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Academic Appointment

The Ohio State University.
Associate Professor of English, 2017-present.
Assistant Professor of English, 2010-2017.

Education

Yale University.
Ph.D. in English, 2010.
M.A., M.Phil. in English.

Kenyon College.
B.A. *magna cum laude* in History and English.

Books

New World Calculation: The Making of Numbers in Colonial America. Manuscript in progress.

Counting Bodies: Population in Colonial American Writing. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

“Data as Poetry in Cowper’s Statistical ‘Effusions.’” Under review.

“Witch Hunts and Census Conflicts: Becoming a Population in Colonial Massachusetts.” Special issue on “Origins of Biopolitics in the Americas.” Forthcoming in *American Quarterly* 71.3 (September 2019).

“Disgusting Affects from the Antinomian Controversy to the Antiabortion Movement.” Special issue on “Postexceptionalist Puritanism.” *American Literature* 90.4 (December 2018): 785-813.

“Beyond My Skil’: Mary Rowlandson’s Counting.” *Early American Literature* 47.1 (February 2012): 59-87.

“Dying Instruction: Puritan Pedagogy in *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*.” *American Literature* 82.2 (June 2010): 243-269.

Book chapter

“How to Read the Natural World.” *The Cambridge Companion to Early American Literature*. Edited by Bryce Traister. Forthcoming from Cambridge University Press.

Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries

Review of *New Perspectives on Malthus* edited by Robert J Mayhew. *Journal of Historical Geography* 58 (2017): 105-107.

Review of *The Right to Write: The Literary Politics of Anne Bradstreet and Phillis Wheatley* by Kathryn Seidler Engberg. *Women's Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 43.3 (April 2014): 393-398.

“African Literature.” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World, 1750 to the Present*, vol. 1. Ed. Peter N. Stearns. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008. 54-55.

“Postcolonialism.” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World, 1750 to the Present*, vol. 6. Ed. Peter N. Stearns. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008. 219-221.

Selected Fellowships and Awards

Summer Stipend Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2019.

Mayers Fellowship, The Huntington Library, Pasadena, CA, 2018.

Virginia Hull Research Award, Ohio State University College of Arts and Sciences, 2018.

American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society, 2012.

Invited Lectures

“Benjamin Franklin’s Guide to Arithmetic and Abortifacients,” Invited Lecture. To be given at Clark University Higgins School of Humanities “Roots of Everything” Lecture Series on “Bodies,” Worcester, MA, February 6, 2020.

“Colonial Mortality Bills and Postcolonial Necropolitics.” Invited Lecture. The University of Wisconsin Americanist Lecture Series. Madison, WI, October 19, 2016.

Selected Presentations

“Numerical Ontologies in the Arithmetic Primers of Bradford and Franklin.” To be given at the Modern Languages Association Annual Convention, Seattle, Washington, January 9-12, 2020.

Roundtable on Perspectives from the Archive: Reflections on Using Eighteenth-Century Materials in the Digital Age [American Antiquarian Society]. American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, March 21, 2019.

“Bills of Mortality and Cowper’s Statistical Effusions.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Meeting, Orlando, March 22, 2018.

Colloquy on *Counting Bodies: Population in Colonial American Writing*. Society of Early Americanists Special Topics Conference, St. Louis, March 1, 2018.

“New Ways of Looking at Hulu’s *The Handmaid’s Tale*.” Public Lecture given at Bexley Public Library, Bexley, Ohio, September 19, 2017.

“Bewitching the Commons in Early America.” The Society of Early Americanists Ninth Biennial Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 3, 2017.

“Visions of the Grotesque from the Antinomian Crisis to the Anti-Abortion Movement.” American Studies Association Main Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 17, 2016.

“Each Year the Numbers I Recount’: Cowper’s Bills of Mortality Poems in the Early U.S.” Rutgers Center for Cultural Analysis Nineteenth-Century Workshop on “Population,” New Brunswick, New Jersey, October 7, 2016.

“Colonial American Necropolitics.” Modern Languages Association Annual Convention. Austin, Texas, January 9, 2016.

“Jefferson, Malthus, and Problems of Population.” Modern Languages Association Annual Convention. Vancouver, British Columbia, January 8, 2015.

“Population Science from Thomas Hariot to Guaman Poma.” The Society of Early Americanists Special Topics Conference, “London and the Americas, 1492-1812.” London, England, July 17, 2014.

“Afterlife of the Bills of Mortality.” C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists Third Biennial Conference. Chapel Hill, North Carolina, March 15, 2014.

Selected Teaching

Graduate Courses

“Reading for Feeling.” Seminar in Critical Theory, Ohio State, Autumn 2019.

“Postcolonial Early American Studies.” Colonial and U.S. Literature to 1830. Ohio State, Spring 2017.

“Outbreak Narratives.” Special Topics in U.S. Literature before 1900. Ohio State, Autumn 2013 and Autumn 2015.

Undergraduate Courses

“Gender and Empire.” Special Topics in Women and Literature, Ohio State, Autumn 2020, Autumn 2014, and Winter 2012.

“Children’s Literatures of Greater London, 1671-Present.” Literary Locations London Study Abroad Course, Ohio State, May 2019.

“Early American Mythmaking and its Discontents.” Colonial and U.S. Literatures to 1865, Ohio State, Spring 2019.

“Ohio Poets.” Introduction to Poetry, Ohio State, Autumn 2015 and Spring 2016.

“Age of Imprisonment.” Special Topics in Nineteenth-Century U.S. Literature, Ohio State, Winter 2011, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016.