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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in English, 2004, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
M.A. in English, 2000, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
B.A. in History, *summa cum laude*, 1998, University of Alabama at Birmingham  
B.A. in English, *summa cum laude*, 1998, University of Alabama at Birmingham

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Yale University

Professor of American Studies and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies,  
2021-present

Indiana University, Bloomington

James H. Rudy Professor of English, 2017-21

Professor of English, 2015-17

Associate Professor of English, 2010-15

Assistant Professor of English, 2007-10

Affiliate appointments in Department of American Studies; Department of Gender  
Studies; The Kinsey Institute; Cultural Studies Program

The Pennsylvania State University

Assistant Professor of English, 2004-07

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Aging Moderns: Art, Literature, and the Experiment of Later Life*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2022.

Reviewed in *Gay and Lesbian Review Worldwide*; *Choice*; *American Literary History*; *MFS: Modern Fiction Studies*.

*The Hoarders: Material Deviance in Modern American Culture*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2014.

Reviewed in *The New Yorker*; *Publisher's Weekly*; *Library Journal*; *The Chronicle of Higher*

*Education*; *Los Angeles Review of Books*; *International Social Science Review*; *Chicago Reader*; *Points: The Blog of the Alcohol & Drugs History Society*; *Fortean Times*; *Journal of American History*; *Literature and Medicine*; *American Studies*; *The Year's Work in Critical and Cultural Theory*.

*Another Country: Queer Anti-Urbanism*. New York: New York University Press, 2010 (Sexual Cultures series). Winner, 2011 Lambda Literary Award for Best Book in LGBT Studies.

Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*; *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*; *Journal of American History*; *Feminist Formations*; *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*; *Journal of Rural Studies*; *E3W Review of Books*; *Lambda Book Report*; *Gender, Place, and Culture*; *Generation Progress*; *Southeastern Geographer*.

*Queering the Underworld: Slumming, Literature, and the Undoing of Lesbian and Gay History*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007.

Reviewed in *Times Higher Education Supplement*; *American Literature*; *American Literary History*; *MFS: Modern Fiction Studies*; *Journal of American History*; *History Workshop Journal*; *Gay and Lesbian Review Worldwide*; *Choice*.

## **Edited Works**

*Long Term: Essays on Queer Commitment*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2021. Co-edited with Lee Wallace.

Reviewed in *Public Books*; *American Literary History*.

*The Cambridge Companion to American Gay and Lesbian Literature*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015. Awarded a *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title.

Reviewed in *Choice*; *European Journal of American Studies*.

"Regional Modernism." Special Issue of *MFS: Modern Fiction Studies* 55.1 (2009).

*Autobiography of an Androgyne*, by "Ralph Werther"/"Jennie June"/"Earl Lind." New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2008 (Subterranean Lives: Chronicles in Alternative America series).

"*Brokeback Mountain* Dossier." *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 13.1 (2007): 93-109.

## **Articles, Essays, and Book Chapters**

"The Middle Ranges of Care: Alternatives to Healing in Annie Baker's *Infinite Life*." *ASAP/Journal*, forthcoming. [submitted, 1953 words].

"Queer Generations Amidst U.S. Modernism." *Oxford Handbook of Queer Modernisms*. Ed. Hannah Freed-Thall, Octavio R. González, and Juno Richards. Oxford: Oxford University Press, anticipated 2026. [submitted, 6300 words].

- "Class Notes on LGBTQ Lifespans." *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 31.4 (2025): forthcoming. [4650 words].
- "The Queer Modernism of Bruce Goff and Richard San Jule." *Bruce Goff: Material Worlds*. Ed. Alison Fisher and Craig Lee. Chicago: Art Institute of Chicago; New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2025. 52-63.
- "The Rediscovery of Margaret Hoening French." *Contemporary Queer Modernism*. Ed. Melanie Micir. London: Routledge, 2025. 229-47.
- "The LGBTQ Novel" and "Exemplum: Andrew Holleran, *Dancer from the Dance* (1978)." *The Oxford History of the Novel in English: Volume 8: America Fiction since 1940*. Ed. Cyrus R. K. Patell and Deborah Lindsay Williams. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024. 347-64.
- "Wise Old Fools: Positive Geropsychology and the Poetics of Later-Life Floundering." *Literary Studies and Human Flourishing*. Ed. James F. English and Heather Love. New York: Oxford University Press, 2023. 164-82.
- "Never Better: Queer Commitment Phobia in Hanya Yanagihara's *A Little Life*." *Long Term: Essays on Queer Commitment*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2021. 134-54.
- "Consider the Pandemic Plushie." *Bully Bloggers* (April 13, 2020): 8 pars.
- "The Ancients and the Queer Moderns." *Queer Natures, Queer Mythologies* by Sam See. Ed. Christopher Looby and Michael North. New York: Fordham University Press, 2020. 271-87.
- "Weak, Frail Modernism." *Modernism/modernity* Print Plus 3, cycle 4 (2019): 10 pars.
- "The Sexual Imaginarium: A Reappraisal." *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 25.1 (2019): 51-56. Co-authored with Karen Tongson.
- "Eve Sedgwick's 'Other Materials'." *Angelaki: Journal of the Theoretical Humanities* 23.1 (2018): 5-18. Special issue on "Queer Objects" edited by Guy Davidson and Monique Rooney.
- \*Slightly revised version reprinted in *Queer Objects*. Ed. Guy Davidson and Monique Rooney. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2019. 5-18.
- "On Late-Life Samuel Steward." *Samuel Steward and the Pursuit of the Erotic: Sexuality, Literature, Archives*. Ed. Debra A. Modellmog and Martin Joseph Ponce. Columbus: Ohio State University Press, 2017. 68-82.
- "The Sexual Objects of 'Parodistic' Camp." *Modernism/modernity* 23.1 (2016): 5-8, 34. "Camp Modernism Forum" edited by Marsha Bryant and Douglas Mao.
- "Contraband Marginalia." *Queering the BibliObject*. Ed. John Chaich. New York: The Center for Book Arts, 2016. 61-63.
- "Djuna Barnes and the Geriatric Avant-Garde." *PMLA* 130.1 (2015): 69-91.

- "Queering Modernism." *The Cambridge Companion to the American Modernist Novel*. Ed. Joshua L. Miller. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015. 122-36.
- "'Hixploitation' Cinema, Regional Drive-ins, and the Cultural Emergence of a Queer New Right." *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 20.1-2 (2014): 95-113. Special double issue on "Queering the Middle: Race, Region, and a Queer Midwest" edited by Martin F. Manalansan IV, Chantal Nadeau, Richard T. Rodríguez, and Siobhan B. Somerville.
- "Rural." *Keywords for American Cultural Studies*. Ed. Bruce Burgett and Glenn Hendler. Rev. ed. New York: New York University Press, 2014. 217-20.
- "Material Deviance: Theorizing Queer Objecthood." *Postmodern Culture* 21.2 (2011): 45 pars.
- "Collyer Curiosa: A Brief History of Hoarding." *Criticism* 53.2 (2011): 159-88.
- "Tillie Olsen, Unfinished (Slow Writing from the Seventies)." *Studies in American Fiction* 37.1 (2010): 81-99.
- "Erotic Uncreativity: A Response to Steven F. Kruger." *American Literary History* 22.4 (2010): 945-50.
- "The Hoosier Apex." *Southern Communication Journal* 74.3 (2009): 243-51. Special issue on "Queering the South" edited by Charles E. Morris III.
- "Southern Backwardness: Metronormativity and Regional Visual Culture." *American Studies* 48.2 (2007): 37-48. Special Issue on "Homosexuals in Unexpected Places?" coordinated by John Howard.
- "Out of the Closets, Into the Woods: *RFD, Country Women*, and the Post-Stonewall Emergence of Queer Anti-urbanism." *American Quarterly* 59.2 (2007): 341-72.
- \*Condensed and translated into French with slight revisions in *Habitante* (forthcoming 2025).
- \*Slightly revised version reprinted in *West of Center: Art and the Counterculture Experiment in America, 1965-1977*. Ed. Elissa Auther and Adam Lerner. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2011. 254-83.
- "Keith Haring and Queer Xerography." *Public Culture* 19.2 (2007): 329-48.
- "Catherian Friendship; Or, How Not to Do the History of Homosexuality." *MFS: Modern Fiction Studies* 52.1 (2006): 66-91.
- "Caravaggio's Rednecks." *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 12.2 (2006): 217-36. Special issue on "Art Works" edited by Richard Meyer and David Román.
- "*Spoon River Anthology's* Heterosexual Heartland." *Literature Compass* 3.3 (2006): 256-69.
- "Willa Cather's Lost Boy: 'Paul's Case' and Bohemian Tramping." *Arizona Quarterly* 60.2

(2004): 87-116.

"Frank O'Hara's Open Closet." *PMLA* 117.3 (2002): 414-27.

"Makeovers: Regional Universalism and the Newer South's Public Spheres." *The Southern Quarterly* 41.1 (2002): 87-105.

"The Negro Artist and the Racial Manor: *Infants of the Spring* and the Conundrum of Publicity." *African American Review* 35.4 (2001): 581-98.

## Introductions and Foreword

"Introduction: A Theory of the Long Term." *Long Term: Essays on Queer Commitment*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2021. 1-24. (co-authored with Lee Wallace)

Foreword to *The Lost Autobiography of Samuel Steward: Recollections of an Extraordinary Twentieth-Century Gay Life*, by Samuel M. Steward. Ed. Jeremy Mulderig. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2018. xi-xiii.

"What Do We Mean by the Phrase 'American Gay and Lesbian Literature'?" *The Cambridge Companion to American Gay and Lesbian Literature*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015. 1-12.

"Regional Modernism: A Reintroduction." *MFS: Modern Fiction Studies* 55.1 (2009): 1-10.

"Introduction." *Autobiography of an Androgyne*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2008. ix-xxxiv.

"*Brokeback Mountain* Dossier: Introduction." *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 13.1 (2007): 93-94.

## Published Interviews

"The Original Hoarders." *The Boston Globe*. 19 Nov. 2014.

"Hoarder or Collector?" *Times Higher Education*. 9 Oct. 2014.

"Non-Urban Erotic Spaces: Interview with Scott Herring (by Bernd Upmeyer)." *MONU: Magazine on Urbanism* 16 (2012): 97-103.

## Review Essays and Book Reviews

Review of João Paulo Guimarães, ed., *Aging Experiments: Futures and Fantasies of Old Age*. *Age, Age, Culture, Humanities* 8 (2024), <https://tidsskrift.dk/ageculturehumanities/article/view/147427/190992>.

"Queer Modernist Weapons of the Weak." Review of Juno Richards, *The Fury Archives*:

*Female Citizenship, Human Rights, and the International Avant-Gardes. Critical Analysis of Law: An International and Interdisciplinary Law Review* 7.2 (2020): 161-67.

Review of *Moving Modernisms: Motion, Technology, and Modernity*, ed. David Bradshaw, Laura Marcus, and Rebecca Roach. *James Joyce Quarterly* 55.1-2 (2017-18): 225-27.

Review of Gregory Woods, *Homintern: How Gay Culture Liberated the Modern World*. *American Literary History Online Review*. Series 8. 2016.

"Harlem Flights." *Public Books*, 1 Dec. 2014. Review of Farah Jasmine Griffin, *Harlem Nocturne: Women Artists and Progressive Politics during World War II*; Carla Kaplan, *Miss Anne in Harlem: The White Women of the Black Renaissance*; Camilo José Vergara, *Harlem: The Unmaking of a Ghetto*; and Edward White, *The Tastemaker: Carl Van Vechten and the Birth of Modern America*.

"The Fate of Bad Things." *Cultural Studies Review* 20.2 (2014): 301-06. Review of *Contemporary Collecting: Objects, Practices, and the Fate of Things*, ed. Kevin M. Moist and David Banash.

Review of Karen Tongson, *Relocations: Queer Suburban Imaginaries*. *International Journal of Communication* 5 (2011): 1499-1501.

"Micro: Region, History, Literature." *American Literary History* 22.3 (2010): 626-34. Review of Janet Galligani Casey, *A New Heartland: Women, Modernity, and the Agrarian Ideal in America*; Wendy Griswold, *Regionalism and the Reading Class*; Timothy R. Mahony and Wendy J. Katz, ed., *Regionalism and the Humanities*; and Douglas Reichert Powell, *Critical Regionalism: Connecting Politics and Culture in the American Landscape*.

Review of Chad Heap, *Slumming: Sexual and Racial Encounters in American Nightlife, 1885-1940*. *American Historical Review* 115.1 (2010): 242-43.

Review of Michael S. Sherry, *Gay Artists in Modern American Culture: An Imagined Conspiracy*. *American Studies* 50.1-2 (2009): 123.

Review of Claudia Tate, *Psychoanalysis and Black Novels: Desire and the Protocols of Race*. *JPCS: Journal for the Psychoanalysis of Culture and Society* 6.1 (2001): 157-61.

## Reference Work

"Cruising." *Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender*. Vol. 1. Ed. Fedwa Malti-Douglas. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2007. 358-59.

"Cher"; "Cruise"; "Charles Henri Ford." *Routledge International Encyclopedia of Queer Culture*. Ed. David A. Gerstner. London: Routledge, 2006.

## **EDITED BOOK SERIES**

Abnormativities: Queer/Gender/Embodiment, Ohio State University Press, 2016-

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Whitney Humanities Center Fellow, Yale, Fall 2024

*Choice* Outstanding Academic Title, 2015

Trustees Teaching Award, Indiana, 2014, 2008

Distinguished Young Alumni Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2013

Lambda Literary Award for Best Book in LGBT Studies, Lambda Literary Foundation, 2011

Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, Indiana, 2009

Curriculum Recognition Award, Commission on LGBT Equity, Penn State, 2007

Honorable Mention, Crompton-Noll Award for Best Essay in Lesbian, Gay, and Queer Studies, GL/Q Caucus for the Modern Languages, 2002

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

FLAGS (Fund for Lesbian and Gay Studies) Award, LGBT Studies Program, Yale, 2023, 2025

Hunt-Simes Visiting Chair of Sexuality Studies Fellowship, Sydney Social Sciences and Humanities Advanced Research Centre, University of Sydney, 2023

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2019-20

Visiting Scholar, Leather Archives and Museum (LA&M), 2016-17

New Frontiers of Creativity and Scholarship Award, Indiana, 2016

Grant-in-Aid and Emergency Grant-in-Aid, Office of the Vice Provost for Research (OVPR), Indiana, 2013, 2019

CAHI Travel Research Grant, Indiana, 2013

New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities Exploratory Travel Fellowship, Indiana, 2013

College Arts and Humanities Institute (CAHI) Research Grant, Indiana, 2011

Summer Faculty Fellowship awarded to National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Nominee, OVPR, Indiana, 2010

Summer Faculty Fellowship, Indiana, 2008, 2009

Faculty Research Summer Fellowship, Penn State, 2004

Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts Postdoctoral Fellowship, Princeton University, 2004-07 (declined)

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate College, UIUC, 2003-04

University Fellowship, Graduate College, UIUC, 2003

Summer Research Institute Fellow, University of California, Berkeley, 1999

Distinguished University Fellowship, Graduate College, UIUC, 1998-2001

## **SYMPOSIA GRANTS**

New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities: New Currents Grant awarded to “Aging Modernisms: A Symposium,” Indiana, 2015

Ostrom Program Grant awarded to “Aging Modernisms: A Symposium,” Indiana, 2015

CAHI Conference and Workshop Grant awarded to “Aging Modernisms: A Symposium,” Indiana, 2015

CAHI Conference and Workshop Grant awarded to “New Queer Imaginaries: Theorizing Sex at the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” co-organized with Prof. Shane Vogel, Indiana, 2011-12

New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities: New Perspectives Grant awarded to Americanist Research Colloquium (ARC) Speaker Series co-directed with Prof. Jennifer L. Fleissner, Indiana, 2008-09

CAHI Conference and Workshop Grant awarded to Americanist Research Colloquium (ARC) Speaker Series co-organized with Prof. Jennifer L. Fleissner, Indiana, 2008-09

## **SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED**

Aging Modernisms: A Symposium, 25-26 March 2016

New Queer Imaginaries: Theorizing Sex at the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, 2012-13 (with Prof. Shane Vogel)

Deep Localities: The New Critical Regionalism Symposium, 1 April 2009 (with Prof. Jennifer Fleissner)

## **INVITED TALKS, WORKSHOPS, AND ROUNDTABLES**

“Urban and Anti-Urban Literature” and “Literary History in the Twenty-First Century: What Next?” Roundtables for *The Oxford History of the Novel in English: Volume 8: America Fiction since 1940*. NYU Abu Dhabi Institute, New York, April 2024.



Book talk on *Aging Moderns*. CUNY Graduate Center and Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality at New York University, April 2023.

“Experimental Aging and U.S. Modernisms.” University of Wollongong, March 2023.

Book talk on *Aging Moderns*. University of Sydney, March 2023.

Workshop on Scholarly Journal Article Publishing, Sydney Social Sciences and Humanities Advanced Research Centre, University of Sydney, March 2023 (co-led with Prof. Shane Vogel).

“Queer Youth/Queer Aging: The Case of Mabel Hampton.” Hunt-Simes Institute in Sexuality Studies, University of Sydney, February 2023.

“Aging Moderns: A Reintroduction.” Inaugural Willa Cather Distinguished Lecture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, May 2021.

Graduate Summer Seminar on “American Modernist Studies, New and Old.” University of Nebraska-Lincoln, May 10-14, 2021.

“The Trials of Robert Rayford.” Cultural Studies Symposium, Kansas State University, February 2020.

“Queer Senior Living with Charles Henri Ford and Indra Tamang.” Columbia University, November 2019.

“Wise Old Fools: Positive Geropsychology and the Poetics of Human Floundering.” Literature and Human Flourishing Workshop, Positive Psychology Center, University of Pennsylvania, September 2018.

Invited Participant, Manuscript Workshop. University of Toronto, May 2018.

Opening Keynote, “Queer Longing: Some Thoughts on Longevity.” Sexuality Summer School, University of Manchester, May 2018.

Master Class on *The Hoarders*. Center for Interdisciplinary Research in the Arts and Languages, University of Manchester, May 2018.

Master Class on Queer Modernist Studies and Queer Objects, Sexuality Summer School, University of Manchester, May 2018.

“Queer Archiving.” Archives Workshop, University of California, Santa Cruz. May 2017.

“The Hoarders.” Chicago Humanities Festival. Springfest17/Stuff. April 2017.

“The Special Collections of Samuel M. Steward.” Leather Archives and Museum, Chicago, December 2016.

“Old Rubbish?: Narrative, Non-Normativity, Later Adult Life.” Jagiellonian University and NETIA OFF CAMERA International Festival of Independent Cinema. Kraków, Poland, May 2016.

"Queer Modernist Collecting, ca. 1968." "Reuses of the Erotic: A Symposium on and Beyond Queer Collage," University of California, Irvine and ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives at the University of Southern California Libraries, April 2016.

Keynote, "Auntie Steward." "Very Bad Things: Material Culture and Disobedience," Thirteenth Annual Material Culture Symposium for Emerging Scholars, Center for Material Culture Studies, Winterthur Museum, Garden, and Library, Delaware, April 2015.

Roundtable on *The Hoarders* and "Queer Objects." University of Delaware, April 2015.

"Auntie Steward." Washington University in St. Louis, April 2015.

"Auntie Steward." Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras "Queer Thinking" Symposium, February 2015.

"Queer Objects" Workshop, Scholarly Article Publishing Workshop, and Roundtable on "Djuna Barnes and the Geriatric Avant-Garde," University of Sydney, February 2015.

"On Late Life and Old Matters: Reconsidering Samuel Steward's California Years." "New Matters and Queer Life" Conference. Yale University, January 2015.

Plenary, "Eve Sedgwick's 'Other Materials'." Seventh Annual DC Queer Studies Symposium on "Queer Intimacies." University of Maryland, April 2014.

"The Trials of Robert Rayford: Pre-Stonewall St. Louis and the Cultural Politics of AIDS Misinformation" and Invited Seminar on *Another Country*. University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, April 2014.

"Clutterology." Louisiana State University, February 2014.

"Folk Devils and Object Panics: On the Psychopathology of Material Life." University of Manitoba, January 2014.

Seminar leader, "Before and After Queer: Sexualities in Theory, History, and Performance." Andrew W. Mellon Graduate Research Seminar co-taught by Joseph Campana and Judith Roof. Rice University, March 2013.

Plenary, "The 'Infirmities' of Patchin Place: Reconsidering Oldest-Old Djuna Barnes." First International Djuna Barnes Conference. Birkbeck, University of London, September 2012.

"Hoarding Queering: On Late Life Steward." Queer Places, Practices, and Lives: A Symposium in Honor of Samuel Steward. Ohio State University, May 2012.

"Material Deviance: Theorizing Queer Objecthood." University of Toronto, September 2011.

"Hixploitation and the Cultural Emergence of a Queer New Right." Outlandish!: Life, Love, and Sex in the U.S. from the View Point of Queer Regionalism Symposium. Penn State, March 2011.

"Hixploitation; or, the Cultural Emergence of a Queer New Right." University of Missouri-Columbia, March 2011.

"Hixploitation; or, the Cultural Emergence of Sarah Palin." Queering the Middle: Sexual Diasporas, Race, and a Queer Midwest Symposium. UIUC, October 2010.

"I Hate New York: Dispatches from *Another Country*." Emerging Rural, Nonmetropolitan, and Working-Class Perspectives in LGBTQ Studies Symposium. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2009.

"Erotic Uncreativity: A Reply to Steven Kruger." American Medievalism: A Symposium. UIUC, October 2008.

"The Autobiography of an Ex-Urban Queer." American Cultures Colloquium, Northwestern University, December 2007.

"Rural Stylistics, or, Unfashionability." Center for Global Culture and Communication Summer Institute on "Performance and Excess." Northwestern University, June 2007.

"Critical Rusticity." University at Buffalo (SUNY), April 2007.

"Country Women." University at Albany (SUNY), February 2006.

"Catherian Friendship; or, How Not to Do the History of Homosexuality." NEXUS Symposium. University of Tennessee, April 2005.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Queer Generations Amidst U.S. Modernisms." Modernist Studies Association. Chicago, October 2025. Jade French, convener.

"Roundtable: Misfits, Perverts, and Other Modernist Sexualities." Modernist Studies Association. Portland, OR, October 2022. Benjamin Kahan and Michael Lucey, conveners.

"Roundtable: Plastic Modernisms." Modernist Studies Association. Toronto, October 2019. Marsha Bryant, convener.

"Outliving Surrealism: The Contemporary Collages of Indra Tamang." Modernist Studies in Asia Network. Tokyo, September 2019.

Respondent, "Writing AIDS in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Modern Language Association. New York City, January 2018.

"The Queer Poetics of AIDS Misinformation." American Studies Association. Chicago, January 2017.

"The Special Collections of Samuel M. Steward." American Studies Association. Denver, November 2016.

"Little Lives: Queer Friendship after *Obergefell*." After Marriage: The Future of LGBT Politics and Scholarship. CLAGS: The Center for LGBTQ Studies, October 2016.

"Roundtable: The Futures of Queer Modernist Studies: Reading Sam See's Writings." Modernist Studies Association. Boston, October 2015. Wendy Moffat, co-convener.

"Lots of Everything: Warhol's Extreme Accumulations." American Studies Association. Los Angeles, November 2014.

"Metronormativity in the Post-Liberation LGBTQ Novel." "Muddling the Middle: Queries, Quandaries, and Quarrels with In-betweenness" Colloquium. University of Manitoba/University of Winnipeg, January 2014.

"Eve Sedgwick's 'Other Materials'." Modern Language Association. Chicago, January 2014.

"Clutterology." American Studies Association. Washington, D.C., November 2013.

"Roundtable: Camp Modernism." Modernist Studies Association. Las Vegas, October 2012. Douglas Mao and Marsha Bryant, conveners.

"Roundtable: Feminist Intersections." Modernist Studies Association. Buffalo, NY, October 2011. Jessica Berman, convener.

"Hixploitation; or, the Cultural Emergence of Sarah Palin." Modern Language Association. Los Angeles, January 2011.

"Hixploitation and the Cultural Emergence of Queer Conservatism." American Studies Association. San Antonio, November 2010.

"Still Life with Charles Demuth." American Comparative Literature Association. New Orleans, April 2010.

"Another Country: Rethinking Queer Urbanity." American Studies Association. Albuquerque, NM, October 2008.

"The Autobiography of an Ex-Urban Queer." Modernist Studies Association. Long Beach, CA, November 2007.

"American Apparel, or, Unfashionability." American Studies Association. Philadelphia, October 2007.

"Country Women." American Studies Association. Oakland, October 2006.

"The Mysteries of *Nightwood*." Modern Language Association. Washington, D.C., December 2005.

"Caravaggio's Rednecks." Comparative Literature Luncheon. Penn State University, November 2005.

"Michael Meads and the Spectacle of Southern 'Backwardness'." American Studies Association. Washington, D.C., November 2005.

"Michael Meads and the Spectacle of Sexual Immaturity." International Society for the Study of Narrative Conference. Louisville, April 2005.

"Narrative Slumming." American Comparative Literature Association. Penn State University, March 2005.

"Djuna Barnes's Eternal Incognitos." Modernist Studies Association. Vancouver, October 2004.

"Queer Friendship, Queer Regionalism." International Society for the Study of Narrative Conference. University of Vermont, April 2004.

"Black Queer Studies: 'Friendship beyond Understanding'." New Directions in African American Theory, Criticism, and Cultural Studies Conference. UIUC, March 2003.

"Cosmopolitan Slumming, Sexuality, and *Twenty Years at Hull-House*." Modernist Studies Association. University of Wisconsin, October 2002.

"The Negro Artist and the Racial Manor: *Infants of the Spring* and the Conundrum of Publicity." International Society for the Study of Narrative Conference. Houston, October 2001.

"'All Terror Is Local Now': *Underworld*, Trauma, and the Postmodern Sublime." South Atlantic Modern Language Association. Birmingham, AL, October 2000.

"Return to Sender: Frank O'Hara's Personal Poetics." Rethinking the Avant-Garde: Between Politics and Aesthetics Conference. University of Notre Dame, November 2000.

"The Sublim[n]ated Object of Desire: John Addington Symonds's 'In the Key of Blue'." Transgression, Migrations, and Borderlands Conference. Indiana University, November 1998.

"The Genealogy of Simulacra in Thomas Pynchon's *Vineland*." Making/Unmaking Histories Conference. University of Southern California, April 1998.

## **CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED AND CHAIRED**

"Complicating the Rural Queer Midwest: (Homo)Normalcy, Space, and Pleasure." Chair and Commentator. American Historical Association. Chicago, January 2026.

"*The Cambridge History of Queer American Literature*, Or Narrating Queerness and Literariness in the Present." Chair. American Studies Association. Baltimore, November 2024.

"New Life for Old Texts: Release from Copyright and the Modernist Canon." Chair. Modern Language Association. Seattle, January 2020.

"Material Trace: Scale and Orientation in Modernist Image-Making." Chair. Modernist Studies Association. Toronto, October 2019.

"Writing AIDS in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Organizer. Modern Language Association. New York City, January 2018.

"Modernist Bodies In and Out of Motion." Organizer. Modernist Studies Association. Amsterdam, August 2017.

"The *Hamilton* Effect: Race, Sexuality, Historiography, Performance." Co-Chair and Co-organized with Prof. Shane Vogel. Modern Language Association. Philadelphia, January 2017.

"Queer/Home/Collections." Organizer. American Studies Association. Denver, November 2016.

"Queer Proximities." Chair and Co-organized with Prof. Carla Freccero. Modern Language Association. Austin, January 2016.

"(Re)Zoning the Rural I: Embattled Pastorals, Other Agrarianisms." Chair. Modernist Studies Association. Boston, November 2015.

"Queer Canada." Chair. Modern Language Association. Vancouver, January 2015.

"Middle of the World: Urban, Regional, Colonial, and Global." Chair. "Muddling the Middle: Queries, Quandaries, and Quarrels with In-betweenness" Colloquium. University of Manitoba/University of Winnipeg, January 2014.

"New Queer Materialities: The Sexual Mattering of American Studies." Organizer. American Studies Association. Washington, D.C., November 2013.

"Queer Subjects." Chair. First International Djuna Barnes Conference. Birkbeck College, University of London, UK, September 2012.

"Sub-National Queer Spaces." Organizer. American Studies Association. San Antonio, November 2010.

"Rural Creole: Cosmopolitanism, Globalization, and Hybridity in Agrarian Literature." Seminar co-organized with Prof. Maria Farland. American Comparative Literature Association. New Orleans, April 2010.

"Queer Urbanities." Chair and Organizer. Modern Language Association. San Francisco, December 2008.

"In the Realm of the Senses: Queer Modern Disability." Organizer. Modernist Studies Association. Long Beach, CA, November 2007.

"Queer Regionalities." Chair and Organizer. American Studies Association. Philadelphia, October 2007.

"Reconceiving Regional Modernisms." Chair and Organizer. Modernist Studies Association. Tulsa, October 2006.

"Underworlds and American Modernisms." Co-organized with Prof. Shane Vogel. Modern Language Association. Washington, D.C., December 2005.

"Studies in Sexuality." Chair and Organizer. Annual Fall English Conference. Penn State University, November 2005.

"Always Ahistoricize!: Rethinking Queer Narrative." Chair and Organizer. International Society for the Study of Narrative Conference. Louisville, April 2005.

"Personal Exposures: Privacy and Publicity in the Modern Autobiographical Novel." Organizer. International Society for the Study of Narrative Conference. Houston, October 2001.

## **LOCAL CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA, AND ROUNDTABLES**

"Revisiting *No Stone Unturned*, or, What Age Studies Brings to Disability Justice." Symposium on Disability and Accessibility: Reimagining Space and Place at Yale, April 2022.

"American Modernism and Experimental Aging." Program on Aging, Yale School of Medicine, and the Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center. Yale University, March 2022.

"Aging American Moderns: An Introduction." WGSS Working Group. Yale University, November 2021.

Keynote, "The Special Collections of Samuel M. Steward." Second Annual Comparative Literature Graduate Conference. Indiana University, April 2016.

"Brother to Brother." Child Matters: Indiana University Cultural Studies Conference, October 2015.

Panel Discussant on *The Capables* production, Bloomington Playwrights Project, May 2015.

Faculty Keynote Roundtable on "States of Health and Unhealth." "Undoing Health: States of Body and Mind" Graduate Conference. Indiana University, March 2014.

"Affect Studies" CAHI Roundtable. Moderator. Indiana University, November 2012.

"What's New in Literary Studies: The New Critical Regionalism." Literature Review Seminar, Advance College Project, Indiana University, February 2012.

"Hixploitation; or, the Cultural Emergence of a Queer New Right." Queering the Countryside: New Directions in Rural Queer Studies Conference. Indiana University, November 2010.

"Roads to Nowhere: Queer Infrastructure and *Fun Home*." Deep Localities: The New Critical Regionalism Symposium. Indiana University, April 2009.

"Gestures and Media: Re-imagining the Nation in Film and Performance." Chair. Thirteenth Annual Cultural Studies Conference. Indiana University, February 2009.

Keynote, "'We Know What's Happening': The Cultural Poetics of Queer Anti-Urbanism." Open Secrets: Knowing/Unknowing Graduate Conference. Indiana University, March 2008.

"Secrets of the African American Bisexual Man." New Directions in African-American Literature, Theory, and Cultural Studies Conference. Indiana University, April 2006.

“Blackness and Postmodernism.” Chair. New Directions in African-American Literature, Theory, and Cultural Studies Conference. Indiana University, April 2006.

## **PUBLIC MEDIA**

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lambda Literary Award Finalists reading, Gerber/Hart Library, Chicago. 3 May 2011.

Lambda Weekly interview, KNON-FM, Dallas. 6 June 2010.

## **TEACHING**

### **Graduate, Yale University**

Frailties: An Introduction to Critical Age Studies in America  
Field Studies: Individual Pedagogical Mentoring  
WGSS Colloquium and Working Group

### **Undergraduate, Yale University**

LGBTQ Life Spans  
LGBTQ Spaces and Places  
Sex, Gender, and American Moderns

### **Graduate, Indiana University**

Queer American Studies in the Long Twentieth Century  
Regional Sexualities  
Sex, Gender, and American Modernisms  
Modernist Studies New and Old  
Sexuality and the Post-World War II Novel  
How to Write a Scholarly Journal Article  
Independent Studies: Regional Modernisms; Queerness and Region in US Literatures;  
Readings in Cultural Studies; Modern American LGBTQ Literatures

### **Undergraduate, Indiana University**

Discovering Literature: Town and Country  
Literary Interpretation: Misfits; Town and Country  
Introduction to LGBTQ Studies  
Twentieth & Twenty-First Century Anglophone Literatures: Global US Literature in the Long Twentieth Century  
American Literature, 1914-1969: Modernisms and American Masculinities  
American Literature since 1914: Ignorance  
Sex and the Contemporary American Novel  
Critical Practices: Sex across the Disciplines  
Feminist Literary and Cultural Studies  
Literatures in English, 1900-Present: Slumming Literatures

Independent Study: Gender, Sexuality, and Modernist Fiction



**Graduate, Penn State University**

Regional Sexualities

Sexologies: An Introduction to Sexuality Studies

**Undergraduate, Penn State University**

Introduction to LGBTQ Studies

American Masculinities and Modernisms

The Queer Memoir

Voyeurs/Vices/Vogues: The Slumming Narrative

**Dissertations****External Evaluation**

Roya Liu, Stony Brook University, English, 2025

Karma Eddison-Cogan, Gender and Cultural Studies, University of Sydney, 2022

Matthew Clarke, English, University of Sydney, 2019

Paul Kelaita, Gender and Cultural Studies, University of Sydney, 2018

Jason Ezell, American Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, 2017

Colin Loughran, English, University of Toronto, 2011

**At Yale****As Member**

Jasper Eastman, School of the Environment, 2024-

Eden Rea-Hedrick, English and WGSS, 2023-

Frankie Barrett, American Studies, 2022-

**At Indiana (Dept. of English)****As Chair**

Cody St. Clair, "Homeless Modernisms: The Politics and Aesthetics of Underclass Resistance in 1930s and 1940s U.S. Literature and Culture," Lecturer, Writing, Rhetoric and Discourse, DePaul University, Ph.D. 2021

Courtney Foster, "Paranoid Poetics: Literature and Culture in Post-World War II America," Director of Development and Fundraising, The Language Conservancy, Ph.D. 2018

Jess Waggoner, "Crip Modernisms: The Roots of Disability Consciousness in American Literature and Culture," Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Gender & Women's Studies and English, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Ph.D. 2016

Erin Pryor Ackerman, "The Everyday of Race: Contacts between Blacks and Whites in American Texts, 1940-1959," Grants Administrator at Veatch Program, Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock (UUCSR), Walla Walla, WA, Ph.D. 2015

Alexis Wilson, "Under Arrest: The Psychological Narrative in Post-World War II American Literature and Film," Faculty Instructor in English, McKinney Boyd High School, Ph.D. 2015

Deanna Scherger, "The Same Brave World: Eugenic Discourse in Contemporary Narratives of Reproductive Technology," Instructor of English, Irvine Valley College, Ph.D. 2013

Andrew Oler, "Middle Ground: Literary Masculinity, Rural Space, Midwestern Modernism," Professor of Composition and Humanities, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Ph.D. 2012. Author, *Old-Fashioned Modernism: Rural Masculinity and Midwestern Literature* (Louisiana State University Press, 2019)

**As Member (also Member of M.A. Qualifying Exams unless noted with \*)**

Molly Hamer, defended 2021; Emily Esola, defended 2019; \*Adam Coombs, defended 2017; \*Adam Fajardo, defended 2015; Katherine Schweighofer, Gender Studies, defended 2015; Lindsay Welch, defended 2015; Benjamin Bagocious, defended 2014; James Dobson, defended 2014; Michael Lewis, defended 2012; Sarah Withers, defended 2012; Steve Davis, defended 2011; Rebecca Peters-Golden, defended 2011

**Qualifying Exams**

Xavier Watson, Gender Studies, 2018; Ashley Theissen, 2013; April Hennessey, 2011

**Undergraduate Mentoring**

Senior Project Supervisor (6), Yale: Raphie Orleck-Jetter (2022); James Berringer, Sasha Carney, Akweley Mazarae Larney (2023); Sam Street (2024); Andrew Wu (2025)

Mellon Mays Mentor, Yale: Jamie Nicolas (2023-26)

Supervisor (4) and Second Reader (7), Indiana

Supervisor (3), Penn State

**SERVICE**

**Editorial**

Advisory Committee, *PMLA*, 2014-17

Editorial Board, *Modernism/modernity*, 2019-present

Editorial Advisory Board, *MFS: Modern Fiction Studies*, 2010-present

Advisory Board, *Genders*, 2016-18

Editorial Advisory Board, *jml: Journal of Modern Literature*, 2017-present

Editorial Board, *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 2017-24

Faculty Board, Indiana University Press, 2017-18

Advisory Board, Elements in Race and US Literature and Culture series, Cambridge University Press, 2021-present

**Service to the Profession**

Book manuscript and book proposal reviews for 24 presses:

Cambridge University Press (x3); Columbia University Press; Duke University Press (x4); Harvard University Press; Indiana University Press; New York University Press (x2); Ohio State University Press; Oxford University Press (x2); Pennsylvania State University Press (x2); Princeton University Press (x2); State University of New York Press (x2); University of Alabama Press; University of California Press; University of Chicago Press (x6); University of Massachusetts Press; University of Michigan Press; University of North Carolina Press; University of Toronto Press; Arsenal Pulp Press; Blackwell Publishing; Broadview Press; Cambria Press; Palgrave Macmillan; Routledge

Manuscript reviews for 40 scholarly journals:

*African American Review*; *American Quarterly* (x2); *American Studies*; *Angelaki: Journal of the Theoretical Humanities*; *ASAP/Journal*; *Cather Studies*; *Criticism* (x3); *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*; *Environment and Planning A*; *ER(R)GO: Theory/Literature/Culture*; *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*; *Genre*; *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* (x4); *Humanimalia*; *jml: Journal of Modern Literature*; *Journal of the History of Sexuality* (x2); *Journal of Homosexuality*; *Journal of Lesbian Studies*; *Journal of Modern Periodical Studies*; *Journal of New Zealand Studies*; *Journal of Popular Music Studies*; *Learning and Teaching*; *Literature Compass*; *MFS: Modern Fiction Studies* (x6); *Modernism/modernity*; *Modernism/modernity Print Plus*; *Modern Language Quarterly*; *Oral History Review*; *Photography and Culture*; *PMLA* (x8); *Poetics Today*; *QED: A Journal in LGBTQ Worldmaking*; *Radical History Review*; *Sexualities*; *Studies in American Culture*; *Studies in American Fiction*; *Television and New Media*; *Texas Studies in Language and Literature*; *Theatre Journal*; *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature*

External Evaluator for 31 tenure and/or promotion cases:

Brown University; College of Staten Island, City University of New York; Columbia University (x2); Cornell University; Harvard University (x2); Kansas State University; Lehigh University; Louisiana State University (x3); New York University (x2); Princeton University; Texas A&M University; University of California, Irvine; University of Chicago; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; University of Manchester; University of Missouri-Columbia; University of Oregon; University of South Carolina; University of Sydney (x2); University of Texas at Austin (x2); University of Wollongong; Villanova University; Washington University in St Louis

External Reviewer, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Program, Williams College, 2023

Member, Sexuality Studies Forum Executive Committee, Modern Language Association, 2014-19 (Chair, 2018-19)

Member, Selection Committee, Crompton-Noll Award for Best Essay in Lesbian, Gay, and Queer Studies, GL/Q Caucus for the Modern Languages, 2012-13

Proposal Reviewer, Austrian Science Fund (FWF), 2024

Proposal Reviewer, American Academy in Berlin, 2015, 2018-23

Proposal Reviewer, Franklin Research Grant Program, American Philosophical Society, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017

Proposal Reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grants Program, 2012, 2017; Standard Research Grants Program, 2010

Member, Site Resource Committee, American Studies Association, 2006-07

## **Yale University**

### **University At Large**

Member, Humanities Tenure and Appointments Committee, 2024-26

Member, Humanities Advisory Committee, 2024-26

Member, Mellon Mays & Edward A. Bouchet Fellowship Program Selection Committee, 2024

### **Departmental and Program Service**

#### **As Member in WGSS**

Search Committee, Junior Scholar in Transgender Studies, 2024-25

Promotion Review Committee for Senior Scholar, 2023-24

Graduate Advising and Admissions Committee, 2021-22, 2023-24

Quorum Officer for Joint Boards of Permanent Officers (JBPO), Spring 2024

WGSS Executive Committee, 2021-

WGSS Council, 2021-

#### **As Member in American Studies**

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Fall 2025

Graduate Program and Admissions Committee, 2021-22, 2023-24, 2024-25

Search Committee, Junior Scholar in Critical Information Studies, 2021-22

Senior Thesis Prize Committee, Spring 2022, Spring 2024

#### **For LGBT Studies**

Member, LGBT Studies Committee, 2021-22, 2023-25

## **Indiana University**

### **University At Large**

Full Professor Facilitator, Working Group for Recently Tenured Associate Professors, Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty & Academic Affairs and Institute for Advanced Study, 2020-21

Member, Indiana University Faculty Council, 2012-13

Member, Bloomington Faculty Council, 2011-13

Member, Campus Review Board, 2012-13

### **College of Arts and Sciences Service**

Member, Policy Review Committee, 2018-19

Member, College Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2015-17

Reviewer, NEH Summer Stipend Proposal Grants for Office of Vice Provost of Research, 2015

Member, American Studies Task Force, 2015

Reviewer, CAHI Graduate Travel Awards, 2015

Member, New Queer Imaginaries Lecture Series Advisory Board, 2013-16

Member, College Academic Fairness Committee, 2012-14

Member, CAHI Review Board, 2012-13

### **Departmental Service**

#### **Indiana University (Dept. of English unless otherwise noted)**

Associate Chair, 2016-19

Chair, Graduate Placement Committee, 2011-Spring 2013; Co-Chair, Spring 2014; Fall 2014

Chair, Senior Faculty Promotion Committee, 2016  
Reviewer, Senior Faculty Expedited Promotion Committee, American Studies, 2017  
Reader, Faculty Review (4<sup>th</sup> year review), 2017  
Reader, Faculty Review (2<sup>nd</sup> year review), 2014  
Co-Director, Americanist Research Colloquium (ARC), 2008-13  
Chair, Ad hoc Committee for Internal FTE Transfer, 2010

### **As Member**

Advisory Committee, 2011-12, 2015-16, 2016-17 (elected); 2017-18, 2018-19 (ex officio)  
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2020-21  
Awards Committee, 2017-18  
Ad hoc Committee on Creative Writing, 2016-17  
Co-Chair, Chair Search Committee, 2015-16 (elected)  
Salary Committee, 2014-15 (elected)  
Strategic Planning Committee, Spring 2013; Spring 2014  
Graduate Studies Committee, Spring 2014  
Tenure and Promotion Committee, Gender Studies, 2011-13  
Search Committee, Senior Scholar in Feminist Literary and Cultural Studies, 2011-12  
Graduate Placement Committee, 2010-11  
Graduate Affairs Committee, American Studies, 2010-11  
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2009-10, 2012-13  
Promotion, Research, Grants Committee, 2009-10  
Undergraduate Prizes and Awards Committee, 2008-09  
Lectures Committee, 2007-08, 2010-11  
Library Committee, 2007-08, 2008-09

### **As Judge**

College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, 2014  
Gubar Dissertation Fellowship, 2014  
Tarkington MFA Fellowship, 2012  
Tarkington Fellowship Fund, 2008-11; 2013  
Tarkington Futures of American Studies Institute Fellowship, 2011  
Dickason Essay Prize in American Literature, 2011  
Tarkington Recruiting Fellowship, 2008-09

## **Penn State University**

### **As Member**

Center for American Literary Studies Advisory Board, 2006-07  
Graduate Studies Committee, 2005-07 (elected)  
American Women Writers Workshop Executive Board, 2004-07  
Rising Scholars Speakers Series Committee, 2005-07  
Inter-Collegiate Committee for the Sexual Identities Studies Minor, 2004-05  
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Support Network, 2004-07

## **AFFILIATIONS**

American Studies Association, 2004-present  
Modernist Studies Association, 2002-present  
Modern Language Association, 2000-present

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