

## Kir Kuiken

### EDUCATION

- 2006 Ph.D. English and Comparative Literature with Emphasis in Critical Theory, University of California, Irvine
- 2000 M.A. in Comparative Literature, University of California, Irvine
- 1999 M.A. in Philosophy, University of California, Irvine
- 1996 Honors B.A. in Philosophy & English, Trent University, Canada

### EMPLOYMENT

- 9/2014- Present Associate Professor, University at Albany, SUNY, English Department
- 8/2008 – 9/2014 Assistant Professor, University at Albany, SUNY, English Department
- 8/2007 - 5/2008 Lecturer, University of Illinois, Chicago, English Department
- 3/2007 - 6/2007 Visiting Assistant Professor, Univ. of California--Riverside, English Department
- 9/2006 - 3/2007 Lecturer, University of California, Irvine, Humanities Core Course

### FIELDS OF RESEARCH

English and German Romanticism  
 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century European Literature  
 Critical Theory/ Literary Theory  
 Caribbean Studies  
 Film

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Book

Imagined Sovereignities: Toward a New Political Romanticism (Fordham University Press, 2014).

#### Book in Progress

Adrift on the Earth: Caribbean Romanticism and Geo-Poetics (Under Review Stanford University Press July 2024)

**Co-Edited Book** (With Deborah Elise White, Emory University).

Haiti's Literary Legacies: Romanticism and the Unthinkable Revolution (Bloombury, 2022).

#### Articles

- "David Wills and the Tropological Machinery of Life," Derrida Today (forthcoming)
- "Introduction- Romanticism and Political Ecology," Romantic Circles, ed. Kir Kuiken, 2024  
<http://romantic-circles.org/praxis/publication/romanticism-and-political-ecology>.

- “Hölderlin: From the Death of Nature to the Earth,” Romantic Circles, ed. Kir Kuiken, 2024, <http://romantic-circles.org/praxis/publication/romanticism-and-political-ecology>.
- “Günderrode’s Earth: on the Political Ecology of ‘Life,’” European Romantic Review 34.3, (2023): 369-376.
- “Impasse, Promise, and Impossible Community: Kleist’s *Michael Kohlhaas* and Blanchot’s Community of Lovers,” Comparative Literature, 72.2 (2020): 128-143.
- “The Power of a Form of Thought that Has Become Foreign to Itself”: Rancière, Romanticism and the *Partage of the Sensible*,” SubStance. 45.1 (2016): 6-21.
- “*Omphalos*” Essays in Romanticism, 22.2 (2015): 167-181.
- “Derrida, Sovereignty and Style,” Oxford Literary Review, 36.2 (2014): 225-229.
- “Introduction- The Citizen-Subject Revisited,” (Co-Authored with Jennifer Greiman) Postmodern Culture, 22.3 (May 2012).
- “The Metaleptic Imagination in Shelley’s *Defence of Poetry*,” Keats-Shelley Journal, 60 (2011): 95-111.
- “Shelley’s ‘Mask of Anarchy’ and the Problem of Modern Sovereignty,” Literature Compass, 8.2 (2010): 95-106.
- “Between Heidegger and Derrida: On the Impossible Futures of Techne.” Canadian Review of Comparative Literature, 33.3-4 (2006): 293-310.
- “Deleuze/ Derrida: Towards an Almost Imperceptible Difference.” Research In Phenomenology, 35 (2005): 290-308.
- “On the Delineation of Choice and Decision in Benjamin’s Goethe’s *Elective Affinities*.” Canadian Review of Comparative Literature, 31.3 (2004): 286-308.

### Book Chapters

- “Introduction- Haiti’s Literary Legacies: Romanticism and the Unthinkable Revolution,” Co-authored with Deborah Elise White (Emory), *Haiti’s Literary Legacies: Romanticism and the Unthinkable Revolution*, New York; Bloombury Press, 2022, 1-24.
- “Unavowed Community in Kleist’s *Betrothal in San Domingo*,” *Haiti’s Literary Legacies: Romanticism and the Unthinkable Revolution*: New York: Bloomsbury Press, 2022, 117-139.
- “Bio-Inscriptionality: The Eternal Return and Reproduction in Derrida’s *Life/Death Seminar*,” *Biotheory: Life and Death After Capitalism*, Routledge Press, 2020, 63-79.
- “Bidding up on the Question of Sovereignty: Derrida Between Kant and Benjamin,” *Deconstructing the Death Penalty: Derrida’s Seminar and the New Abolitionism*, New York: Fordham University Press 2018, 119-138.
- “Eclipse of the Gaze: Nancy, Community and the Death of the Other”: *Dead Theory: Derrida, Death and the Afterlife of Theory*, New York: Bloomsbury Press 2016, 173-190.

### Edited Volumes

- Editor of special issue of *Romantic Circles*, “Romanticism and Political Ecology” <http://romantic-circles.org/praxis/publication/romanticism-and-political-ecology>.
- Co-editor with Deborah Elise White (Emory), collection on *Haiti’s Literary Legacies: Romanticism and the Unthinkable Revolution*, New York: Bloomsbury Press, 2022.
- Co-editor with Jennifer Greiman (Wake Forest), special issue of Postmodern Culture on “The Citizen-Subject Revisited,” 22.3 (May 2012).

### Review Essays

- Review of Singularity, by Samuel Weber, Derrida Today 15: 1 (2022), 118-125.
- “Deconstruction Beyond Itself: On Zsuzsa Baross’s ‘Posthumously for Jacques Derrida,’” Cultural Critique, 89 (2015), 218-233.

### Dictionary Entries

- “Bare Life,” *Bloomsbury Handbook to Literary and Cultural Theory* ed. Di Leo, Jeffrey, Bloomsbury Press, 2018: 383-384.
- “Sovereignty,” *Bloomsbury Handbook to Literary and Cultural Theory* ed. Di Leo, Jeffrey, Bloomsbury Press, 2018: 623-625.

### Book Reviews

- Review of Creolizing Frankenstein, ed. by Michael R. Paradiso- Michau, Review 19, (forthcoming)
- Review of The Politics of Romanticism, by Zoe Beenstock, Studies in Romanticism 58(1): 143-146 (2019).
- Review of The Reject: Community, Politics and Religion after the Subject, by Irving Goh. SubStance 48(1): 107-112 (2019).
- Review of Life After Theory, ed. Payne, Michael and Schad, John. Philosophy in Review/ Comptes Rendus Philosophiques, (April 2004): 143-146.
- Review of Philosophy, Revision, Critique: Rereading Practices in Heidegger, Nietzsche, and Emerson, by David Wittenberg, Canadian Review of Comparative Literature, 29.2-3 (2002): 470-474.
- Review of The Work of Mourning, by Jacques Derrida, Philosophy in Review/Comptes Rendus Philosophiques, (June 2002): 176-178.
- Review of The Purest of Bastards: Works of Mourning, Art, and Affirmation in the Thought of Jacques Derrida, by David Farrell Krell, Philosophy in Review/Comptes rendus philosophiques, (April 2001): 130-132.
- Review of Deconstruction as Analytic Philosophy, by Samuel T. Wheeler III, Canadian Review of Comparative Literature, 27.2 (2000): 543-547.
- Review of Derrida, Kristeva, and the Dividing Line: An Articulation of Two Theories of Difference, by Juliana de Nooy, Canadian Review of Comparative Literature, 27.1 (2000): 316-322.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2022	Keats-Shelley Association Essay Prize for Unavowed Community in Kleist's <i>Betrothal in San Domingo</i> ," <i>Haiti's Literary Legacies: Romanticism and the Unthinkable Revolution</i> : New York: Bloomsbury Press, 2022, 117-139
2022	FRAP B Award
2015	CAS Faculty Travel Award
2015	UUP Individual Development Award
2014	CAS Faculty Travel Award
2014	Conference Support Award, University at Albany, SUNY
2014	UAS Program Funds, University at Albany, SUNY
2013	FRAP B Award
2013	CAS Faculty Travel Award
2011	UAS Program Funds, University at Albany, SUNY
2011	UUP Individual Development Award
2011	Conference Support Award, University at Albany, SUNY
2010	UAS Conference Award, University at Albany, SUNY

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

- "Can the Earth Speak?: Karoline von Günderrode's Geo-Poetics Via Olive Senior" North American Society for the Study of Romanticism, August 16, 2024, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
- "David Wills and the Prosthetics of Language," Derrida Today Conference, June 12, Athens, Greece.
- "The Elements of Life: Günderrode and Schelling's Organicism" North American Society for the Study of Romanticism, August 6, 2022, Texas, U.S.A.
- "Gunderrode and Political Ecology," North American Society for the Study of Romanticism, August 6, 2022, Liverpool, England.
- "Derrida on the Concept of Hospitality," Derrida Seminars Translation Project, July 3, 2022, Caen, France.
- "Hölderlin and Political Ecology," North American Society for the Study of Romanticism, Chicago, IL, Aug 4-7, 2019.
- "Derrida's Concept of Forgiveness" Derrida Seminar Translation Project, July 3, 2019, Caen France.
- "Kleist's *Prinz Friedrich von Homburg*, Fichte's *Addresses* and the Apostrophe of Community," North American Society for the Study of Romanticism, Brown University, June 22-25, 2018.
- "Hölderlin's Earth," Anthropocene Now: Ecology, Ethics, Politics Symposium, University at Albany, SUNY, Albany NY, April 20-12, 2018.
- "Bio-Inscriptionality: On Derrida' Life/Death Seminar," Society for Critical Exchange, University of Houston- Victoria, Febraury 8-11, 2018.
- "Kleist's Unavowed Community," North American Society for the Study of Romanticism, August 10-13, 2017, Ottawa, Canada.

- "Nietzsche's "Alleged Biologism" in Derrida's Life/Death Seminar," Derrida Seminars Translation Project, July 5, 2017, Caen, France.
- "The Community of Lovers in Kleist's Betrothal in San Domingo," ACCUTE conference, May 27-30, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada.
- "Derrida on Heidegger's Marx" Derrida Seminars Translation Project, July 6, 2016, Caen, France.
- "Benjamin's "Great Criminal" and Sovereign Violence," University of Texas A&M, November 17. Invited Lecture.
- "Toward a Biopoetics: Bataille, Kleist and the Avowal of Sovereignty" Society for Literature, Science and the Arts, Rice University, Nov 12-15, 2015.
- "Agamben On the Sovereign's Relation to the Exception," UMASS, Boston, October 13, 2015. Invited Lecture.
- "Bidding Up on the Question of Sovereignty: Derrida Between Kant and Benjamin," Dialectical Thinking in the Humanities Workshop, Harvard University, April 28, 2015. Invited Lecture.
- "Benjamin's *Critique of Violence* and the Problem of the Death Penalty," Rethinking Sovereignty Conference, University at Albany, SUNY, April 17-18, 2015.
- "Omphalos," Symposium on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Geoffrey Hartman's *Wordsworth Poetry*, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, November 8, 2014.
- "Imagined Sovereignities"- workshop on my book (*Imagined Sovereignities*) for Brown Romanticism Workshops, Brown University, October 24, 2014. Invited Lecture.
- "Bidding Up on the Question of Sovereignty: Derrida Between Kant and Benjamin," Derrida Today Conference, May 28, 2014. Invited Lecture.
- "Figures of the Unconditional: Kant and Benjamin on the Death Penalty," American Comparative Literature Association, New York, NY, March 20-23, 2014.
- "'Love of Nature Leading to Love of Man': Rethinking Wordsworth's Political Imagination" University of Calgary, Calgary AB, Canada, March 8, 2014. Invited lecture.
- "Glissant and the Concept of Relation," Columbia University, New York, NY, Nov 20, 2013. Invited lecture.
- "Romantic "Muteness": Reading Ranciere Reading Romanticism," North American Society for the Study of Romanticism, Boston, MA, Aug 8-11, 2013.
- "Fichte and Coleridge on the Unconditional: On (at least) Two Different Concepts of "Sovereignty" in Romanticism," North American Society for the Study of Romanticism, Boston, MA, Aug 8-11, 2013. Invited lecture.
- "The Exception Within the Exception: From Schmitt to Agamben and Beyond," American Comparative Literature Association, Toronto, Canada, April 4-7, 2013.

## COURSES TAUGHT

### Graduate Classes

AENG 894 Directed Reading

AENG 771	Teaching Practicum
AENG 710	Textual Studies I
AENG 642	Contemporary Problems in Critical Theory
AENG 641	Literature and the Anthropocene
AENG 581	Studies in a Literary Period- Romanticism
AENG 580	Romanticism and Revolution
AENG 541	Romantic Ideology / Aesthetic Ideology
ENG 265	Romantic Irony (UC – Riverside)

**Undergraduate Classes**

19<sup>th</sup>- Century Literature/ Romanticism

AENG 497	Independent Study
AENG 411Y	Romanticism and History/ Romanticism and the Anthropocene
AENG 343	Keats and Shelley
AENG 334	Romanticism, Imagination and Revolution
AENG 310	Introduction to Critical Reading
AENG 291	British Literary Traditions
ENG 316	British Romanticism (U. of Illinois, Chicago)
ENG 166A	Introduction to British Romanticism (UC – Riverside)

Core Curriculum

AENG 210	Introduction to Literary Studies
AENG 310	Image and Text
AENG 305Z	Literature and Terror
AENG 205Z	Gothic Short Fiction

Critical Theory / Literary Theory

AENG 315	Introduction to Literary Theory
AENG 410	Literature and the Problem of Sovereignty
ENG 240	Introduction to Literary Theory (U of Illinois, Chicago)

Interdisciplinary

AENG 355	Studies in Film
AENG 412Y	French/ Global New Waves

Philosophy

PHIL 4	Introduction to Ethics (UC – Irvine)
PHIL12	History of Modern Philosophy (UC – Irvine)
PHIL 10	History of Ancient Philosophy (UC – Irvine)
PHIL 113	Race and Gender (UC – Irvine)
PHIL 5	Contemporary Moral Problems (UC – Irvine)

**SERVICE**

**University/College**

09/2021-05/2022	Interim Director, Liberal Studies Program
09/2019-05/2021	Member, Academic Senate
08/2014- 08/2015	Interim Director, Liberal Studies Program
12/1/2012 – 05/2014	Academic Planning Committee Member
3/1/2012	Scholar's Day Fair and Luncheon for incoming freshmen
9/14/2011	ITLAL meeting for Graduate Students entering job market
11/16/2009	NUFE meeting with delegates from Nanking University
9/4/2008	ITLAL meeting for Graduate Students entering job market
9/2008 - 1/2010	CAS Council Representative, College of Arts and Sciences Academic Planning Committee member

**Departmental**

3/2024- Present	Chair Tenure Committee for Elliot Tereault
1/2017- 9/2022	MA English Director
9/2012-Present	Graduate Admissions Committee, English Department
9/2013- Present	Events Planning Committee
9/2012- 9/2013	Departmental By-Laws Committee
1/2012- 5/2012	Faculty/ Staff Awards Committee, English Department
9/2010- 5/2011	Graduate Admissions Committee, English Department
9/2008 – 9/2010	MA Review Committee, English Department
11/ 2009 – 9/2010	Ad Hoc Committee on Service, English Department
9/2008 - Present	Participated in information sessions and mock interviews for graduate students entering the job market.
10/2008 – 5/2011	19 <sup>th</sup> -Century Reading Group (Organized and hosted reading group for graduate students and faculty in the department)

**Conference Organizer**

4/17-18/ 2015	Member, organizing committee for “Rethinking Sovereignty” conference, SUNY-Albany
4/11-12/ 2014	Member, organizing committee for “Affinities” symposium, SUNY-Albany
11/15-16/ 2013	Member, organizing committee for “The Politics and Poetics of Affect: The Enlightenment and its Aftermaths” conference, SUNY-Albany
10/25-26/ 2011	Member, organizing committee for “Citizen-Subject Revisited” conference, SUNY-Albany
10/22/2010	Organizer of seminar on “Crisis in the Humanities,” SUNY-Albany
2/26-28/2009	Member of organizing committee for “Rhetorics of Plague” conference, SUNY-Albany
10/28-30/2004	Member of organizing committee for “Legacies of Theory” conference, University of Alberta, Canada

**Professional Service**

2022-Present	Vice-President, North American Society for the Study of Romanticism
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2023-2024	Chair, Award Committee for Keats-Shelley Association of America
2023-Present	Book Manuscript Reviewer, Cambridge University Press
2018- Present	Member, Executive Board, North American Society for the Study of Romanticism
2017- Present	Reviewer, Derrida Today (Journal), Edinburgh University Press
2016- 2020	Review Editor, Journal of Postmodern Culture (Johns Hopkins Press)
2016-2019	MLA Delegate Assembly (Romanticism)
2014- 2017	Reviewer, Philosophy and Rhetoric (Journal), Penn. State University Press.
2014- 2016	Reviewer, Discourse (Journal), Wayne State University Press.
2013- 2020	Reviewer, Differences (Journal), Duke University Press.
9/ 2013-12/2013	Book Manuscript Reviewer for Fordham University Press
2009-Present	Derrida Seminars Translation Project Member
2011-2013	Reviewer, PMLA Journal, New York.

## ADVISING/SUPERVISING

### Ph.D.

- Brandon Tankersley Ph.D. (Chair, In Progress)
- Tom Skowronek, Ph.D. (Chair, In Progress)
- Natalie Amiama, Ph.D. (Chair, Completed)
- Audrey Peterson-McCann Ph.D. (Chair, Completed)
- Minju Huh Ph.D. (Member, In Progress)
- Kayla Adgate Ph.D. (Member, In Progress)
- Michael Amrozowicz, Ph.D. (Member, In Progress)
- Andrew Brooks, Ph.D. (Member, Completed)
- Ingrid Chen, Ph.D. (Member, In Progress)
- Sudarshan Ramani (Member, In Progress)
- Janna Urschel Ph.D (Member, Completed)
- Kate Cove, Ph.D. (Member, Completed)
- Heewon Kwang, Ph.D. (Member, Completed)
- Dana Lawton-Balejko, Ph.D. (Member, Completed)
- Amy Mallory- Kani, Ph.D. (Member, Completed)
- Lucyna Prostko, Ph.D. (Member, Completed)
- Sabine Seiler, Ph.D. (Member, Completed)

### Masters

- Matthew Perez (Member, Completed)
- Sarah Di Carluccio (Member, Completed)
- David Kelly (Member, Completed)
- Lily Ringler, M.A. (Chair, Completed)
- Joseph Bertoni, M.A. (Chair, Completed)



- Mirit Elyahu, M.A. (Chair, Completed)
- Colleen Burton, M.A. (Member, Completed)
- Taylor Churchill, M.A. (Member, Completed)
- Loralynn Krobetsky, M.A. (Member, Completed)
- Caitlin Scheufler, M.A. (Member, Completed)

**Undergraduate**

- Florinda Gjypi (Honors Thesis Advisor, In Progress)
- Kailyn Sheppeck (Member, In Progress)
- Auger Copps (Honors Thesis Advisor, Completed)
- Steffi Santos (Honors Thesis Advisor, Completed)
- David Allen (Honors Thesis Advisor, Completed)
- Stephanie Medrano (Honors Thesis Advisor, Completed)
- Sean Johnson, B.A. (Member, Completed)
- Joseph Meringolo, B.A. (Honors thesis advisor, Completed)
- Emily Wierzbowski, B.A. (Member, Completed)
- Max Lawatsch (Honors thesis advisor, Presidential Award Recipient, Completed)
- Brian Deinhart, B.A. (Member, Completed)
- Noelle Webster, B.A. (Honors thesis advisor, Completed)
- Candice Mann, B.A. (Member, Completed)
- Amanda McGowan, B.A. (Member, Completed)