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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, Calif.
Associate Professor of English, 2019-present
Assistant Professor of English, 2014-2019

EDUCATION

New York University, New York, N.Y.
Ph.D. in English and American Literature, 2014

Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
B.A. in Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia College, 2006
Graduated *summa cum laude*

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Writing to the World: Letters and the Origins of Modern Print Genres. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2018.
After Print: Eighteenth-Century Manuscript Cultures (ed.). Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press, 2020.
The Ends of Knowledge: Outcomes and Endpoints Across the Arts and Sciences (ed., co-edited with Seth Rudy; in press, Bloomsbury Academic, 2023)

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Book History of Improvement: Amelioration, Abolition, and the Uses of Print.” *PMLA* (conditionally accepted for publication).
“From Manuscript to Print: The Multimedia News System.” *The Edinburgh History of the British and Irish Press, Volume 1: Beginnings and Consolidation 1640-1800*. Ed. Nicholas Brownlees. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2022. 148-169.
“~~She~~ Madam: Female Consumers of Parliamentary News in Manuscript Newsletters.” In “Scribal News in Politics and Parliament, 1660-1760,” edited by Michael Schaich and Robin Eagles. Special Issue, *Parliamentary History* 41, no. 1 (Feb. 2022): 119-134.
Hannah Franz, Anne Charity Hudley, **Rachael Scarborough King**, Kendra Calhoun, deandre miles-hercules, Jamaal Muwwakkil, Jeremy Edwards, Cecily Duffie, Danielle Knox, Bishop Lawton, and John Henry Merritt. “The Role of the Graduate Student in Inclusive Undergraduate Research Experiences.” In “Undergraduate Research as a Future of English Studies,” edited by Kristine Johnson and J. Michael Rifenberg. Special Issue, *Pedagogy: Critical Approaches to Teaching Literature, Language, Composition, and Culture* 22, no. 1 (Jan. 2022): 121-41.
“The Scale of Genre.” *New Literary History* 52, no. 2 (Spring 2021): 261-284.
“Critical Pedagogy and Feminist Scholarship in the Archives.” In “Women in Book History, 1660-1830,” edited by Betty A. Schellenberg and Michelle Levy. Special Issue, *Huntington Library Quarterly* 84, no. 1 (Spring 2021): 189-201.
“Samuel Johnson and Spectral Media.” *ELH* 87 (2020): 65-90.
“A ‘Female Accomplishment’? Femininity, Privacy, and the Emergence of Letter-Writing Norms.” *After Print: Eighteenth-Century Manuscript Cultures*. Ed. Rachael Scarborough King. Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press, 2020. 74-94.

- “The *Gazette*, the *Tatler*, and the Making of the Periodical Essay: Form and Genre in Eighteenth-Century News.” *Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America* 114, no. 1 (March 2020): 45-70.
- “‘[L]et a girl read’: Periodicals and Women’s Literary Canon Formation.” *Women’s Periodicals and Print Culture in Britain, 1690-1820s: The Long Eighteenth Century*. The Edinburgh History of Women’s Periodical Culture in Britain, Vol. 1. Eds. Jennie Batchelor and Manushag Powell. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2018. 221-235.
- “All the News That’s Fit to Write: The Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Manuscript Newsletter.” *Travelling chronicles: Episodes in the history of news and newspapers from the early modern period to the eighteenth century*. Eds. Paul Goring, Siv Goril Brantzaeg, and Christine Watson. Leiden, Netherlands, and Boston, Mass.: Brill, 2018. 95-118.
- “The Pleasures of ‘the World’: Rewriting Epistolarity in Burney, Edgeworth, and Austen.” *Eighteenth-Century Fiction* 29, no. 1 (Fall 2016): 67-89.
- “The Manuscript Newsletter and the Rise of the Newspaper, 1665-1715.” *Huntington Library Quarterly* 79, no. 3 (Autumn 2016): 411-437.
- “‘Interloping with my Question-Project’: Debating Genre in John Dunton’s and Daniel Defoe’s Epistolary Periodicals.” *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture* 44 (2015): 121-142.
- “Letters from the Highlands: Scribal Publication and Media Shift in Victorian Scotland.” *Book History* 17 (2014): 298-320.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Rev. of *Political Journalism in London, 1695-1720: Defoe, Swift, Steele and Their Contemporaries*, by Ashley Marshall. *Philological Quarterly* 101, no. 3 (Fall 2022): 6 pp.
- Rev. of *Romanticism and the Letter*, eds. Madeleine Callaghan and Anthony Howe. *Eighteenth-Century Fiction* 34, no. 3 (Spring 2022): 365-67.
- “Media and/as History in Eighteenth-Century Literature.” Rev. of *The Invention of the Oral: Print Commerce and Fugitive Voices in Eighteenth-Century Britain*, by Paula McDowell. *The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation* 61, no. 4 (Winter 2020): 533-37.
- Rev. of *Cyberformalism: Histories of Linguistic Forms in the Digital Age*, by Daniel Shore. *Digital Scholarship in the Humanities*. 3 pp. <https://doi.org/10.1093/llc/fqaa057>. Oct. 15, 2020.
- Rev. of *Feeling Time: Duration, the Novel, and Eighteenth-Century Sensibility*, by Amit S. Yahav. *Modern Language Review* 115.3 (Summer 2020): 699-701.
- Rev. of *Charlotte Lennox: An Independent Mind*, by Susan Carlile. *Early Modern Women: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 14.2 (Spring 2020): 147-51.
- Rev. of *Eighteenth-Century Manners of Reading: Print Culture and Popular Instruction in the Anglophone Atlantic World*, by Eve Tavor Bannet. *American Literary History: The ALH Online Review Series XII* (March 2020): 1-3.
- Rev. of *Work in Hand: Script, Print, and Writing, 1690-1840*, by Aileen Douglas. *Modern Philology* 116.3 (Oct. 2018): E192-94.
- Rev. of *Cultures of Correspondence in Early Modern Britain*, eds. James Daybell and Andrew Gordon. *The Library* 19.1 (March 2018): 84-86.
- “Old New Media: Print, Paint, and the Early Eighteenth-Century Media Revolution.” Rev. of *Mr. Collier’s Letter Racks: A Tale of Art and Illusion at the Threshold of the Modern Information Age*, by Dror Wahrman. *Eighteenth-Century Life* 39.3 (September 2015): 109-113.
- Rev. of *Epistolary Community in Print 1580-1664*, by Diana G. Barnes. *Seventeenth-Century News* 72.1&2 (Spring-Summer 2014): 38-41.
- Rev. of *What is Media Archeology?*, by Jussi Parikka. *Literacy and Linguistic Computing: The Journal for Digital Scholarship in the Humanities* 28.3 (September 2013): 484-486.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Project Director and Principal Investigator, Hidden Archives: Race, Gender, and Religion in UCSB's Ballitore Collection, National Endowment for the Humanities Humanities Initiatives at Hispanic-Serving Institutions grant, 2020-22; American Council of Learned Societies Digital Extension Grant, 2021-23

Principal Investigator, UC-HBCU Initiative Summer Research Internship Support Grant, 2018-19; 2020-21

Sassoon Visiting Fellowship, Bodleian Library, University of Oxford, August 2020

Willison Foundation Trust Fellowship, January 2020

Senior Fellow, Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography, Rare Book School, University of Virginia, 2017-present

UCSB Academic Senate Faculty Research Grant—Subvention for *After Print: Eighteenth-Century Manuscript Cultures*, 2018

Hellman Family Faculty Fellowship, 2017-2018

UCSB Academic Senate Faculty Research Grant, 2017-2018

Arnhold Collaborative Research Grant, UCSB Department of English, June-July 2017

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in Critical Bibliography, Rare Book School, University of Virginia, 2013-2016

Beinecke Visiting Research Fellowship, September 2016 (declined)

Huntington Fellowship, The Huntington Library, March-April 2016

Huntington-Lincoln College Exchange Fellowship, The Huntington Library and Lincoln College, Oxford, July 2015

BSA-ASECS Fellowship for Bibliographical Studies in the Eighteenth Century, Bibliographical Society of America, June-Aug. 2015

Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, 2014-17 (declined)

Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, NYU, 2014-15 (declined)

Halsband Fellowship for Eighteenth-Century Studies, NYU, 2013-14

MacCracken Fellowship, NYU, 2009-2014

ASECS/Clark Fellowship, William Andrews Clark Memorial Library and Center for 17th- and 18th-Century Studies, UCLA, March 2014

The George B. Cooper Fellowship, The Lewis Walpole Library, Yale University, Sept. 2012

Council for Media & Culture Dissertation Grant, June-Aug. 2012

Aubrey Williams Research Travel Fellowship, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, July 2012

Gordon Ray Travel Fellowship, NYU, June-July 2012

English Department Travel Grant, NYU, Nov. 2012 and June 2013

Dean's Student Travel Grant, NYU, April 2011

Critical Language Scholarship Program, U.S. Department of State, June-Aug. 2010

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

"What COVID Shows Us About the Need for Home Care." *KCET*. Jan. 20, 2022.

"For families like mine, the social service's in Biden's budget proposal are a choice between life and death." *CNN*. Oct. 15, 2021.

"The Care Economy Makes My Family's Lives Worth Living." *Elle*. Sept. 30, 2021.

"John Locke and America's Cult of Private Property." *The Nation*. Dec. 24, 2020.

"The Frontiers of Form." *Los Angeles Review of Books*. Sept. 19, 2020.

"Is This the End?" Co-authored with Seth Rudy. *The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation* 61 (Summer 2020): online supplement.

"The USPS is more than a service. It's a symbol of a functioning society." *CNN*. Aug. 19, 2020.

"The Radical Idea that Undergirds Our Postal System." *The Nation*. April 21, 2020.

Segment on Australian Broadcasting Company's "Counterpoint with Amanda Vanstone," Sept. 30, 2019

"Reddit, with wigs and ink." *Aeon*. Aug. 13, 2019.

"Public Thinker: Josephine Livingstone on the Critic's Voice." *Public Books*. March 14, 2019.

"Ceci N'est Pas Une Lettre." *Los Angeles Review of Books Quarterly Journal* 21 (Feb. 2019): 17-21.

"Difficult' Mothering." *Avidly*. Aug. 23, 2018.

"*Oroonoko; or, the Royal Slave*." *The Cambridge Guide to the Eighteenth-Century Novel*. Ed. April London. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Encyclopedia entry; forthcoming.)

"*The Fair Jilt*." *The Cambridge Guide to the Eighteenth-Century Novel*. Ed. April London. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Encyclopedia entry; forthcoming.)

"*Love-Letters Between a Nobleman and His Sister*." *The Cambridge Guide to the Eighteenth-Century Novel*. Ed. April London. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Encyclopedia entry; forthcoming.)

"Americans have been 'blogging' about politics for 250 years." *The Washington Post* 31 Oct. 2016.

"Coined by Shakespeare? Think Again." *The Boston Globe* 18 August 2013: K2.

"The Art of the Recap: Spoilers, Easter eggs, and listicles as cultural obsession." *New Haven Review* 1.11 (Winter 2011): 186-195.

"Rewatching *Watchmen*." *New Haven Review* 1.5 (Fall 2009): 78-94.

INVITED TALKS

"The Ends of Knowledge." Co-presented with Seth Rudy. The Digital Humanities and Media Studies Initiative, UConn Humanities Institute. University of Connecticut. Nov. 16, 2022.

"Archival and Computational Outliers in the Ballitore Collection." Critical Data Practices Symposium. Stanford University. Oct. 7, 2022.

"Samuel Johnson's Haunted Media." Johnsonians Commemorative Celebration. Houghton Library, Harvard University (presented virtually). Sept. 17, 2021.

"Digitizing Languages and Challenging Archival Power: The Ballitore Project." Teaching with Manuscripts: Material, Digital, and Collaborative Pedagogies. Rare Book School. Virtual. April 21, 2021.

"Improving Literature: The Enlightenment in Manuscript and Print." University of Washington, Seattle, Wash. Jan. 29, 2019.

"Genres of Manuscript News: Commercial, Diplomatic, Confidential." Scribal News and News Cultures in Late Stuart and Early Georgian Britain International Workshop. German Historical Institute London. Dec. 14, 2018.

"Epistolary Dreams: Mary Leadbeater's Creation of a Written Community." Symposium on Women in Book History, 1660-1832. Vancouver, B.C. Aug. 16, 2018.

"New Forms of Re:Enlightenment: Archives, Genres, Disciplines, Databases, and Algorithms." Paper co-written and -presented with Bill Blake, Seth Rudy, Ryan Heuser, and Yohei Igarashi. The Re:Enlightenment Exchange 5: Knowledge as a Public Good. University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway. May 19, 2015.

"The foreign letters say': Newsletters and Newspapers in the Long Eighteenth Century." Materialities, Texts, and Images research program. California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif. May 1, 2015.

"Latour and Genre: The Case of the Letter Pamphlet." Latour and the Eighteenth Century. University of Michigan. Dec. 13, 2013.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Chair, "Romanticism and Digital Methodologies" panel. International Conference on Romanticism Annual Meeting. University of California, Santa Barbara. Oct. 22, 2022.

"Circulating Abolition in Romantic-Era Quakerism." Co-presented with Deena Al-halabieh. ICR

- Annual Meeting. University of California, Santa Barbara. Oct. 20, 2022.
- “Contradictory Egalitarianism in Eighteenth-Century Quaker Textual Communities.” Modern Language Association Annual Convention. Virtual. Jan. 8, 2022.
- “Subversive Form.” ASECS Annual Meeting. Virtual. April 11, 2021.
- Chair, “Just In Time: Public Humanities and Literary Studies” roundtable. MLA Annual Convention. Virtual. Jan. 7, 2021.
- “Improving Literature: Words and Images in Humphry Repton’s Red Books.” The Intermedial Eighteenth Century: Textual and Visual Arts, 1660-1832. Northumbria University, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, U.K. (held virtually). Sept. 17, 2020.
- “Fake Histories: Scots, Americans, and Stadial Theory.” MLA Annual Convention. Seattle, Wash. Jan. 10, 2020.
- “Race, Gender, and Religion in the Ballitore Collection.” ASECS Annual Meeting. Denver, Colo. March 21, 2019.
- Chair, “The Multimedia Eighteenth Century” roundtable. ASECS Annual Meeting. Denver, Colo. March 23, 2019.
- “The ‘Bridge Genre’: A New Model for Generic Formation.” ASECS Annual Meeting. Annual Meeting. Orlando, Fla. March 23, 2018.
- “The Multimedia News Marketplace in the Late Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth Centuries.” The Rise of the Newspaper in Europe and America: 1600-1900. The Huntington Library. San Marino, Calif. Oct. 14, 2017.
- “Improving Print: Defoe’s *Essay upon Projects*.” Biennial Meeting of the Defoe Society. New Haven, Conn. Sept. 8, 2017.
- “‘No idea of Improvement’: Landscape Gardening in Manuscript and Print.” British Association for Romantic Studies Annual Conference. York, U.K. July 27, 2017.
- “The Appearance of News in *The London Gazette* and *The Tatler*.” ASECS Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, Penn. March 31, 2016.
- “Biographical Writing and Epistolary Self-Fashioning.” CSECS Annual Conference. Vancouver, Canada. Oct. 15, 2015.
- “‘Like Cherries upon the Stick’: From Sheet to Book in *The Spectator*.” What is a Book? A Symposium on Bibliographical Research. Scripps College, Claremont, Calif. April 17, 2015.
- “The Periodical Press in Manuscript and Print.” ASECS Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, Calif. March 19, 2015.
- “News in Manuscript and Print: Hybridized Newsletters in the Eighteenth Century.” CSECS Annual Conference. Montreal, Canada. Oct. 17, 2014.
- “Digital Tools for Teaching Eighteenth-Century Media Shift.” ASECS Annual Meeting. Williamsburg, Va. March 23, 2014.
- “Mapping Knowledge Networks in British Newspapers of the Long Eighteenth Century.” MLA Annual Convention. Chicago, Ill. Jan. 12, 2014.
- “British Diplomacy and the First ‘Foreign Correspondents,’ 1695-1750.” News and the Shape of Europe, 1500-1750. Queen Mary, University of London. July 27, 2013.
- “Published to ‘the World’: Reader Letters in the *London Gazette* and the *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*.” Techne, Mimesis, Polis. Centre Franco-Norvegien en Sciences Sociales et Humaines. Paris, France. Nov. 9, 2012.
- “Failure to Communicate: Victorian News Media and Robert Browning’s ‘Good News.’” Victorian Futures. University of California, Santa Cruz. July 29, 2011.
- “Dangerously New: Frances Burney and Maria Edgeworth’s Novel Media Environment.” British Women Writers Conference 2011. Ohio State University. April 1, 2011.

SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

President, Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, 2022-present
Co-organizer, Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Meeting, California State University-Northridge, Feb. 17-18, 2023.
Member, Executive Committee, CLCS 18th-Century Forum, MLA, 2020-present
Contributing Editor, *The Scriblerian and the Kit-Cats*, Jan. 2019-present (responsible for writing short reviews of peer-reviewed articles twice per year)
Member, ASECS Louis Gottschalk Prize Committee, 2020 (reviewed 60 books for the association's annual prize for the best book in eighteenth-century studies)
Delegate for LLC Late 18th-Century Literature, MLA Delegate Assembly, 2017-2020
Conference Organizer, "The Rise of the Newspaper in Europe and America: 1600-1900," The Huntington Library, Oct. 13-14, 2017.
Conference Organizer, Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Meeting, UCSB, Feb. 17-18, 2017
Special Delegate for Women in the Profession, MLA Delegate Assembly, 2013-2016
Conference Organizer, "After Print: Manuscripts in the Eighteenth Century," UCSB, April 24, 2015
Vice President, Renaissance Conference of Southern California, Sept. 2015-June 2016 (previously: Treasurer, Sept. 2014-15)
Graduate Assistant, The Dickens Project, Jan.-Aug. 2011

SERVICE TO UCSB

Member, ESCI Ad Hoc Committee, 2018-2021 (reviewing the use of Student Evaluations of Teaching at UCSB and making a recommendation to the Academic Senate)
Member, Hellman Fellows Program Selection Committee, 2020
Member, Faculty Research Grants Committee, 2019, 2020
Member, Central Fellowship Review Committee, 2016

SERVICE TO UCSB DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Undergraduate Chair, 2021-present
Undergraduate Diversity Officer, 2021-present
Co-chair, Job Placement Committee, 2017-20
Interim Director, Early Modern Center, Jan.-March 2017
Faculty Convener, Critical Pedagogy Initiative, 2016-17
Library Liaison, 2016-17
Graduate Admissions Committee, Sept. 2014-June 2016
Graduate Steering Committee, Sept. 2015-June 2016

SERVICE TO NYU DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Founder and Convener, Digital Experiments Working Group, 2011-14
Graduate Project Assistant, The Re:Enlightenment Project, 2010-14
Convener, The Long 18th-Century Colloquium, 2009-11

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Staff Reporter, *The New Haven Register*, New Haven, Conn., Aug. 2007-July 2009
Staff Reporter, *The Bend Bulletin*, Bend, Ore. Aug. 2006-Aug. 2007
Reporter, *The Anniston Star*, Anniston, Ala. June-Aug. 2006