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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
18th and 19th Century European Literature
Critical Theory/ Literary Theory
Caribbean Studies
Film

PUBLICATIONS**Book**

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

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

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

Articles

- "Introduction- Romanticism and Political Ecology," Romantic Praxis, (forthcoming).
- "Hölderlin's Earth," Romantic Praxis, (forthcoming).
- "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 Praxis*, "Romanticism and Political Ecology" (forthcoming).
- 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 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

- “The Elements of Life: G nderrode 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.
- “H lderlin 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.
- “H lderlin’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, February 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 50th Anniversary of Geoffrey Hartman's *Wordsworth Poetry*, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, November 8, 2014.
- "Imagined Sovereignties"- workshop on my book (*Imagined Sovereignties*) 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.
- "Sovereignty and Visuality: From Romanticism to the Occupy Movement," Adelphi University, New York, NY, Nov 29, 2012. Invited lecture.
- "Educs of the Imagination: Coleridge's Symbolic Politics and the Problem of Sovereignty." North American Society for the Study of Romanticism, Vancouver, Canada, August 18-22, 2010.
- "On the Threshold: London and the (Missing) Experience of Being-in-Common in Wordsworth's Prelude." International Conference on Romanticism, City University of New York, Nov 5-8, 2009.
- "Between Two Exceptions: American Sovereignty as Auto-Immune Reaction." International Association of American Studies, Beijing, China, Sep 18-21, 2009
- "Shelley's 'Mask of Anarchy' and the Problem of Modern Sovereignty." North American Society for the Study of Romanticism, Duke University, Durham, NC, May 21-24, 2009.

- “Between Two Plasticities: Form, Trace and Sovereignty in Kant’s Transcendental Schematism.” “Idioms of the Post Global” conference, SUNY- Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, Mar 19-21, 2009.
- “Blake, Desire and Sovereignty.” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, Philadelphia, PA, Nov 19-22, 2008.
- “Work of the Imagination: Difference and Repetition in Blake’s Illuminated Manuscripts.” International Conference on Romanticism, Oakland University, Rochester, MI, Oct 16-19, 2008.

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 541	Romantic Ideology / Aesthetic Ideology
ENG 265	Romantic Irony (UC – Riverside)

Undergraduate Classes

19th- 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 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

Introductory

ENG 113	English Literature in a Global Perspective (U of Alberta)
ENG 111	Language, Literature and Culture (U of Alberta)
ENG 108	Language and Literature (U of Alberta)
ENG 101	Critical Reading and Writing (U of Alberta)

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

1/2017- 9/2022	MA English Director
9/2012-9/ 2022	Graduate Admissions Committee, English Department
9/2013- 05/2021	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 19th-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
- 20230Present Book Manuscript Reviewer, Cambridge University Press
- 2023-Present Book Manuscript Reviewer, Stanford 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- Present Reviewer, Philosophy and Rhetoric (Journal), Penn. State University Press.
- 2014- Present Reviewer, Discourse (Journal), Wayne State University Press.
- 2013- Present 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-Present Reviewer, PMLA Journal, New York.

ADVISING/SUPERVISING

Ph.D.

- Natalie Amiama, Ph.D. (Chair, In Progress)
- Audrey Peterson-McCann Ph.D. (Chair, In Progress)
- Anastasios Karnazes Ph.D. (Chair, In Progress)
- Brandon Tankersley Ph.D. (Chair, In Progress)

- 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, In Progress)
- 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)
- Hermanda Booker, M.A. (Women's Studies, Member, In Progress)
- 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

- 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)