurations

Contemporary Literature

Journal of American Studies (multiple times)

Law and Literature

Modern Fiction Studies

Modernism/modernity

Modern Philology

Nonsite (multiple times)

Paideuma

PMLA

Post45

Studies in the Novel

Twentieth-Century Literature (multiple times)

AD HOC REVIEWING (dates removed for confidentiality)

MacArthur Foundation

Andrew W. Mellon "B-Side Modernism" Fellowship Competition

Emory University

Scholarship Committee Member and Reviewer. Zoryan Institute

The Research Foundation (Flanders, FWO)

FACULTY TENURE AND PROMOTION REVIEW

Multiple universities, names and dates removed for confidentiality

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

2024–	KSAS Core Academic Matters Workgroup. Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, JHU	
2023–	External Faculty Mentor. Professor Scott MacLochlainn (Department of Anthropology). Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, JHU	
2023–	External Faculty Mentor. Professor Meredith Ward (Program in Film and Media Studies). Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, JHU	
2022–	Law and Humanities Working Group. Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, JHU Co-Organizer with Jennifer Culbert (Department of Political Science)	
2022–	External Faculty Mentor. Professor Mia Liu (Department of Art History) Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, JHU	
2021	Subcommittee on Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs. Shared Governance Council Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, JHU Dean appointed committee member	
2021	Subcommittee on Undergraduate Education. Shared Governance Council Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, JHU Dean appointed committee member	
2021	Shared Governance Council. Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, JHU Dean appointed committee member	
2021	Search Committee for the Senior Associate Dean for Finance and Administration for the Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, JHU Dean appointed committee member	
2020–	Second Commission on Undergraduate Education (CUE2) Advisory Group Krieger School of Arts & Sciences, JHU Dean appointed committee member	
2019	Ad-hoc Tenure and Promotion Committee. Homewood Academic Council, JHU Dean appointed committee member	
SOUTHI	ERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY	
2019–20	Dean's Tenure and Promotion Advisory Committee. Dedman College, SMU Nominated and Faculty Elected	
2018–20	217 Emerging Leaders Seminar. Office of the Provost, SMU Nominated by Dean	
2014	Search Committee, Altshuler Interdisciplinary Centennial Professor in Cities,	

	Regions, and Globalization. Dedman College, SMU Dean appointed committee member
2015–2013	Dean's Task Force on Teaching Evaluation Data, Dedman College, SMU Dean appointed committee member
2014–2013	Interdisciplinary Joint Appointment Task Force, Dedman College, SMU Dean appointed committee member
2009–2006	President's Commission on the Status of Women, Office of the President, SMU President appointed committee member

DEPARTMENTAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, COMPARATIVE THOUGHT AND LITERATURE

2023	Diversity Champion. Comparative Thought and Literature. Fall
2022	Committee Chair. Comparative Thought and Literature Postdoctoral Fellowship Award
2021–	Search Committee Chair. East, South East Asian or Transasian Film and Literature, open rank position, and Middle Eastern Film and Literature, open rank position
2019–	Department Chair
2019–	Tenure Committee Chair
2019	Director of Graduate Studies, Interim (Fall)

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, ENGLISH

2019–2006	Graduate Studies Committee
2019–2013	Job Placement Committee
2019–2011	Dissertation Advisor. Director and Committee Member
2019–2010	Graduate Mentor
2019–2006	English Major Advisor

2018–2017	Search Committee. Digital Humanities Assistant Professor position
2015–2012	Executive Committee
2014–2013	Graduate Review Committee
2014–2013	Graduate Admissions Committee
2013–2012	Graduate Budget Committee
2013–2012	Michael Pueppke Prize Committee
2013–2012	Job Placement Officer
2011–2007	Graduate Admissions Committee

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING AND MENTORING

PH.D. DISSERTATION DIRECTOR

Marshall Meyer. Co-director. (Interdisciplinary Humanistic Studies, JHU, advanced to candidacy 2021)

Ezgi Ince. "Covering Jazz: Design, Criticism and the Shaping of Taste" (Comparative Thought and Literature, JHU, advanced to candidacy 2019)

- Maddie Wells. "Not Working: Transforming Labor in Feminist Art, Film, and Poetry, 1970s-80s" (Comparative Thought and Literature, JHU, defended August)
- Nate McCabe. "Not Art Yet: American Modernists on Early Cinema" (Comparative Thought and Literature, JHU, defended March)
- Hale Sirin. Co-director. "The Art of Scholarship: Auerbach, Tanpınar, and the Idea of Literary Knowledge" (Comparative Thought and Literature, JHU, defended July) [Post-doctoral Fellow, Center for Digital Humanities, Johns Hopkins University]
- 2020 Kevin Pickard. "Unhealthy Experiences: Drug Aesthetics in Contemporary Literature" (Defended, SMU) [Executive Assistant/ Development Associate at Still She Rises, legal defense office representing mothers in the criminal and civil legal systems]
- 2018 Seth McKelvey. "No Exit: The Poetics of Escape in Postmodernist and Contemporary American Literature" (Defended, SMU) [Instructor, Department of English, Clemson University]
- 2016 Katharine Boswell. "Household Matters: Objects and the Literary Domestic, 1850-

- 1963" (Defended, SMU) [Lecturer, Women and Gender Studies, SMU]
- Ashley Winstead. "Futures Studies: Fictions of Speculation in Contemporary American Literature" (Defended, SMU) [Best-selling novelist]

PH.D. COMMITTEE MEMBER OR CHAIR

- Michael McCreary. Comparative Thought and Literature, JHU. "You Don't Want to Know: The Fear of Adventure in Reading and Writing, Teaching and Learning." (Defended Feb). Committee Member
- Michele Asuni. Classics, JHU. "'Pathos Visible: Color, Emotion and Affect in Ancient Greece from Homer to Heliodorus" (Defending Feb). Committee Chair
- Alexander Host. Comparative Thought and Literature, JHU. "The Ontological Argument's Revival in German Idealism" (Defended Oct). Committee Member
- Jonathan White. Political Science, JHU. "Criminal 'Process': Rethinking International Criminal Law with Whitehead and Spinoza" (Defended Oct). Committee Chair
- Benjamin Stein. Comparative Thought and Literature, JHU. "A Community of Babblers: The Crisis of Communication in the Russian and English Modernist Novel, 1902–1925" (Defended Aug). Committee Member
- 2021 Miriam Grotte-Jacobs. Art History, JHU. "Capital Art: Rethinking the Washington Color School." (Defended Jun). Committee Member
- Sarah Ross. English, JHU. "Burning Papers: Destruction and Textual Identity in the Victorian Novel." (Defended Jun). Committee Member
- 2020 Connie Scozzaro. English, JHU. "Cruel Intentions: Rape and Deliberation in the Time of Shakespeare." (Defended May). Committee Member

PH.D. ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Blaz Skerjanec. Political Science, JHU. "The Politics of Touchability: Beyond Identity and Difference." (Defended Jan)
- Samantha Carmel. Comparative Thought and Literature, JHU. "No Last Men: The Conservative Critique of Instrumental Reason in Nietzsche, Weber, and Schmitt." (Defended Jul)
- Alexandra Lossada. English, JHU. "The Interpreter of Crimmigration and Detention." (Defended Jun)

2021	Jacob Levi. Comparative Thought and Literature, JHU. "The Adventure of the Book: Jabès, Derrida, Levinas." (Defended Jun)	
2020	Sungmey Lee. English, JHU. "Novel Nostalgia: Nature, Nation, and the Pastoral Imagination in the Victorian Novel." (Defended Dec)	
2020	Michel G. Davidoff Cohen. Comparative Thought and Literature, JHU. "Metaphysical Themes in Kant's Theoretical Philosophy." (Defended Dec)	
2020	Aaron Begg. English, JHU. "The Poet and the Hegemon: Imitating Capital in Literary Form, 1850–1950." (Defended Jul)	
2020	James Pilgrim. History of Art, JHU. "Jacopo Bassano and the Environment of Painting." (Defended May)	
2020	Paula Marchesini. Comparative Thought and Literature, JHU. "Eternity as Inspiration: Teresa of Avila, Clarice Lispector, and Lisa Randall." (Defended Feb)	
PH.D. PROGRAM ADVISOR / MENTOR		
2022-	Carter Salis	
2021-	Griffin Shoglow-Rubenstein	

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Eleni Theodoropoulos

Marshall Meyer

Matt Clemmer

Nate McCabe

Kelsey Kiser

Liz Richardson Duke

Christopher Stampone

James Ray

INVITED TALKS, PLENARIES, KEYNOTES, AND SYMPOSIUM ADDRESSES

- Pennsylvania State University, Department of Comparative Literature (State College,
 PA). "Hew Locke's Ruined Persons: From Corporations to Racial Persons and
 Beyond." Invited Talk. April 8
- Tilburg Law School (Tilburg, Netherlands) and Harvard Law School, Institute for Global Law and Policy (Cambridge, MA), Conversations in Law and Literature Online Seminar. "Tongueless Trees: Standing for, or on, Environmental Persons." Invited seminar. April 3
- 2024 Columbia University, Seminar in Literary Theory (New York, NY). "Unborn Persons and their Women Containers." Invited Seminar. February 6
- Brown University, Departments of English and Comparative Literature (Providence, RI). Invited speaker on "Modernism and the Meaning of Corporate Persons." Graduate Seminar. November 8
- Emory University, Department of Art History (Atlanta, GA). Invited speaker, "Intentionality and Artificial Intelligence." Graduate Seminar in Methods, Prof. Todd Cronan. Online. October 4
- University of Melbourne, Melbourne Law School (Carlton, VIC, Australia). "Biopic of an Ex-Human Being: Challenging the Corporate Internal Decision Structure Model at Waystar Royco." Visualizing Corporate Authority: Archive, Representation, Imagination Workshop. Online. August 15
- University of Chicago, Department of English (Chicago, IL). Invited Lecture. "Blindness without Will: *Succession* and Corporate Intentions." 20th & 21st-Century Cultures Workshop and Literature and Philosophy Workshop. February 6
- University of Technology Sydney, Faculty of Law (Sydney, NSW, Australia). "Blindness without Will: The Problem of Corporate Intentions." Evil Corporations Research Workshop and Symposium. December 12-13
- 2022 University of Massachusetts, Boston, Department of English (Boston, MA). "Stateless Regionalism and Corporate Power: Willa Cather's Public Relations Novel." Invited Lecture. November 17
- University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of English (Chicago, IL). "From Searle to S.à.r.l.: Derrida's Corporate Personhood." Invited paper for Symposium on "Derrida's 'Signature, Event, Context' at 50." November 3
- University of Toronto, Law and Literature Works in Progress (Toronto, ON, Canada). Book Symposium *Modernism and the Meaning of Corporate Persons*. Online. July 12

- University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign, IL). "Iowa or the Q Reservation? Willa Cather and the Absence of Democracy." Symposium on Democracy and the Novel. Invited Lecture. Apr 8.
- Boston University (Boston, MD). "Institutionalizing Form: From Neo-Avant-Garde Art to Literary Studies." Colloquium on Literature, Philosophy, & Aesthetics; "Art, Democracy, and Public Life." Invited Lecture. Online. Oct 23
- University of Maryland (College Park, MD). Invited Lecture. "F. Scott Fitzgerald and the Impossibility of Corporate Speech." Local Americanists Lecture Series. Department of English. Fall 2021. Online. Oct 8
- Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD). Program in Women and Gender Studies. Book Symposium for *Modernism and the Meaning of Corporate Persons*. Online. Apr 29
- The Newberry Library (Chicago, IL). Invited Talk. "Was the Corporate Person Black? George Schuyler, Intellectual Property, and Race." The Newberry Seminar in American Literature. Feb 27
- Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD). Invited Lecture. Department of Comparative Thought and Literature. "On Proposing: F. Scott Fitzgerald and the Impossibility of Corporate Speech." Feb 9
- University of Texas as Dallas (Dallas, TX). Invited Symposium Address. "Global Warhol Incorporated." Rethinking Form in Latin American Literature and Visual Art. Jan 19
- 2016 Stockholm University (Stockholm, Sweden). Invited Keynote Address. "Enumerating the Collage Aesthetic." Presumed Autonomy: Literature and Art in Theory and Practice Conference. May 12
- 2016 University of West Florida, English Department (Pensacola, Florida). Invited Lecture. "Limited Poetic Liability." Feb 24
- Uppsala University (Uppsala, Sweden). Invited Plenary Talk. "Feeling Modern Love Like a Corporate Person." Intimate Modernism Symposium, Oct 31
- Yale University, Whitney Humanities Center (New Haven, CT). Plenary Talk. "Mistakes Were Made: Truths and Fictions of Corporate Intention." Law and Fictional Discourse Symposium, May 20
- The Hague Institute for Global Justice (The Hague, Netherlands). Invited Plenary Talk. "Hiding Horrors in Full View: Atom Egoyan's Representations of the Armenian Genocide." Colloquium on the Great Catastrophe Revisited a Century Later, Mar 7

2014	"Gertrude Stein and the Corporate Mind." May 13
2014	Uppsala University, English Department (Uppsala, Sweden). Invited Lecture. "Gertrude Stein and the Corporate Mind." May 12
2014	Johns Hopkins University, English Department (Baltimore, MD). Invited Lecture. "The Art of the Corporate Mind, from William Gibson to Gertrude Stein." Mar 12
2013	Emory University (Atlanta, GA). Invited Plenary Lecture. "Sounding Form: On Bauhaus Interdisciplinarity." Lovis Corinth Colloquium on German Modernism, Mar 8
2012	Dallas Area Social Historians (DASH) (Dallas, TX). Invited Lecture. "Wyndham Lewis, Bono, and the Redness of the Real Red," Aug 31
2012	American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Cambridge, MA). Invited Lecture. "Willa Cather, Corporate Diva." Visiting Scholars Seminar, Apr 24
2012	Harvard University, Humanities Center (Cambridge, MA). Invited Lecture. "Wyndham Lewis, Virginia Woolf, and the Redness of the Real (Red) TM ," Mar 29
2012	University of California-Irvine, English Department (Irvine, CA). Invited Lecture. "Wyndham Lewis and the Redness of the Real Red," Feb 3
2006	Dallas Area Social Historians (DASH) (Dallas, TX). Invited Lecture. "Out of Air: Theorizing the Art Object in Gertrude Stein," Sept 29
2005	Southern Methodist University, English Department (Dallas, TX). Invited Lecture. "Charles Olson, Amiri Baraka and the Particularity of Perspective," Jan
2005	University of Rochester, English Department (Rochester, NY). Invited Lecture. "Charles Olson, Amiri Baraka and the Particularity of Perspective," Jan
2005	Concordia University, English Department (Montreal, Quebec). Invited Lecture. "Charles Olson, Amiri Baraka and the Particularity of Perspective." Jan
2003	Oberlin College, English Department (Oberlin, OH). Invited Lecture. "The Morning after the Dispersion": Charles Olson and the Poetics of Diaspora," Mar 20
2003	University of California-Santa Barbara, English Department (Santa Barbara, CA). Invited Lecture. "The Morning after the Dispersion": Charles Olson and the Poetics of Diaspora," Jan 17
2003	City University of New York (CUNY), Middle East/Middle East American Center.

- (New York City, NY). Invited Lecture. "Atom Egoyan's Cinema," Jan 25
- York University and the Zoryan Institute (Toronto, ON). Invited Lecture. "Genocide and Diaspora in Atom Egoyan's Cinema," Genocide and Film: A Panel Discussion on Atom Egoyan's *Ararat*, Dec 14
- Johns Hopkins University, English Department (Baltimore, MD). Journal Club Talk. "Containing Experience: Marcel Duchamp, Cleanth Brooks and William Carlos Williams." Nov 21
- Johns Hopkins University, Humanities Center, Modernism Seminar and Reading Group Talk. (Baltimore, MD). "Frames Lost in Space: Marcel Duchamp and William Carlos Williams," Nov 27

LECTURE SERIES ORGANIZED AND PANELS PLANNED FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2023 "What is a Person?" Co-organized MLA panel with Prof. Christine Holbo (U. Arizona) for Law and Humanities Division
- 2017 "Visualizing the Page." Co-organized and presided over MLA panel with Literature and Other Arts Division
- 2015 "Literature and Digital Games." Co-organized MLA panel with Prof. Patrick Jagoda (U. Chicago) for Literature and Other Arts Division
- 2014 "On Happiness." Organized month-long, interdisciplinary lecture series for SMU community (Sept–Oct). Featured external, international faculty speakers from Economics, Law, English, and Philosophy
- "Literature and Architecture." Co-organized MLA panel with Prof. Anke Finger (U. Conn) for Literature and Other Arts Division
- 2013 "The Concept of Agency." With SMU psychology professor Alicia Meuret, coorganized international speaker series (Feb–May) for SMU's Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED

- "Stance or Speech? Challenging AI Personhood." Law, Culture, and Humanities Annual Conference. Free-Speech panel. (Vancouver, BC). May 17
- 2024 "Ruined Persons: From Corporations to Racial Persons and Beyond." Law, Culture, & Humanities Annual Conference. Personhood roundtable. (Vancouver, BC). May 18

2024	"Anna Seghers and Questions of Form: A Response." Lovis Corinth Colloquium: Art and the Difficulty of Expressing the Truth." Department of Art History. Emory University (Atlanta, GA). April 26
2023	"On the Wholeness of the Teapot: Reading Mary Midgley with Elizabeth Anscombe." Wartime Quartet: Significance, Legacy, Spirit Conference. University of Durham (Durham, United Kingdom). Jun 7-9
2023	"Reznikoff's <u>The Manner Music</u> : A Poetics of Unintended Consequences." Inscriptions: Charles Reznikoff (1895-1976) Conference. Université Paris Nanterre (Paris, France). Jun 1-3
2023	"Whole, Natural Actors: Mary Midgley and Marianne Moore." Second Joint Conference of <i>nonsite.org</i> and FORMA Editorial Boards. (Toledo, OH). Mar 30-Apr 2
2022	Invited Discussant. Unmasking Power in Criminal Law and Justice Symposium. University of Technology Sydney, Faculty of Law. (Sydney, Australia). Dec 9
2022	"Utopian Skin Meets Untouchable Truth." Association of Arts of the Present. Annual Conference. UCLA. (Los Angeles, CA). Sept 15-18
2022	"The Humanities and the <i>Longue Du</i> rée of the Neo-Avant-Garde." American Comparative Literature Association. Annual Conference. (Online). Jun 15-18
2022	"Loving Two Masters: Corporate Law and James Baldwin's Brand." Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities. Annual Conference. Emory University and online. (Atlanta, GA). Jun 16-17
2022	"Loving Two Masters: Corporate Law and James Baldwin's Brand." Northeast Modern Language Association. Annual Conference. (Baltimore, MD). Mar 10–13
2021	"Loving Two Masters: Corporate Law and James Baldwin's Brand." Law and Love Conference (In and Beyond Pandemic Times)". Law, Literature and Humanities Association of Australasia. (Online). Nov 29–Dec 2
2021	"Breton/ Moretti: Exquisite Digital Corpse." First Joint Conference of the nonsite.org and FORMA Editorial Boards. (Ardmore, OK). Nov 12–13
2021	"Copyright as Form; Warhol as Holmes." American Comparative Literature Association. Annual Conference. (Online). Apr
2021	"The Epistemological Problem of the Good Corporation." Modern Language Association. Annual Conference. (Online). Jan 8–10
[2020]	["Corporate Form, or, the Will of a Soulless Body." American Comparative Literature

- Association Conference. Annual Conference (Chicago, IL). Mar 19. Conference cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.]
- 2020 "The Legal and Literary Modernism of Collective Social Agents." Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities Conference. Annual Conference. Quinnipiac University School of Law (North Haven, CT). Mar 7–8
- 2019 "Distributing Agency, Eliminating Intention." New Materialisms Seminar.
 Association of Arts of the Present. Annual Conference. University of Maryland.
 (College Park, MD). Oct 10–12
- 2019 "Streaming Agents without Intentions." Corporate Ecologies and Media Allegories Panel. Association of Arts of the Present. Annual Conference. University of Maryland. (College Park, MD). Oct 10–12
- 2019 "Bartleby, the Corporate Man: A Story of the Synthetic Person's First Amendment." Twelfth International Melville Society Conference (Melville's Origins). (New York, NY). Jun 17–20
- 2019 "Poetry's Political Correlative." Labor, Aesthetics, and Literature panel. Modern Language Association. Annual Conference. (Chicago, IL). Jan 3–6
- 2018 "Natural Language, Nonnatural Meaning, and Corporate Speech." Ordinary Language Philosophy and Modernist Form panel. Modernist Studies Association. Annual Conference. Ohio University. (Columbus, OH). Nov 8–11
- "George Saunders and the Spirit of Hobby Lobby." State of the Art, Art of the State I: Capital, Law, and Form panel. Association of Arts of the Present. Annual Conference. Tulane University (New Orleans, LA). Oct 25–27
- "Contemporary Literature v. Hobby Lobby." Law's Persons panel. Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities Conference. Annual Conference. Georgetown University School of Law (Washington, D.C.). Mar 16–17
- "Warhol Incorporated, 1957." Association of Arts of the Present. Annual Conference. University of California at Berkeley (Berkeley, CA). Oct 26–28
- 2017 "Holmes/Warhol: Copyright as Form." Post-45 Conference. English Department. Wesleyan University (Middletown, CT). Oct 20–21
- "Invisible Corporate Man." American Literature Association. Annual Conference. (Boston, MA). May 25–28
- 2016 "Limited Poetic Liability." Post-45 Conference. English Department. Concordia University (Montreal, Quebec). Nov 4–5

2016	"Calculating the Incalculable Figure: James's Mathematical Ghosts." International Henry James Conference. Brandeis University (Waltham, MA). Jun 9–11
2016	"Citizen Collagist." Modern Language Association. Annual Conference. (Austin, TX). Jan 7–10
2016	"The Salad Days of Corporate Personhood; or, American Literary Modernism." Modern Language Association. Annual Conference. (Austin, TX). Jan 7–10
2015	"Modern Institutions after the Discursive Divide." The New Institutionalism in Modernist Studies—Roundtable. Modernist Studies Association. Annual Conference (Boston, MA). Nov 19–22
2015	"How to Love Like a Corporate Person." American Comparative Literature Association Conference. Annual Conference (Seattle, WA). Mar 26–29
2015	"How the Corporation Dreams of Love." Lydia Millet Roundtable. Modern Language Association. Annual Conference. (Vancouver, BC). Jan 8–11
2014	"Teaching the Last Tycoon How to Love." Modernist Studies Association. Annual Conference. (Pittsburg, PA). Nov 6–9
2014	"Corporate Formalism's Poetics: #Rear-garde." American Comparative Literature Association Conference. New York University (New York, NY). Mar 20–23
2014	"Our Frolics through Corporate Intentionality." Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities Conference. University of Virginia School of Law (Charlottesville, VA). Mar 10–11
2014	"Food or Drug: Curing Culture with Poetry Things." William Carlos Williams Society Panel. Modern Language Association. Annual Conference. (Chicago, IL). Jan
2013	"Networked by Fault: The Contemporary Novel of Corporate Intentionality" Association of Arts of the Present. Annual Conference. (Detroit, MI). Oct 3–6
2013	"William Gaddis' Frolics Through Corporate Intentionality." American Literature Association. Annual Conference. (Boston, MA). May 23–26
2013	"Corporate Agency" Faculty Seminar, "Thinking about Agency." Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute, SMU. (Dallas, TX). Apr 22
2013	"Our Frolics through Corporate Intentionality." Law as Literature panel. Modern Language Association. Annual Conference. (Boston, MA). Jan
2012	"Literary Agency." Faculty Seminar, "Thinking about Agency." Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute, SMU. (Dallas, TX). Nov 19

2012	"Marketing a Movement with Steinian Form." Modernist Studies Association. Annual Conference. (Las Vegas, NV). Oct 18–21
2012	"Wyndham Lewis and the Redness of the Real Red." The Space Between: Literature and Culture 1914-1945. Brown University (Providence, RI). Jun 14
2012	"Dystopic Communities: Atom Egoyan's Critique of Diaspora." Society for Cinema & Media Studies. Annual Conference. (Boston, MA). Mar 21–25
2011	"Universal Breath: Post-9/11 Poetry as Globalization." Modernist Studies Association. Annual Conference. (Buffalo, NY). Oct 6–9
2011	"Speculating on a Distant Talent: The Financial Aesthetics of Willa Cather." American Literature Association. Annual Conference. (Boston, MA). May 26–29
2011	"I ♥ Universal Breath: Post-9/11 Poetry and Theory." Post-45. Annual Conference. Rock Hall of Fame (Cleveland, Ohio). April 29–30
2011	"American Poetry's Middleman." Modern Language Association. Annual Conference (Los Angeles, CA). Jan 6
2010	"Speculating on a Distant Talent: The Financial Aesthetics of Willa Cather." Modernist Studies Association. Annual Conference (Victoria, BC). Nov 11
2010	"Atom Egoyan and the Seductive Dangers of Diaspora." BABEL Working Group Meeting. University of Texas at Austin. (Austin, TX). Nov 4–6
2010	"Administering the Poem." Charles Olson Centenary Conference. Simon Fraser University. (Vancouver, BC). Jun 4–6
2010	"Wallace Stevens's Free Market Resolutions." American Literature Association. Annual Conference. (San Francisco, CA). May 27–30
2009	"Wallace Stevens's Free Market Reconstructions." Modernist Studies Association. Annual Conference (Montreal, QC). Nov 5–8
2008	"Bishop and the Problem of Large Bad Art." (New Haven, CT). Post-45 Conference. English Department. Yale University. Nov 7–8
2008	"The Unsympathetic Elizabeth Bishop." (Pittsburg, PA). Lifting Belly High: A Conference on Women's Poetry Since 1900. Duquesne University. Sept 11–13
2007	"Dead Space." (Long Beach, CA). Modernist Studies Association. Annual Conference. University of Southern California. Nov 1–4

2007	"How Culture Became Love: Ang Lee's <i>Brokeback Mountain</i> ." Reception Studies Society. Annual Conference. University of Missouri (Kansas City, MO). Sept 27–29
2007	"Lynne Tillman's 'Madame Realism': Pop Art Ekphrasis." American Literature Association. Annual Conference (Boston, MA). May 26
2007	"Painting as Disciplinarity: Gaddis's Theory of Art." Narrative. Annual Conference (Washington, D.C.). Mar 15–18
2006	"'A Disciplined Nostalgia': William Gaddis and the Modern Art Object." (Tulsa, OK) Modernist Studies Association. Annual Conference. Oct 19
2005	"Gertrude Stein's and Wyndham Lewis's Poetics of Anti-Particularism." Modern Language Association. Annual Conference. Late-19 th and Early-20 th Century English Literature Panel on "Particularity" (Washington, D. C.). Dec 28
2005	"An Alternative Genealogy of the Art Object: William Gaddis, Painting and the Beholder." William Gaddis: Fifty Years after "The Recognitions." State University of New York at Buffalo (Buffalo, NY). Mar 9
2004	"Charles Olson and Amiri Baraka: Measuring Diasporic America." Modernist Studies Association. Annual Conference. University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC). Oct 22
2002	"The Pharmacology of William Carlos Williams's Seed-Poems." Modernist Studies Association. Annual Conference. University of Wisconsin (Madison, WI). Nov
2001	"Wyndham Lewis, Thomas Paine, and The Rights of 'Young Men Embalmed." Modernist Studies Association. Annual Conference. Rice University (Houston, TX). Oct 14
2001	"Painting the Totem Pole: Wyndham Lewis's Tribe of the Artist." Narrative. Annual Conference. Rice University (Houston, TX). Mar 9
2000	"Texts Without Air: Gertrude Stein's Theories of Painting and Poetic Breath." New Modernisms II. Annual Conference. University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA). Oct 13
2000	"The Technicolor Mark of Rouben Mamoulian, or, the Creation of a Modernist Signature Style in Corporate America." Screen Studies Conference. Glasgow University (Glasgow, Scotland). Jul 2