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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. 1991 University of Virginia

Dissertation: "Pedagogical Plots: On the Beginnings of the Novel of Education
in Early Eighteenth-Century Britain."
Director: Ralph Cohen

M.A. 1980 Miami University (Ohio)

B.S. & B.A. 1978 Oral Roberts University, summa cum laude

EMPLOYMENT:

2003- Associate Professor, University at Albany, SUNY

1997-2003 Associate Professor, University of Oklahoma

1991-97 Assistant Professor, University of Oklahoma

1989-91 Acting Assistant Professor, University of Oklahoma.

1980-88 Graduate Instructor, University of Virginia.

1985-86 Section Coordinator for English Majors Survey of British Literature, University of
Virginia; section instructor, 1983-86.

1987-88 Chief Editorial Assistant, *New Literary History*;
Editorial Assistant: 1981-87.

1978-80 Graduate Instructor, Miami University (Ohio).

1979-80 Editorial Assistant, *Society for Critical Exchange Reports* (Miami University).

AWARDS AND GRANTS:

Outstanding Contribution to Graduate Studies Award, English Graduate Student Organization, Department of English, University at Albany, 2013.

National Endowment for the Humanities Long-Term Fellowship, Huntington Library, 2009-10.

Charles Donald O'Malley Short-Term Research Fellowship, David Geffen School of Medicine and History and Special Collections for the Sciences, Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library, University of California, Los Angeles, January 2009.

University at Albany, College of Arts and Sciences Conference Travel Grant, April 2008.

University at Albany, Faculty Research Assistance Program Grant, April 2008.

University at Albany, College of Arts and Sciences Conference Travel Grant, November 2006.

Visiting Scholar, Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, University College London, September-October, 2006.

United University Professors Independent Development Grant, April 2006.

University at Albany, Faculty Research Assistance Program Grant, May 2005.

University at Albany, College of Arts and Sciences Conference Travel Grant, November 2004.

University at Albany, College of Arts and Sciences Conference Travel Grant, December 2003.

Huntington Library / South Central Modern Languages Association Fellowship, July-August 2002.

University of Oklahoma, Graduate College Research Grant, September 2001.

University of Oklahoma, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Enrichment Grant, April 2001.

University of Oklahoma, Educational Technology Grant, December 2000.

University of Oklahoma, Graduate College Research Grant, September 2000.

Audrey and William Helfand Fellowship, The New York Academy of Medicine, July 2000.

University of Oklahoma Research Council Travel Grant, May 2000.

Newberry Library Short-Term Fellowship, May 1999.

William Andrews Clark Library / American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Fellowship,

March-April 1999.

Research Fellow, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, University of California, Santa Barbara,
September 1998-March 1999.

University of Oklahoma Research Council Grant, 1998.

University of Oklahoma, College of Arts and Sciences Enrichment Grant, 1998.

Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities Grant, 1997.

University of Oklahoma Research Council Grant, 1997.

University of Oklahoma Travel Grant, Summer 1997.

Huntington Library / South Central Modern Languages Association Fellowship, July-August 1996.

University of Oklahoma Junior Faculty Enrichment Grant, 1996.

University of Oklahoma Research Council Grant, 1995.

University of Oklahoma Summer Research Fellowship, 1994.

University of Oklahoma Research Council Grant, 1994.

William Andrews Clark Library/American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Fellowship,
July-August 1993.

Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities Summer Grant, 1993.

University of Oklahoma Research Council Grant, Summer 1992.

University of Oklahoma Research Travel Grant, Summer 1992.

University of Oklahoma Summer Research Fellowship, 1991.

University of Oklahoma Research Travel Grant, 1991.

University of Oklahoma Computer Enhancement Grant, 1990.

Francis I. Dupont Fellowship, University of Virginia, 1986-87.

Distinction honors in passing Ph.D. exams, 1985.

Fellowship to attend the School of Criticism and Theory, Northwestern University, 1982.

Graduate Student Achievement Award, Miami University (Ohio), 1979.

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOK:

Plots of Enlightenment: Education and the Novel in Eighteenth-Century England. Stanford: Stanford University Press, September 1999. 402 pp.

[Reviewed in *Novel* 33 (1999): 122-24; *Albion* 32 (2000): 654-56; *Philosophy and Literature* 24 (2000): 490-93; *Studies in English Literature* 40 (2000): 585-86; *South Atlantic Review* 65 (2000): 174-77; *TLS* (22 Dec. 2000): 24; *History of Education Quarterly* 41 (2001): 274-76; *18th-Century Fiction* 13 (2001): 593-95; *History of Education* 30.2 (2001): 202-3; *18th-Century Studies* 35 (2002): 137-39; *British Journal for 18th-Century Studies* 25 (2002): 271-72; *The Age of Johnson* 13 (2002): 610-13.]

EDITED VOLUMES:

Systems of Life: Biopolitics, Economics, and Literature on the Cusp of Modernity. New York: Fordham University Press, 2019. A co-edited volume of essays with Warren Montag on the role economics played in the historical emergence of biopolitics. Part of the series “Forms of Living,” edited by Stefanos Geroulanos and Todd Meyer.

Rhetorics of Plague: Early and Late. A special issue of the *Journal for Early Modern Cultural Studies* 10.2 (Winter 2010-11). Co-edited with Helene Scheck. A collection of essays exploring transformations in the representation of plague in Islamic, Christian, biopolitical, colonial, theatrical, and cinematic contexts from the 15th to the 21st century. Nominated for the Council of Editors of Learned Journal’s 2011 “Best Special Issue” award.

David Lynch: Interviews, for the Conversations with Filmmakers series. General Ed. Peter Brunette. Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi, October 2009. A tradebook series on directors such as Martin Scorsese, Jane Campion, George Lucas, John Sayles, and Quentin Tarantino. The volume includes an introduction, a filmography, and two of my own comprehensive interviews with the director.

Translated in Italian as *Perdersi È Meraviglioso: Interviste sul Cinema*. Trans. Francesco Graziosi. Rome: Minimum Fax, 2012. Translation into Mandarin in progress.

The interview titled “*Inland Empire*, Transcendental Meditation, and the ‘Swim’ of Ideas” was excerpted as “Worlds within Worlds within Worlds” in the DVD release of the film by The Criterion Collection in March 2023.

[Reviewed in *The Onion A.V. Club*, 15 Oct. 2009 (an online venue: <http://www.avclub.com/articles/david-lynch-interviews,34110/>); *Director's Guild of America Quarterly* 5.4 (Winter 2010): 72; *Metroland* 33.6 (Feb. 2010)]

Oliver Goldsmith's *She Stoops to Conquer*, for *The Broadview Anthology of Restoration and Early Eighteenth-Century Drama*. General Ed. Douglas Canfield. Orchard Park, N.Y.: Broadview Press, May 2001. Reprinted in the *Anthology's* Concise Edition, April 2003 and in *The Broadview Anthology of Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Comedy*. General Ed. Brian Corman, February 2013.

The Culture of Filth. A special issue of *Genre* 27.4 (Winter 1994). Co-edited with Grant Holly. [Issued Spring 1996]

Education, Identity, and Constructions of the Novel. A special issue of *Genre* 26.4 (Winter 1993). [Issued Winter 1995]

ARTICLES:

"Coetzee, Biopolitics, and the Archive of Impersonality" in *Coetzee and the Archive*. Ed. Kai Easton, Marc Farrant, and Hermann Wittenberg (London: Bloomsbury Press, 2021), 179-95.

"Vitalism's Revolution: John Thelwall, Life, and Radical Politics." *Systems of Life: Biopolitics, Economics, and Literature on the Cusp of Modernity*. Ed. Richard Barney and Warren Montag. (New York: Fordham University Press, 2019), 114-34.

"On (Not) Giving Up: Animals, Biopolitics, and the Impersonal in J. M. Coetzee's *Disgrace*," for "J.M. Coetzee: Fictions of the Real," a special issue edited by Anthony Uhlmann for *Textual Practice* 30.3 (2016): 509-30.

"Burke, Biomedicine, and Biobelligerence" for "Sensational Subjects," a special issue edited by Manushag N. Powell and Rivka Swenson for *The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation* 54.2 (Summer 2013): 231-43.

"The Splenetic Sublime: Anne Finch, Melancholic Physiology, and Post/Modernity" in *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture*, vol. 39, ed. Downing Thomas and Lisa Cody (Baltimore: University of Johns Hopkins Press, 2010), 1-34.

"Between Swift and Kafka: Animals and the Politics of J. M. Coetzee's Elusive Fiction." *World Literature Today* 78.1 (January-April 2004): 17-23.

"Re-veiling Paradigms: Education, Psychoanalysis, and the Disciplining of Eighteenth-Century Culture." *The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation*. 37.2 (Summer 1996): 174-83.

- “Filthy Thoughts, Or, Cultural Criticism and the Ordure of Things.” *Genre* 27.4 (Winter 1994): 275-94. [Issued Spring 1996]
- “Subjectivity, the Novel, and the *Bildung* Blocks of Critical Theory.” *Genre* 26.4 (Winter 1993): 1-17. [Issued Winter 1995]
- “Paul de Man and the Legacy of Suspicion.” *Literary Theory’s Future(s)* Ed. Joseph Natoli. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1989. 82-115.
- “Uncanny Criticism in the United States.” *Tracing Literary Theory*. Ed. Joseph Natoli. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1987. 103-35.
- “On Conventions: A Review of the Conference on Theories of Reading.” *Society for Critical Exchange Reports* 11 (Spring 1982): 99-110.
- “Analyzing ‘Araby’ as Story and Discourse: A Summary of the MURGE Project.” *James Joyce Quarterly* 18 (Spring 1981): 237-54.
- “Deconstructive Criticism: A Selected Bibliography.” *Society for Critical Exchange Reports* 8 (Fall 1980): supplement, 54 pp.
- “Beyond Interpretation: An Annotated Checklist.” *Society for Critical Exchange Reports* 6 (Fall 1979): supplement, 25 pp.

PHOTOGRAPHIC, FILM, AND VIDEO PROJECTS:

- “Roads of France 2.” A reedited sequence of photographs and video from the film project in progress of the same title, *Roads of France*, a collaboration with Kai Easton and J. M. Coetzee. Dates for an installation at the Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas, Austin, are under discussion.
- “Roads of France 1.” A multimedia exhibition of 21 photographs and 3 video segments drawn from the film project in progress of the same title, *Roads of France*, a collaboration with Kai Easton and J. M. Coetzee. The Amazwi South African Museum of Literature, Makhanda (Grahamstown), South Africa, February 2020-September 2023. Scheduled to move to the Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.
- “The Ascent at Mireval,” photograph in *The Book of Friends: In Honour of J. M. Coetzee’s 80th Birthday*. Ed. Dorothy Driver. (Melbourne: Text Publishing Co., 2020), n.p. A still taken from the film project *Roads of France*.

REVIEWS:

Quare Joyce. Edited by Joseph Valente (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1998), in *Modern Fiction Studies* 46.4 (Winter 2000): 1031-33.

Making the English Canon: Print-Capitalism and the Cultural Past, 1700-1770, by Jonathan Brody Kramnick (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998), in *Genre* 32.4 (Winter 1999).

The Critical Difference: Essays in the Contemporary Rhetoric of Reading, by Barbara Johnson (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1980), in *Genre* 14.3 (Fall 1981): 413-15.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Sublimations: Aesthetics, Medicine, and Politics in Eighteenth-Century Britain. A book-length study of the philosophical, literary, and political contexts in which eighteenth-century views on physiology both undergird and transformed the articulation of sublime experience.

TEACHING INTERESTS:

Eighteenth-century British literature and philosophy; gender and sexuality in early modern Britain; history of the novel; history of the sublime; history of medicine and literature; critical theory and cultural studies; American film since the 1930s (crime film, film noir, neo-noir, and horror)

Courses at University at Albany:

- ENG 205Z Introduction to Writing in English Studies (undergraduate level)
- ENG 210 Introduction to English Studies (undergraduate level)
- ENG 243 The Cinema of Monstrosity (Honors College Course)
- ENG 243 The Cinema of Disaster (Honors College Course)
- ENG 310 Reading and Interpreting in English Studies (undergraduate level)
- ENG 333 Altered States in Eighteenth-Century Britain (undergraduate level)
- ENG 355 David Lynch and His Others (undergraduate level)
- ENG 359 Gothic Fictions (undergraduate level)
- ENG 359 The Fiction of Disaster (undergraduate level)
- ENG 399Z Honors Seminar: Fictions of Contagion (undergraduate level)
- ENG 410 Biopolitics in Theory and Practice (undergraduate level)
- ENG 411 Britain's Literary Culture of Ecstasy (undergraduate level)
- ENG 425 Restoration and Eighteenth-Century British Literature (undergraduate level)
- ENG 485 Biology, Culture, and Terror, 1688-2006 (undergraduate level)
- ENG 498 Honors Thesis Seminar I (undergraduate level)
- ENG 499 Honors Thesis Seminar II (undergraduate level)
- ENG 500 Textual Practices (graduate level)
- ENG 580 Bio-Cultures of the Enlightenment (graduate level)
- ENG 580 Fictions of Contagion (graduate level)
- ENG 641 The Vitalist Turn, Early and Late (graduate level)

- ENG 642 Fictions of the Colony and After (graduate level)
- ENG 685 Enlightenment, Post/Modernity, and the Sublime (graduate level)
- ENG 700 Introduction to English Studies (graduate level)
- ENG 710 Textual Studies I (graduate level)
- ENG 720 Biopolitics and Mediation, Early and Late (graduate level)
- ENG 775 Special Topics: Sublime Discourses (graduate level)

Honors College courses taught include:

University at Albany:

- The Cinema of Monstrosity (ENG 243)
- The Cinema of Disaster (ENG 243)

University of Oklahoma:

- The Detective, the City, and *Film Noir* in Postwar America (course in the Oklahoma Scholarship-Leadership Enrichment Program [OSLEP], team-taught with Alan Trachtenberg, Yale University)
- Flickering Myths: American Film Genres and the Production of Identity

Graduate Courses taught at University of Oklahoma include:

- Sublime Discourses in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Britain
- Glimpsing the Sublime: Histories, Theories, and Practices of Sublimity
- History of Criticism, 1800 to the Present
- Pedagogical Emplotments: Education, Culture, and the Novel in Enlightenment England
- The Eighteenth-Century British Novel
- Missed/Taken Identities: Gender, Sexuality, and Contemporary Narrative Fiction

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

NATIONAL:

Member, Society for the Study of Bio-Political Futures, part of the Humanities Corridor for Central New York, 2013-18.

Member, Review Committee for National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowships, 2013-14.

Co-organizer, "Systems of Life: Economies, Politics, and the Biological Sciences, 1750-1850," a conference at the Huntington Library, November 2012.

Referee for the Klemperer and Helfand Fellowship Selection Committees, The New York Academy of Medicine, 2001- .

Member, Executive Committee for Division of Literary Criticism, Modern Language Association, 1999-2001.

Delegate, Assembly of the Modern Language Association, 1999-2001.

Advisory Editor, *Genre: Forms of Discourse and Culture*, 1997- ; member of the Editorial Collective, 1991-97; reader, 1991- .

Reader, *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture*, annual publication of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, 1995-97.

Advisory Board Member, *Journal for Early Modern Cultural Studies*, journal for the Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, 1995- .

Steering Committee, Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, 1993-99.

Co-founder, Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, 1992.

South Atlantic Representative to the Assembly of the Modern Language Association, 1984-86.

Reader:

Bucknell University Press; *College Literature*; *Configurations*; *Criticism*; *Eighteenth-Century Fiction*; *Eighteenth-Century Studies*; *The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation*; *Genre*; *Journal for Early Modern Cultural Studies*; MLA Publications; Oxford University Press; *Papers on Language and Literature*; *Research in African Literatures*; Routledge; *Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture*; *Studies in the Novel*; *Textual Practice*; University of Virginia Press

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY:

Member, Undergraduate Advisory Committee, 2019- .

Member, Undergraduate Awards Committee, 2019- .

Sigma Tau Delta Advisory Committee, 2019-21.

Member, Development Committee, 2019-21.

Director, Honors Program, 2019- .

Tenure and Promotion Committee (Roberts), 2019-20.

Co-organizer, "Rethinking Sovereignty," a multidisciplinary conference at University at Albany, April 2015.

Member, Professionalization Committee, 2014-15.

Member, Research and Grants Committee, 2013-16.

Chair, Events and Speakers Committee, 2010-23.

Co-organizer, "Affinities: Aesthetics, Ethics, Politics," a multidisciplinary symposium at University at Albany, April 2014.

Co-organizer, "The Politics and Poetics of Affect: The Enlightenment and Its Aftermath," a multidisciplinary symposium at University at Albany, November 2013.

Chair, Promotion Committee, 2010-12.

Co-organizer, "Rhetorics of Plague: Early / Modern Trajectories of Biohazard," a multidisciplinary conference at University at Albany, February 2009.

Director of Graduate Studies, 2003-08.

Chair, Graduate Program Self-Study Committee, 2007-08.

Member, Early 19th-Century British Studies Search Committee, 2007-08.

Chair, Search Committee for 16th-17th-Century British Studies appointment, 2005-06.

Member, Graduate Professionalization Committee, 2003-08.

Chair Advisory Committee, 2003-05.

Summer Chair, June 2005.

Member, Ad Hoc Hiring Planning Committee, 2005.

Member, Department Chair Search Committee, 2004-05.

Member, Ad Hoc Pedagogy and Mentoring Committee, 2004-05.

Chair, Search Committee for 18th- & 19th-Century Transatlantic Studies appointment, 2003-04.

INSTITUTIONAL, UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY:

Event Director, "A Literary Homecoming," a series of a lecture, panel discussion, and public reading for the two-day campus visit by J. M. Coetzee and Paul Auster, who coauthored *Here and Now* (Viking Press, 2013), October 2012.

College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing, 2008-09.

CAS Diversity Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2006-09.

Film Studies Advisory Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2003-05.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA:

Director of Graduate Studies, 2002-03.

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Classroom Technology; awarded a \$17,000 grant from the Arts & Sciences Information Technology Committee for English classroom media upgrades, October 2002.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2000-02.

Policy Committee, 2000-03.

Graduate Job Market Advisory Committee, 1999-2003.

Film Studies Coordinator, 1999-2000.

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Evaluation and Review, 1997-98.

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Program Recruitment, 1997-98.

American Studies Search Committee, 1997-98.

African American Studies Search Committee, 1996-97.

Native American Studies Search Committee, 1996-97.

Chair, Public Relations Committee, 1995-98.

Colloquium/Contemporary Authors Committee, 1993-95.

Library Committee, 1993-95.

Ad Hoc Committee on Mid-Term Tenure Track Review, 1992-93.

First-Year Composition Committee, 1989-93.

Consultant and coordinator for Undergraduate Committee's cultural studies curriculum revision, 1989-91.

INSTITUTIONAL, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA:

School of Education Certification Evaluation Committee, 2001-02.

Advisory Committee, Oklahoma Scholarship-Leadership Enrichment Program (OSLEP), 1999-2003.

Faculty Member, Film and Video Studies Program, 1994-2003.

Film and Video Studies User Fee and Resource Committee, 1999-2001.

Chair, Film and Video Studies Membership Committee, 1999-2003.

Site Director & Co-organizer, "Early Modern Culture 1492-1848," conference for the Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, October 8-10, 1993.

Co-organizer for symposium, "The Subject of History: Writing History After Foucault," April 1991.

Co-organizer for conference, "Crossing the Disciplines: Cultural Studies in the 1990s," October 1990.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA:

Committee for Eighteenth-Century Literature, 1984-86.

Committee on Teaching Evaluation for Tenure, 1984.

INVITED LECTURES, TALKS, and INTERVIEWS:

"Posthumanism and the Uncanny Camera in David Lynch's Films," University at Albany, April 2023.

"The Wonderfully Weird World of David Lynch," University at Albany, April 2023.

"'Queen of the World': The Biopolitics of Plague and Immunity in Shelley's *The Last Man*," University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (via Zoom), February 2022.

- “Devamping the Vampire: An Interview with Faye Jackson about *Strigoï*” (with Rae Muhlstock), at the “Vampires!” Film Festival, University at Albany, October 2021.
- “Porous Monsters: George Romero’s *Night of the Living Dead*,” at the “It’s Alive: Monsters at the Movies” film festival, University at Albany (via Zoom), March 2020.
- “Figure in the Landscape: Coetzee, Mireval, and the *Book of Friends*,” at a symposium for “Scenes of the South,” an exhibition at the Amazwi South African Museum of Literature, Makhanda (Grahamstown), South Africa, February 2020.
- “On Aliment and the Nation: Rohmer’s *Bakery Woman of Monceau* and Arau’s *Like Water for Chocolate*,” the “Food on Film” Festival, co-sponsored by the University at Albany and The Linda Theater, Albany, November 2019.
- “Coetzee, Biopolitics, and the 18th-Century Archive of Impersonality,” for conference “Coetzee and the Archive,” School of Advanced Study, University of London, October 2017.
- “Edmund Burke and Revolutionary Contagion,” University of Sussex, Brighton, England, October 2017.
- “David Lynch, Posthuman Cinema, and the Volitional Camera.” University of New South Wales, Sydney, November 2014.
- “Coetzee’s Animals, Biopolitics, and the Impersonal Imperative.” For international colloquium “Traverses: J.M. Coetzee in the World,” University of South Australia, Adelaide, November 2014.
- “Bio-Aesthetico-Politics.” For conference “Life In-Between-Outside: Discipline and Control,” Humanities Center, Syracuse University, April 2013.
- “Strange Work: David Lynch and Posthuman Cinema.” Honors College, University at Albany, November 2012.
- “Linné, Foucault, and the Strains of Anthropology.” For the conference “Systems of Life: Economies, Politics, and the Biological Sciences, 1750-1850,” Huntington Library, November 2012.
- “Revolutionary Eyes: Edmund Burke and the Physiology of Conservatism.” Faculty Seminar in Eighteenth-Century European Culture. Columbia University, March 2012.
- “Revolution’s Life.” For the conference “Science, Mind, and Language.” Cornell University, February 2012.
- “Edmund Burke and the Conundrum of Revolutionary Immunity.” University of California, Berkeley. Berkeley, CA, April 2010.

- “Convulsive Politics: Burke, Physiology, and the French Revolution.” Huntington Library, December 2009.
- “The Plague of Spleen, or, the Biopolitics of Melancholic Life,” plenary lecture, “Rhetorics of Plague: Early / Modern Trajectories of Biohazard,” University at Albany colloquium, February 2009.
- “Uncanny Images of the Schwarzeneggerian Kind: Bodies, Texts, and Politics,” Conference on “Constructing the Body / Constructing the Text,” University at Albany, April 2008.
- “The Strange Eyes of Edmund Burke: Anatomy, Sublimity, Subjectivity,” Consortium for Culture and Medicine, Syracuse University, November 2006.
- “Sublime Animations: Anamorphism and Anne Finch’s Verse,” Conference on “Vital Matters: Border of the Animate,” Center for 17th- and 18th-Century Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, May 2006.
- “*Robinson Crusoe*, Colonialism, and Native Literacy in New Zealand,” University of Sofia, Bulgaria, April 2006.
- “David Lynch, Neo-Gothicism, and the Advent of the Volitional Camera,” University of Sofia, Bulgaria, April 2006.
- “Sublime Anatomy and Edmund Burke,” Tufts University, Boston, February 2006.
- “Gothicism, Neo-Gothicism, and the Techno-Subjectivity in the Films of David Lynch.” Plenary lecture, Conference for the Center for the Humanities and Techno-Sciences, University at Albany, April 2005.
- “Nature, Media, and the Gothic Sublime.” Lecture for the Friends of the University Libraries series. University at Albany, February 2005.
- “Cultural Studies, the British Enlightenment, and the ‘Modern Thing.’” Lecture for the Forum on the New Humanities. University at Albany, April 2004.
- “J.M. Coetzee and the Logic of the Triad.” Plenary lecture for the Puterbaugh Festival of International Literature and Culture, University of Oklahoma, April 2003.
- “Edmund Burke and the Enigma of Sublime Vision.” Florida State University, January 2003.
- “The Body is Not Enough: Edmund Burke, Early Modern Physiology, and Sublime Poetics.” University at Albany, December 2002.

- “Strange Eyes: Early Modern Science, Perception, and Sublime Bodies.” Plenary lecture at a joint conference sponsored by Carnegie Mellon and West Virginia Universities, Pittsburgh, March 2001.
- “The Eye’s Logic and the Recursive Sublime.” Conference at the William Andrews Clark Library: “Ritual, Routine, and Regime: Institutions of Repetition in Euro-American Cultures, 1650-1832,” Los Angeles, March 2001.
- “Boy Trouble: Post-Tarantino Masculinity in American Film.” University of Oklahoma, March 2001.
- “Eyeing the Divine: Ophthalmology, Sublimity, and the English Enlightenment.” The New York Academy of Medicine, July 2000.
- “Inverse Bodies: Physiology, Scatology, and the Sublime Theory of John Dennis and Edmund Burke.” The Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago, May 1999.
- “Body Problems: Enlightenment Physiology and Edmund Burke’s Repulsive Theory of the Sublime.” Newberry Library, May 1999.
- “‘Would You Hold Me?’ The Violent Embrace of Masculinity in American Film and Television.” University of California, Santa Barbara, March 1999.
- “Queer Quandaries for Quentin, Or, Time and the Masculine Sublime in *Pulp Fiction*.” Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, University of California, Santa Barbara, January 1999.
- “Mess and Masculinity in American Popular Culture.” University of California, Santa Barbara, July 1998.
- “Not Quite Themselves: Men and Masculinity in the Films of Quentin Tarantino.” University of Texas, Arlington, April 1998.
- “*Robinson Crusoe* and the Quandaries of Colonial Improvisation.” University of Denver, February 1998.
- “Reading and Interpreting Eighteenth-Century Poetry.” Borders Bookstore, Norman, OK, March 1997.

PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS:

- “Joseph Addison and the Nervous Sublime,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, Denver, March 2019.
- “18th-Century Voyage Lessons, or, An Itinerary of the Impersonal in Coetzee’s Fiction,” for

conference “Travelling with Coetzee,” Oxford University, September 2017.

“Mary Wollstonecraft and the Political Aesthetics of Vitalism,” for Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts conference “Creativity,” Atlanta, November 2016.

“‘Sovereign of the Waste’: Wollstonecraft, Bio-Aesthetics, and Post-Revolutionary Politics,” The Northeast Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, October 2016.

“Thoughts on Bio-Aesthetics,” Biopolitics Symposium, Humanities Center, Syracuse University, March 2016.

“On Not Giving Up: Animals, Biopolitics and the Impersonal in Coetzee’s Fiction,” for Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts conference “After Biopolitics,” Rice University, November 2015.

“Bio-Economic-Politics, or, the Logic of Revolutionary Sovereignty,” for conference “Rethinking Sovereignty,” University at Albany, April 2015.

“Disorderly Bodies, Bio-Economics, and Political Consequences,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, Los Angeles, March 2015.

“Systems of Life: Vitalism, John Thelwall, and Jacobin Politics in the 1790s,” for conference “The Study of Eighteenth-Century Culture: Past, Present, and Future,” Columbia University, April 2014.

“Vitalism’s Revolution: John Thelwall, Life, and Radical Politics,” Modern Language Association Convention, Chicago, January 2014.

“Quasi-Nonsecularism, or, the 18th-Century Sublime,” Modern Language Association Convention, Chicago, January 2014.

“Burke, Biology, and Biobelligerence,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, Vancouver, Canada, March 2011.

“Convulsive Biopolitics: Lally-Tollendal, Burke, and the Physiology of Anti-Revolution.” Modern Language Association Convention, Los Angeles, January 2011.

“The Sublime Aesthetic of Mobility,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, Albuquerque, March 2010.

“The Biopolitics of Early Modern Mediation,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, Albuquerque, March 2010.

- “Channeling David Lynch.”
Vroman’s Bookstore, Pasadena, CA, April 2010;
Book Soup Bookstore. Los Angeles, January 2010.
- “Edmund Burke, Physiology, and the Science of Anti-Revolution,” Conference for the Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, Dallas, October 2009.
- “Plague and the Pop Culture of Bioterrorism,” presentation at “Rhetorics of Plague: Early / Modern Trajectories of Biohazard,” University at Albany colloquium, February 2009.
- “Spleen’s Strange Empire, or, the Politics of Early Modern Melancholy,” Modern Language Association Convention, San Francisco, December 2008.
- “Exquisite Nerves, Frogs, and the Physiological Dilemma of Sensibility,” Conference for the Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, Philadelphia, November 2008.
- “Subjects Without Subjectivity: Eighteenth-Century Medical Discourse and the Problem of Sovereignty,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, Atlanta, March 2008.
- “Splenic Physiology and the Sublime Imagination,” and “The Strange ‘Things’ of Early Modern Medicine,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, Atlanta, March 2007.
- “What ‘Culture’ Can and Can’t Do for You,” and “A Postcard Snapshot of *The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation*,” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, Chicago, February 2007.
- “Medical Science, Melancholy, and the Objects of Sublime Poetry,” Modern Language Association Convention, Philadelphia, December 2006.
- “English Spleen, or, Early Modernity with a Vengeance,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Convention, Montreal, Canada, March 2006.
- “Real Politics: Žižek, ‘Spilt Royalism,’ and Early Modern Poetry of the Sublime.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Convention, Las Vegas, March 2005.
- “The Royal Pain of Democracy: Žižek and the Anamorphic Politics of Early Modern Sublime Poetry.” Conference on “Psychoanalysis and Democracy” for the Association for the Psychoanalysis of Culture and Society, Columbia University, October 2004.
- “Film Theory and Early Modern British Culture.” Convention for the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, August 2004.

- “Things, Spleens, and the Sublime Subject of Anne Finch’s Verse.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Convention, Boston, April 2004.
- “Kings, Things, and the Pastoral Urbanity of Anne Finch’s Poetry.” Modern Language Association Convention, San Diego, December 2003.
- “The Maieutic Sublime: James Thomson and the Poetics of Male (Re)Production.” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, Newport Beach, CA, October 2003.
- “The Borders and Boundaries of Early Modern Fiction.” International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Convention, Los Angeles, August 2003.
- “Looking Back: Anne Finch, Sublime Identity, and the Transformation of Landscape.” International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Convention, Los Angeles, August 2003.
- “Anne Finch, Sublime Objects, and the Anamorphosis of Memory.” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Convention, Tampa, November 2002.
- “Getting Real: The Early Modern Sublimity of Psychoanalytic Theory.” Modern Language Association Convention, New Orleans, December 2001.
- “Tearoom Trading and the Sodomitical Sublime.” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, Philadelphia, November 2001.
- “Twin Freaks: David Lynch and the Problem of American Television.” University of Oklahoma, November 2001.
- “The (Di)Visible Eye.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Convention, New Orleans, April 2001.
- “The Real Thing: Psychoanalysis and Perversity in Tarantino’s Films.” University of Oklahoma, March 2001.
- “Intestinal Anatomy and Alexander Pope’s Visceral Sublime.” Modern Language Association Convention, Washington, D.C., December 2000.
- “The Conundrum of the Eye/I.” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, New Orleans, November 2000.
- “Sublime Visions of the Odious.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Convention, Philadelphia, April 2000.
- “The Anal Eye of Ecstasy: Scatology, Fantastical Bodies, and Sublime Theory in Enlightenment England.” Modern Language Association Convention, Chicago, December 1999.

- “Practicing Perversity: Theories of Habituation and Proto-Modern Sexualities.” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, Coral Gables, FL, October 1999.
- “How Modern Is It? On Enacting the Historiography of Eighteenth-Century Studies.” Modern Language Association Convention, San Francisco, December 1998.
- “Outed from the Outhouse, or, Graffiti, Scatology, and the Queering of Privacy in Early Modern London.” Modern Language Association Convention, San Francisco, December 1998.
- “Musings on the Scatological Sublime.” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, Newport, RI, November 1998.
- “Early/Modern Thresholds: Rot, Empiricism, and the Scatological Sublime.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Convention, University of Notre Dame, April 1998.
- “Things to Do with Bourdieu: Improvising Early Modern Identity.” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, Chapel Hill, December 1997.
- “Hybrid Rhetoric: Republicanism and Education in Eighteenth-Century English Nationalism.” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, Chapel Hill, December 1997.
- “Romancing the Home: Improvised Femininity and Dysfunctional Feminism in Charlotte Lennox's *The Female Quixote*.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Convention, Nashville, April 1997.
- “Plotting the Enlightenment: Education and Improvisation in Early Eighteenth-Century Fiction.” Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference. University of California, Berkeley, February 1997.
- “Whither the Novel? Reflections on Recent Criticism of Early Modern Fiction.” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, Pittsburgh, September 1996.
- “The Privy in Parliament, Or, Graffiti, Scatology, and the Idea of Public Privacy in Early Modern England.” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, Dallas, October 1995.
- “The Umpire Writes Back: How to Evaluate Student Essays.” Presentation and seminar at the University of Oklahoma for English graduate instructors, October 1995.
- “‘You Teachee Them Good’: Pedagogy and Power in *Robinson Crusoe*.” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, Rochester, NY, November 1994.
- “Cultural Studies and the University Curriculum in the United States.” University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, August 1994.

- “*Robinson Crusoe*, Education, and the Aims of Pedagogical Colonialism in New Zealand.” National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand, August 1994.
- “Getting It Straight: New Prospects for Sexuality Studies in Early Modern Culture.” Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, University of Oklahoma, October 1993.
- “Mixing It Up: The City of Bath, Social Circulation, and the Urban Sublime.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Convention, Providence, RI, April 1993.
- “Pedagogical Protocols and Identity in English Conduct Literature.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Convention, Seattle, March 1992.
- “Interdisciplinarity, the New Historicism, and the Newer Eighteenth Century.” Modern Language Association Convention, San Francisco, December 1991.
- “John Locke, Educational Ideology, and the Metaphorics of History.” Paper presented at University of Oklahoma symposium, “The Subject of History: Writing History After Foucault,” April 1991.
- “Liminality, Interdisciplinary Quandaries, and 18th-Century Studies.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Convention, University of Pittsburgh, March 1991.
- “In Satirical Battle: Reflections on the ‘New’ Eighteenth Century.” Conference on “Crossing the Disciplines: Cultural Studies in the 1990s,” University of Oklahoma, October 1990.
- “What’s Caught in the Throat: Cultural Studies and/as Institutional Discipline.” Presentation at University of Oklahoma Summer Colloquium, June 1990.
- “Getting a Rise Out of the English Novel: John Locke and Pedagogical Emplotment.” Conference of the Northwest Division of American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, University of Washington, October 1989.
- “John Locke, Education, and the Thickening of Plot.” Conference on the “Materialities of Communication,” Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, March 1987.
- “On Going ‘Beyond Interpretation’: A Response.” Modern Language Association Convention, San Francisco, December 1979.

Organized Conference Panels

- Co-chair Warren Montag, “Systems of Life: Prospects, Proposals, Problems 1 & 2,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Convention, online event, April 2021.