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EDUCATION

1981 Ph.D. Stanford University, English and American Literature
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2013-present Distinguished University Professor, University of Maryland
1997-present Professor of English, University of Maryland
1997-present Affiliate Faculty, American Studies, University of Maryland
1989-1997 Associate Professor of English, University of Maryland
1983-1989 Assistant Professor of English, University of Maryland
1982-1983 Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford University

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2009-2012 Director, Center for Literary and Comparative Studies, University of Maryland
2006 Acting Director of Graduate Studies, University of Maryland
1998-2004 Director of Graduate Studies, University of Maryland
1994-1998 Director, English Honors Program, University of Maryland
1983-1985 Coordinator of the Junior Composition Program, University of Maryland

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2024 National Endowment for the Humanities, Public Scholars Fellowship
2023 Mentorship Award, Graduate English Organization, University of Maryland
2021 *Washington Independent Review of Books*, Best Books of 2021, for *The Failed Promise*
2013-2014 John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship
2013-2014 Visiting Faculty Fellow, Hagler Institute for Advanced Study, Texas A&M
2013 Jay B. Hubbell Medal for Lifetime Achievement in American Literary Studies, American Literature Section, Modern Language Association
2012-2013 National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship for University Teachers
2007 Distinguished Scholar-Teacher, University of Maryland
2004 Semester Fellowship, Graduate Research Board, University of Maryland
1997 *Choice Magazine* Outstanding Book, for *Martin Delany, Frederick Douglass, and the Politics of Representative Identity*
1996 Faculty Service Award, Graduate English Organization, University of Maryland
1994 Research Grant, Committee on Africa and the Americas, University of Maryland

1992-1993	National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship for University Teachers
1990	Fellow of the Research Center for Arts and Humanities, University of Maryland
1989	Summer Research Award, General Research Board, University of Maryland
1985	Semester Fellowship, Division of Arts and Humanities, University of Maryland
1982	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University
1980	Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities
1975	Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Books

After Uncle Tom's Cabin: Harriet Beecher Stowe, Black America, and the Quest for Interracial Democracy (New York: W. W. Norton; under contract, submitted Dec. 2024).

The Failed Promise: Reconstruction, Frederick Douglass, and the Impeachment of Andrew Johnson (New York: W. W. Norton, 2021; audiobook from Penguin Random House Audio Publishing, 2021; paperback, W. W. Norton, forthcoming August 2022).
Reviewed in *Publisher's Weekly* (starred review), *Kirkus Reviews* (starred review); *Booklist* (starred review); *Library Journal* (starred review), *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Review of Books*, *New York Journal of Books*, *New York Times*, *Medium*, *Washington Post*, *Washington Independent Review of Books*, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *Daily Beast*, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, *Slavery & Abolition*, *Journal of American History*. Featured Selection of the History Book Club.

Race, Transnationalism, and Nineteenth-Century American Literary Studies (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018).

The Lives of Frederick Douglass (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2016). Reviewed in *New York Review of Books*, *PopMatters*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Library Journal*, *Choice*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *The Nation*, *Slavery & Abolition*, *American Literary History*, *Open Letters Monthly*, *Civil War Book Review*, *American Literature*, *Literary Matters*, *Australasian Journal of American Studies*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Biography*, *U.S. Studies Online*, *Journal of the Civil War Era*, *Journal of American Studies*, *Journal of American Ethnic History*, *Civil War History*, *Journal of African American History*.

Dislocating Race and Nation: Episodes in Nineteenth-Century American Literary Nationalism (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, cloth and paper, 2008).

Martin Delany, Frederick Douglass, and the Politics of Representative Identity (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, cloth and paper, 1997).

Conspiracy and Romance: Studies in Brockden Brown, Cooper, Hawthorne, and Melville (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, cloth, 1989; paper, 2008).

Edited Books

The New Nineteenth-Century American Literary Studies, coedited with Russ Castronovo (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming Feb. 2025).

Reimagining the Republic: Race, Citizenship, and Nation in the Literary Work of Albion Tourgée, coedited with Sandra Gustafson (New York: Fordham University Press, 2023).

The Norton Anthology of American Literature, Shorter, 10th edition, 2 volumes. General Editor and Editor of the 1820-1865 section (New York: W. W. Norton, 2023).

The Norton Anthology of American Literature, 10th edition, 5 volumes. General Editor; and Editor of Volume B, 1820-1865 (New York: W. W. Norton, 2022).

Nathaniel Hawthorne, *The House of the Seven Gables*, 2nd edition (New York: Norton Critical Edition, 2020). Revised and updated from the 2006 edition.

Herman Melville, *Pierre; or the Ambiguities*, coedited with Cindy Weinstein (New York: Norton Critical Edition, 2017).

The Norton Anthology of American Literature, 9th edition, 5 volumes. General Editor; and Editor of Volume B, 1820-1865 (New York: W. W. Norton, 2017).

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Frederick Douglass, *The Heroic Slave: A Cultural and Critical Edition*, coedited with John Stauffer and John R. McKivigan (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2015).

The New Cambridge Companion to Herman Melville (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014).

The Norton Anthology of American Literature, 8th edition, 5 volumes. Associate General Editor; Editor of Volume B, 1820-1865; and Co-editor (with Nina Baym) of Volume C, 1865-1814 (New York: W. W. Norton, 2012).

The Norton Anthology of American Literature, Shorter, 8th Edition, 2 volumes. Associate General Editor; and Editor of the 1820-1865 section (New York: W. W. Norton, 2012).

A Companion to American Literary Studies, co-edited with Caroline Levander (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).

The Works of James M. Whitfield: America and Other Writings by a Nineteenth-Century African American Poet, co-edited with Ivy G. Wilson (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2011).

William Wells Brown, *Clotel; or, The President's Daughter*, 2nd edition (Boston and New York: Bedford Cultural Edition, 2011). Revised and updated from the 2000 edition.

Nathaniel Hawthorne, *The Blithedale Romance* (Cambridge: The John Harvard Library, 2010).

Frederick Douglass and Herman Melville: Essays in Relation, co-edited with Samuel Otter (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2008).

Hemispheric American Studies, co-edited with Caroline Levander (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2008).

Herman Melville, *Israel Potter* (New York: Penguin Books, 2008).

The Norton Anthology of American Literature: Shorter 7th Edition. Editor of the 1820-1865 section (New York: W. W. Norton, 2008).

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Martin R. Delany: A Documentary Reader (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003).

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The Cambridge Companion to Herman Melville (Cambridge University Press, 1998).

Edited Journals

“New Approaches to *Israel Potter*.” Guest Editor. Special issue of *Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies* 20.3 (2018).

“Hemispheric American Literary History.” Co-edited with Caroline Levander. Special issue of *American Literary History* 18.3 (2006).

Chapters in Books

“Afterword.” *Frederick Douglass's "Lessons of the Hour" for His Time and Ours*, ed. John R. McKivigan and Julie Husband (Athens: University of Georgia Press, forthcoming 2025).

“Gothic Reconstruction: Hawthorne's *House* in Tourgée's *Toinette* and *A Royal Gentleman*.” *Reimagining the Republic: Race, Citizenship, and Nation in the Literary Work of Albion Tourgée*, ed. Sandra Gustafson and Levine (New York: Fordham University Press, 2023), 19-31.

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- “Autobiography.” *Frederick Douglass in Context*, ed. Michaël Roy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021), 83-95.
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- “The Black Man and the Brotherhood.” Frederick Douglass, *My Bondage and My Freedom*, ed. Nick Bromell and R. Blakeslee Gilpin (New York: Norton Critical Edition, 2020), 410-421. Reprinted from *The Lives of Frederick Douglass* (2016).
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- “Afterword.” *A Question of Time: American Literature from Colonial Encounter to Contemporary Fiction*, ed. Cindy Weinstein (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019), 312-324.
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- “Frederick Douglass, Violence, and Abraham Lincoln.” *A History of American Civil War Literature*, ed. Coleman Hutchison (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016), 242-256.
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- “Frederick Douglass’s Iconic ‘Little Book.’” *American Cultural Icons*, ed. Günter Leypoldt and Bernd Engler (Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann, 2010), 91-106.
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- “Identity in the Autobiographies.” *The Cambridge Companion to Frederick Douglass*, ed. Maurice S. Lee (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), 31-45.
- “Monuments and Careers: Teaching Martin Delany, William Wells Brown, and Their Contemporaries.” *Beyond Douglass*, ed. Michael J. Drexler and Ed White (Lewisburg: Bucknell University Press, 2008), 155-170.
- “Genealogical Fictions: Race in Hawthorne’s *The House of the Seven Gables* and Melville’s *Pierre*.” *Hawthorne and Melville: Writing a Relationship*, ed. Jana Argersinger and Leland S. Person (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2008), 227-248.
- “The Slave Narrative and the Revolutionary Tradition of American Autobiography.” *The Cambridge Companion to African American Slave Narratives*, ed. Audrey Fisch (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), 99-114.
- “Disturbing Boundaries: Temperance, Black Elevation, and Violence in Frank J. Webb’s *The Garies and Their Friends*.” *Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism*, ed. Russel Whitaker (Detroit: Gale Group, 2005), 341-55. Reprinted from *Prospects* (1994).
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- “Fifth of July: Nathaniel Paul and the Construction of Black Nationalism.” “*Genius in Bondage*”: *Literature of the Early Black Atlantic*, ed. Vincent Carretta and Philip Gould (Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 2001), 242-260.
- “Circulating the Nation: David Walker, the Missouri Compromise, and the Rise of the Black Press.” *The Black Press: Literary and Historical Essays on the “Other” Front Page*, ed. Todd Vogel (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2001), 17-36.
- “The Redemption of His Race: Creating Pan-African Community in Delany’s *Blake*.” *Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism*, ed. Juliet Byington (Detroit: Gale Group, 2001), 155-185. Reprinted from *Martin Delany, Frederick Douglass, and the Politics of Representative Identity* (1997).
- “‘Whiskey, Blacking, and All’: Temperance and Race in William Wells Brown’s *Clotel*.” *Temperance and American Literature*, ed. David Reynolds and Debra Rosenthal (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1997), 93-114.
- “‘Benito Cereno,’ Multiculturalism, and the Politics of Identity”. *Teaching What You’re Not: Identity Politics in Higher Education*, ed. Katherine J. Mayberry (New York: New York University Press, 1996), 241-258.
- “The African-American Presence in Stowe’s *Dred*.” *Criticism on the Color Line*, ed. Henry B. Wonham (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1996), 171-190.
- “Antebellum Reform and the Novel.” *The Columbia History of the American Novel*, ed. Cathy Davidson and Emory Elliott (New York: Columbia University Press, 1991), 130-154.

Essays in Refereed Journals

- “Authorial Intention and Textual Fluidity in Douglass’s Autobiographies,” *The New North Star: A Journal of African American Studies*, forthcoming.
- “Race, Politics, and Nation in Albion W. Tourgée’s American Historical Novels Series: The Example of *Hot Plowshares*,” *American Literary Realism* 55.1 (2022): 40-51.
- “Reconstructions: Frederick Douglass, Albion Tourgée, and *Plessy v. Ferguson*,” *The New North Star: A Journal of African American Studies* 4 (2022): 83-88.
- “All Roads Lead to *Pierre*.” Forum on Samuel Otter’s *Melville’s Anatomies*. *Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies* 24.1 (2022): 123-126.
- “‘That Grim Sphinx’: Literary Historicism and Tourgée’s *Toinette* Novels.” *American Literary History* 34.1 (2022): 224-236.
- “Isabel Wilkerson, Albion Tourgée, and the Problem of Caste in the United States.” *Literary Imagination* 23.2 (2021): 151-160.
- “The Recuperative Past in Siemerling’s *The Black Atlantic Reconsidered*.” (Forum on Winfried Siemerling’s *The Black Atlantic Reconsidered: Black Canadian Writing and the Presence of the Past*.) *Cambridge Journal of Postcolonial Literary Inquiry*, 8.1 (2021): 98-103.
- “What Is the White American? Race, Emigration, and Nation in Melville’s *Redburn*.” *J19: The Journal of Nineteenth-Century Americanists* 8.1 (2020): 97-122.
- “Toward a Synchronic Reading of Frederick Douglass.” *Black Perspectives* (African American Intellectual History Society), Web, April 2019.
- “Nina Baym: In Memorium.” *Nathaniel Hawthorne Review* 44.1-2 (2018): 129-131.
- “Larry J. Reynolds’s *European Revolutions and the American Literary Renaissance: Thirty Years Later*.” *South Central Review* 35.3 (2018): 3-11.
- “Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and the Art of Persuasion.” Special issue on Douglass the Rhetorician. *Howard Journal of Communication* 29.3 (2018): 258-267.
- “Frederick Douglass and the Meaning of Heroism.” *Humanities: The Magazine of the National Endowment for the Humanities*. Spring 2018: 24-27, 46.
- “Douglass the Autobiographer.” Special issue on “Douglass at 200.” *History Now* (Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History). Web. February 2018.
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“*The Failed Promise*.” Charleston County Library, South Carolina. October 2023 (on-line).

“Martin R. Delany: Western Abolitionist of Pittsburgh.” Keynote; Second Annual Martin R. Delany Symposium, Heinz Museum, Pittsburgh, August 2023.

“Teaching Frederick Douglass’s *Narrative* and ‘What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?’” Frederick Douglass Center for Leadership through the Humanities, University of Maryland, College Park. July 2023 (on-line).

“Frederick Douglass: Autobiographer.” Smithsonian Associates. February 2023 (on-line).

Seminar on Frederick Douglass and the Civil War, Catholic University, Washington, DC, February 2023.

“Thirty Years with Frederick Douglass (and Harriet Beecher Stowe).” Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford, January 2023.

Commentator, *Becoming Frederick Douglass*, dir. Stanley Nelson and Lynne Robinson, Firelight Media; aired nationally on PBS, October 2022.

Panelist, Roundtable on *Becoming Frederick Douglass*, North Carolina PBS, October 2022 (on-line).

"Impeachment: Frederick Douglass and Andrew Johnson after the Civil War." Distinguished Lecturer, Hagler Institute for Advanced Study, Texas A&M, September 2022; Keynote Speaker, Douglass Day, Talbot County, MD, September 2022; University of Georgia, March 2022; Frederick Douglass Institute, West Chester University, February 2022.

"Editing *The Norton Anthology of American Literature*." Interview with William Domnarski. New Books Network, podcast (on-line), June 2022.

"*The Failed Promise*." C-Span; and Gaithersburg (MD) Book Festival, May 2022.

Contributor and commentator, "The First Presidential Impeachment," podcast, The History Channel, May 2022.

"Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Reconstruction: Racism and 19th-century Republicans." BlackLight Nuance Series, Microsoft, Seattle, March 2022 (on-line).

"The Life and Legacy of Frederick Douglass." Interview with Patrick M. Geoghegan, Newstalk 106-8 FM, Dublin, Ireland, February 2022.

"Martin Delany, Frederick Douglass, and Andrew Johnson." Interview with Arnold Stricker, KWRH radio, St. Louis, February 2022.

"Reconstructions: Frederick Douglass and Albion Tourgée." Frederick Douglass Papers, Indiana University, February 2022 (on-line).

The Failed Promise; conversation with Alan Lowe and Scott Brun. "American POTUS Podcast," January 2022.

"Andrew Johnson, Frederick Douglass, and Reconstruction's Failed Promise." Smithsonian Associates, Washington, DC, December 2021 (on-line).

"*The Failed Promise*." Arts & Humanities Dean's Colloquium Series on Race, Equity and Justice, University of Maryland, December 2021 (on-line).

"Introduction to Frederick Douglass." Humanities Texas, November 2021 (on-line).

"Teaching Douglass's *Narrative* and 'What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?'" Humanities Texas, November 2021 (on-line).

The Failed Promise; conversation with Evan Axelbank. "Axelbank Reports History and Today," November 2021, podcast.

"Editing *The Norton Anthology of American Literature*." Gettysburg College, November 2021 (on-line).

"Impeachment: Frederick Douglass and Andrew Johnson after the Civil War." Center for the Humanities, University of Wisconsin—Madison, October 2021 (on-line).

"Frederick Douglass in His Time and Ours." Guest Lecture Series, King Edward's School, Birmingham, England, October 2021 (on-line).

- “Speaking of Books”: *The Failed Promise*. McKeldin Library, University of Maryland, September 2021 (on-line).
- “The Author’s Corner with Robert S. Levine,” *Current*, September 2021 (on-line).
- “*The Failed Promise*.” Howard County Library System, MD, September 2021 (on-line).
- “Isabel Wilkerson, Albion Tourgée, and the Problem of Caste in the United States.” Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers, September 2021 (on-line).
- The Failed Promise*; conversation with Alain Guillot. “Life, Leadership, and Money Matters,” Montreal, September 2021, podcast.
- Radio interviews about *The Failed Promise*: “The Public Eye,” WICN FM Public Radio, Worcester, MA, September 2021; “The Pat Williams Show,” WDBO FM, Orlando, FL, September 2021; and “The Hopeton Hay Show,” KAZI FM, Austin, TX, August 2021.
- The Failed Promise*; conversation with Timothy Benson. Heartland Institute, September 2021, podcast.
- Lecture on *The Failed Promise*. National Archives, Washington, DC, August 2021 (on-line).
- The Failed Promise*: Conversation with historian Richard Bell. Politics and Prose, Washington, DC, August 2021 (on-line).
- “Crisis, History, and Representation: New Work by Russ Castronovo and Robert S. Levine,” Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers (ALSCW), May 2021 (on-line).
- “Douglass’s Genres” (roundtable participant), #DouglassWeek (international symposium via Zoom), February 2021.
- Seminar on Race, Transnationalism, and Frederick Douglass’s *The Heroic Slave*, Rice University, February 2021.
- Filmed interview for the documentary “Frederick Douglass,” dir. Nicole London, Firelight Films, November 2020.
- "Author's Purpose and Craft: Frederick Douglass." Humanities Texas, November 2020 (on-line).
- “What Is the White American? Race, Emigration, and Nation in Melville’s *Redburn*.” Americanist Research Colloquium, UCLA, June 2019.
- “What Is an American? Race, Emigration, and Nation in the Writings of Melville." Indiana State University, Schick Lecture, April 2019; Catholic University, April 2019.
- “Race, Emigration, and Nation in Melville’s *Redburn*.” Symposium on Melville and Race, University of Kansas, March 2019.
- “Editing *The Norton Anthology of American Literature*,” University of Kansas, March 2019; Notre Dame, October 2017; Smith College, April 2017.

- “Editing and Teaching the Literary Anthology.” Chair, plenary roundtable, American Literary Critics and Creative Writers annual conference, Vanderbilt University, November 2018.
- “Synchrony.” Plenary roundtable on “Frederick Douglass: Beyond the Bicentennial.” University of Paris, October 2018.
- “Frederick Douglass and the Impeachment of Andrew Johnson.” University of Edinburgh, October 2018; University of Paris, October 2018; Frederick Douglass Papers, Indianapolis, October 2018.
- “What Is the American Literary Tradition? An Editor’s Perspective.” Keynote lecture; Humanities Texas Institute, University of Texas, June 2018.
- “Teaching the Gothic and Nineteenth-Century American Literature.” Workshop; Humanities Texas Institute, University of Texas, June 2018.
- “The True Stories of Hannah Crafts: Fact and Fiction in *The Bondwoman’s Narrative*.” Symposium on *The Bondwoman’s Narrative*, Indiana University, March 2018.
- “The Revolutionary Politics of Frederick Douglass’s ‘What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?’” Carter Woodson Lyceum, Marshall University, February 2018.
- Faculty seminar on *Race, Transnationalism, and Nineteenth-Century American Literary Studies*. Notre Dame, October 2017.
- “Frederick Douglass’s ‘What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?’” National Archives, Washington, DC, 3 July 2017 (aired on C-Span, August 2017).
- “Frederick Douglass in Fiction: From Harriet Beecher Stowe to John Updike and James McBride.” Notre Dame, Duffy Lecture, October 2017; McDaniel College, Holloway and Founders Day Lecture, October 2017; Smith College, April 2017; Catholic University, March 2017; Texas A&M, February 2017; SMU, Gilbert Lecture Series, October 2016.
- Director, Writing Workshop and Seminar on Melville’s *Israel Potter*.” International Melville Conference, King’s College, London, June 2017.
- “Frederick Douglass Lived another Fifty Years after Publishing His First Autography: Impertinent Questions with Robert S. Levine.” *Humanities: The Magazine of the National Endowment of the Humanities*. Web, February 2017.
- “Frederick Douglass’s Lives Matter: Reconsidering Douglass in the Post-Civil Rights Era.” Frederick Douglass Institute, University of Rochester, February 2017.
- Post-performance panelist, Lookingglass Theatre Company’s *Moby-Dick*. Arena Stage, Washington, DC, December 2016.
- “Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and the Art of Persuasion.” Frederick Douglass Papers, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, October 2016.
- “The Education of Frederick Douglass.” Keynote lecture; Phi Beta Kappa graduation ceremony, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, May 2016.

- Seminar on Frederick Douglass's *The Heroic Slave*. University of California, Santa Barbara, March 2016; University at Buffalo, October 2015.
- "Frederick Douglass and Washington, DC." Smithsonian Associates, Ripley Center, Washington, DC, February 2016.
- "*The Lives of Frederick Douglass*." Politics and Prose, Washington, DC, February 2016; McKeldin Library, University of Maryland, College Park, February 2016; Lincoln's Cottage, Washington DC, March 2016.
- "Frederick Douglass, Thomas Auld, and the Reunion Narrative: 1877, 1881, 1892." University of California, Santa Barbara, March 2016; Miller Center for Historical Studies, University of Maryland, November 2015; University at Buffalo, October 2015; Columbia University, December 2014; Texas A&M University, March 2014.
- Interview on Frederick Douglass for KAZI radio, Austin, TX, February, 2016; and for SWR2 German radio, Stuttgart; recorded in Washington, D.C., October 2015.
- Manuscript workshop on Marianne Noble's "The American Romantics' Quest for Genuine Human Contact." American University, Washington, D.C., September 2015.
- "Accountability and the Canon: An Anthologist's Perspective." Symposium on "The End of the End of the Canon?" Vanderbilt University, May 2015.
- "Frederick Douglass's Tales of Abraham Lincoln." Washington D.C. Emancipation Day Lecture, George Washington University, April 2015.
- "Reading Slavery in 'Classic' American Literature." Texas A&M University, November 2014.
- "After *Hemispheric American Studies*" (workshop co-directed with Caroline Levander). Texas A&M University, October 2014.
- "Heroic Slaves: Madison Washington and *My Bondage and My Freedom*." Keynote lecture; Symposium on Frederick Douglass's *The Heroic Slave*, Douglass Papers, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, October 2014.
- "Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and 1862," Flair Symposium: Cultural Life During Wartime, 1861–1865," Ransom Center, University of Texas, September 2014.
- "What Is the American Literary Tradition? An Editor's Perspective." Keynote lecture; Humanities Texas Institute, University of Texas, June 2014.
- "Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and the Civil War," Bowdoin College, April 2014; Texas A&M, Institute for Advanced Study, October 2013.
- "Frederick Douglass's *The Heroic Slave*: A New Cultural and Critical Edition." Texas A&M University, February 2014.
- "The Lives of Frederick Douglass's *Narrative*." Texas A&M, September 2013; Wesleyan University, November 2013.

- “Rebecca Harding Davis and American Literary History.” Keynote lecture; Rebecca Harding Davis Symposium. Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, April 2013.
- “Frederick Douglass’s *Narrative in Progress*.” Rice University, November 2012.
- “Frederick Douglass and Thomas Auld: Reconsidering the Reunion Narrative.” Douglass Papers, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, October 2012.
- “Meta-histories and Secret Histories.” Symposium on *The Cambridge History of the American Novel*. New York University, September 2012.
- “Melville and Americanness: A Problem.” Keynote lecture; conference on “Melville and Americanness.” University of East Anglia, England, June 2012.
- American Antiquarian Society Post-Doctoral Fellowship Colloquium. Worcester, February 2012.
- “Martin R. Delany, 1812-1885,” African American Museum; and “Martin Delany and the Challenge to Racism,” Moonstone Arts Center, Philadelphia, May 2012.
- “The Lives of Frederick Douglass.” Dean Family Lecture, Wake Forest University, March 2012; University of California, Irvine, February 2012.
- “‘A Peek behind the Scenes’: Editing *The Norton Anthology of American Literature*.” University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, November 2011.
- “Frederick Douglass and the Civil War.” Smithsonian Museum of American History. Washington, D.C., May 2011.
- “Reading and Editing American Literature Anthologies, 1978-2010.” Plenary lecture; Anthologies: A Conference. Trinity College, Hartford, March 2010.
- “Rereading *Moby-Dick*.” American University, Washington, D.C., March 2010.
- “Frederick Douglass, War, Haiti.” Keynote lecture; National Graduate Student Colloquium, West Virginia University, April 2009.
- “Hawthorne’s ‘Dramatic’ *The House of the Seven Gables*.” Carleton College, February 2009.
- “Frederick Douglass and Haiti: The Secret History.” University of Southern Mississippi, October 2008; Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Lecture, University of Maryland, College Park, November 2007; University of Texas, Austin, October 2007.
- “Hemispheric American Studies” (2-day seminar, co-directed with Caroline Levander). National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, June 2008.
- Chair and Coordinator, “Roundtable on Hemispheric American Studies.” American Literature Symposium, University of Texas, Austin, October 2007.
- Chair and Coordinator, “Roundtable on the American Literary Anthology: Teaching Race and Nation.” American Literature Symposium, University of Texas, Austin, October 2007.

“Texts, Traditions, Nation: Revising *The Norton Anthology of American Literature*.” University of Alabama, Birmingham, March 2007.

Filmed interview on Maroon culture and Harriet Beecher Stowe, for Haile Gerima’s documentary on “Maroons in the Americas.” College Park, February 2007.

“Critical Millenarianism.” Plenary lecture, symposium on “Alternative Temporalities and U.S. Studies,” University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 2006.

Visiting Distinguished Scholar, Book MS workshop on Sandra Gunning’s “Moving Home,” Program in American Culture, University of Michigan, April 2006.

“Frederick Douglass’s Hemispheric Nationalism, 1857-1893.” Eberly Family Distinguished Lecturer, West Virginia University, February 2006; Bucknell University, February 2006; Pennsylvania State University, November 2005.

“Charles Brockden Brown, Louisiana, and the Contingencies of Empire.” Haverford College, February 2006; Mellon Seminar, Rice University, February 2005.

“Frederick Douglass, Revolution, and Haiti: 1857-1861.” Northwestern University, November 2005; Louisiana State University, April 2005.

“Genealogical Fictions: Hawthorne and Melville.” Loyola University, Chicago, November 2005.

“Martin Delany and Imperialism.” Watson-Brown Foundation, Georgia, May 2005.

Interview on Martin Delany. Mike Cole Show, WVKO, Columbus, Ohio, March 2005.

Respondent, “Passing the Torch: New Scholars on Douglass.” Frederick Douglass Institute, West Chester University, Pennsylvania, October 2004.

“After Dred Scott: William Wells Brown beyond the Nation.” University of Kentucky, April 2004.

“Dred Scott, Douglass, and the Nation.” Frederick Douglass Institute, University of Rochester, March 2003.

“Harriet Beecher Stowe and African American Culture: A Romance.” Ropes Lecture Series, University of Cincinnati, February 2003.

“After Dred Scott: African American Writing beyond the Nation.” Plenary lecture, Dartmouth College Summer Institute, June 2002; Miami University of Ohio, October 2002.

“*Moby-Dick* and Rinde Eckert’s *And God Created Great Whales*.” Center Stage, Baltimore, June 2002.

“Frederick Douglass, Herman Melville, and the Performance of Slave Rebellion.” Colloquium on Staging Slavery,” University of Maryland, April 2002.

“Print Cultures and Race.” Plenary lecture, Freibert Colloquium on 19th-Century American Letters, University of Louisville, February 2002.

“Melville and American Culture.” Radio Free Europe, Russia, 2001.

“Martin Delany and Frederick Douglass.” Frederick Douglass Institute, West Chester University, Pennsylvania, October 2000.

“*Uncle Tom’s Cabin: Its Literary and Critical History.*” MLA radio, “What’s the Word?,” 1999.

“Martin Delany.” Harpers Ferry Historical Association, West Virginia, October 1999.

“Harriet Beecher Stowe and African Colonization.” Ohio State University, January 1998.

“Melville and the Critics.” NEH summer seminar on Melville, Columbia University, July 1996.

“Early American Literature and the Constitution.” The Constitution Project, National Archives, July 1995.

“Frederick Douglass and Harriet Beecher Stowe.” Center Alliance for Secondary School Teachers and Texts, Frederick Douglass House, Anacostia, October 1991.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Chair and Panelist, “Literary Frederick Douglass,” Plenary Panel, ALSCW Conference, Catholic University, Washington, DC, October 2024.

“Hallie Q. Brown’s Homespun Heroines: The Example of Catherine A. Delany,” 3rd Annual Martin R. Delany Symposium, Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh, September 2024.

Chair and panelist, Roundtable on “Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Long Civil War.” C19 Conference, March 2024, Pasadena.

Panelist, Roundtable on “The End of the Survey.” C19 Conference, March 2024, Pasadena.

Chair, “The New Nineteenth-Century American Literary Studies.” ALSCW Conference, University of Houston, October 2023.

Chair, “Democracy and American Literature.” ALSCW Conference, Yale University, October 2022.

“Martin Delany, Frederick Douglass, Andrew Johnson.” Martin Delany Symposium. Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh, August 2022.

“Reconstructions: Frederick Douglass and Albion Tourgée.” C19. Miami, March 2022.

“Doing Public-Facing Work at a Time of Polarization.” MLA, Washington, DC, January 2022.

Chair, “Transnational Pennington.” International Conference on James W. C. Pennington, Heidelberg Center for American Studies, August 2021 (on-line).

“All Roads Lead to *Pierre*.” Roundtable on “Samuel Otter’s *Melville’s Anatomies* Two Decades Later.” American Literature Association, July 2021 (on-line).

- “New Approaches to Reconstruction.” C19, Penn State, October 2020 (on-line).
- “Race, Nation, and Emigration in Melville’s *Redburn*.” ALSCW Conference, Holy Cross, October 2019; and International Melville Conference, NYU, June 2019.
- “Gothic American Literary Studies and the Example of *Toinette*.” Conference on Literary Tourgée, Chautauqua Institution, NY, September 2019.
- “Gothic American Literary Studies.” MLA International Symposium, Lisbon, July 2019.
- Chair, “Early Black Utopias.” Symposium at Johns Hopkins University, March 2019.
- Chair, “Our Bondage and Our Freedom.” “Frederick Douglass across and against Times, Places, and Disciplines,” University of Paris, October 2018.
- “Teaching Douglass’s *The Heroic Slave*.” Douglass Papers, Indianapolis, October 2018.
- Chair, “Frederick Douglass at 200: Reconsiderations.” C19, Albuquerque, March 2018.
- Chair, “Frederick Douglass at 200: Literary Reconsiderations.” MLA, New York, January 2018.
- Chair, “Other Melvilles: Otherworldly Melville.” International Melville Conference, King’s College, London, June 2017.
- Co-Chair and presenter, “Unsettling? The Field of C19 Studies.” C19, Penn State, March 2016.
- “The Anthology as Archive.” MLA, Austin, January 2016.
- “The Past, Present, and Future of American Literature: Hubbell Lifetime Achievement Awardees Speak” (roundtable participant). MLA, Austin, January 2016.
- “Annotating Melville’s *Pierre*.” International Melville Conference, Tokyo, June 2015.
- Chair, “*The Heroic Slave* and Literary History.” Symposium on Frederick Douglass’s *The Heroic Slave*, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, October 2014.
- Chair, “Captivity Narratives: Rewriting American History.” ALA, Washington, DC, May 2014.
- Chair, “The Commons and Us: The Field of C19.” C19, Chapel Hill, March 2014.
- Chair, “Political Melville?” (roundtable). ASA, Washington, DC, November 2013.
- “Douglass’s, Melville’s, and Whitman’s Lincoln.” Melville and Whitman in Washington: The Civil War and After (International Melville Conference), Washington, DC, June, 2013.
- Chair, “Politics/Poetics: Melville.” Melville and Whitman in Washington, June 2013.
- “Fault Lines in American Literary History.” MLA, Boston, January 2013.
- Chair, “Issued from Boston: The National Impact of a Local Print Culture on Slavery-Related Politics.” MLA, Boston, January 2013.

Chair, "Beyond Frederick Douglass's *Narrative*." ASA, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 2012.

Chair, "The Uses of Plagiarism: *Clotel* as Performance." Society of Early Americanists
Conference on African Atlantic Performance. University of Maryland, June 2012.

Chair, "Melville in a Generation" (roundtable). C19, Berkeley, April 2012.

"James Fenimore Cooper's *Notions of the Americans* in a Speculative Context." Brockden
Brown Society conference on "Speculations," CUNY, New York, April 2012.

Chair and respondent, "A Forum on Frederick Douglass: Issues, Legacies." American Studies
Association, Baltimore, October 2011.

"James M. Whitfield and Nineteenth-Century African American Poetry" (roundtable). American
Literature Association, Boston, May 2011.

Chair, "Representing Reconstruction." American Literature Association, Boston, May 2011.

"Colloquy with Annette-Gordon Reed on *The Hemingses of Monticello*." Society of Early
Americanists, Philadelphia, March 2011.

"Reading as Critical Practice in American Literary Studies." MLA, Los Angeles, January 2011.

Respondent, "Early American Eloquence." ASA, San Antonio, November 2010.

"Weird Louisiana: Brockden Brown and Hale." Huntington Library, San Marino, October 2010.

"The Object of American Studies" (roundtable participant). C19, Penn State, May 2010.

"Teaching American Literature from an Anthology." MLA, Philadelphia, December 2009.

"Working against Archives." Modern Language Association, San Francisco, December 2008.

"Editing James Whitfield." American Literature Association, San Francisco, May 2008.

"The Cultural Work of Edward Everett Hale's 'The Man without a Country.'" American Studies
Association, Albuquerque, October 2008.

"Editing *The Norton Anthology of American Literature*." ALA, San Francisco, May 2008.

Chair, "Hemispheric American Studies." ASA, Philadelphia, October 2007.

"Debating Federalism." Society of Early Americanists, Williamsburg, June 2007.

Respondent, "William Wells Brown: New Views." ALA, Boston, May 2007.

Co-Chair, Roundtable on "Hemispheric American Literature." ALA, San Francisco, May 2006.

Chair, "Scandal in 19th-Century American Literature." ALA, San Francisco, May 2006.

- “The Black Counternarrative of Harriet Beecher Stowe’s *Dred*.” International American Studies Association, Ottawa, August 2005.
- Chair, “Political Theory in Douglass and Melville.” Frederick Douglass and Herman Melville: A Sesquicentennial Celebration, New Bedford, June 2005.
- “Revolution Redux: Frederick Douglass and Haiti.” MLA, Philadelphia, December 2004.
- Respondent, “Print Culture(s) and Social Reform.” ASA, Atlanta, November 2004.
- “Brown, Literary Federalism, and Empire in the Wake of Louisiana.” NYU, October 2004.
- “Race and *The House of the Seven Gables*.” International Hawthorne Conference, Salem, 2004.
- Chair, Roundtable on Melville’s *Pierre*. MLA, San Diego, December 2003.
- Respondent, “Rereading Stowe’s *Dred*.” MLA, San Diego, December 2003.
- Respondent, “Bodies, Blood, and Belonging.” ASA, Hartford, October 2003.
- Respondent, “Douglass as Narrative.” Frederick Douglass: An Intimate View. Howard University, Washington, D.C., September 2003.
- Respondent, “Hawthorne and Reform.” MLA, New York, December 2002.
- Chair and Respondent, “Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Law.” ASA, Houston, November 2002.
- “Antebellum Feminists Reading *The Scarlet Letter*.” International Hawthorne Conference, Northampton, June 2002.
- “Sympathy and Reform in Hawthorne’s *The Blithedale Romance*.” MLA, New Orleans, 2001.
- Chair and respondent, “Power and Authority: The Politics of *Moby-Dick*.” International Melville Conference, Hofstra University, October 2001.
- Chair, “Antebellum Race’s International Politics.” ASA, Washington, D.C., November 2001.
- Chair, “Democracy, Citizenship, and the State in American Literary Studies.” MLA, D.C., 2000.
- Chair, “American Literary Studies at a New Millennium.” MLA, D.C., December 2000.
- Chair and respondent, “The Politics of Voice.” ASA, Detroit, October 2000.
- Chair, “Teaching William Wells Brown” (roundtable). ALA, Long Beach, May 2000.
- Respondent, “Latino/a Writers in the Nineteenth Century U.S.,” MLA, Chicago, December 1999.
- “William Wells Brown circa 1861: Haiti, *Miralda*, Civil War.” ASA, Montreal, October 1999.
- Respondent, “Hawthorne and Race.” American Literature Association, Baltimore, May 1999.

- Chair, "Domesticity and African American Literature." ALA, Baltimore, May 1999.
- "*The Spy*: James Fenimore Cooper's Missouri Compromise." ASA, Seattle, November 1998.
- "Race and Nation in Brown's Louisiana Writings of 1803." Revising Charles Brockden Brown. University of Pennsylvania, October 1998.
- "Frederick Douglass's Rome," International Hawthorne Conference, Rome, June 1998.
- Respondent, "Negotiating Authority in the Early Republic." ASA, Washington, D.C., 1997.
- Chair, "Reform and Fiction in the Nineteenth Century." ALA, Baltimore, May 1997.
- "Martin Delany's Masonic Transnationalism." ASA, Kansas City, November 1996.
- "The African American Presence in Stowe's *Dred*." ASA Pittsburgh, November 1995.
- Chair, "19th-Century Domestic Fiction." ALA, Baltimore, May 1995.
- "Temperance in Douglas's *My Bondage and My Freedom*." MLA, Toronto, December 1993.
- "T.S. Arthur in Hawthorne's *House*." MLA, Toronto, December 1993.
- "Debating Black Elevation: Delany and Douglass." ASA, Boston, November 1993.
- "Frederick Douglass's Temperate Revolutionism." ALA, San Diego, May 1992.
- "Teaching about Inequality." MLA, San Francisco, December 1991.
- "Conspiracy in Hawthorne's Romances." ALA, San Diego, June 1990.
- Chair, "The Body in Early American Discourses." Northeast MLA, Wilmington, March 1989.
- "Hawthorne and the Roman Carnival." MLA, New Orleans, December 1988.
- "The Antebellum Debate on Catholicism in *The Marble Faun*." ASA, NY, November, 1987.
- "The Conspiratorial Paradigm." MLA, Washington, D.C., December 1986.
- Chair, "The American Historical Novel." MLA, Washington, D.C., December 1984.
- "Rhetoric and Institutions in Melville's *Benito Cereno*." MLA, New York, December 1983.

LECTURE SERIES AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

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| 2021-present | Co-director (with Edlie Wong), Local Americanists Lecture Series, Department of English, University of Maryland (4-5 lectures per year). |
| 1994-2021 | Director and Founder, Local Americanists Lecture Series |
| 2018-2019 | Planning Committee, Conference on Literary Tourgée. Chautauqua Institution, New York. September 2019. |

- 2016 Co-director (with Ralph Bauer, Tita Chico, and Karen Nelson), Symposium on “Disease, Medicine, and Literature in the New World.” University of Maryland, March 2016.
- 2012 Co-director (with Edlie Wong), Symposium on “Race, Law, and American Literary Studies.” University of Maryland. April 2012.
- 2010 Director, Conference on “Reading Comparatively.” University of Maryland. November 2010.
- 2009 Director, “A Celebration of Stanley Plumly and Poetry at the University of Maryland” (conference). October 2009.
- 2008 Faculty Coordinator, National Graduate-Student Conference on “Rethinking Empire and Imperialism in Nineteenth-Century American Literature.”
- 2005 Co-director (with Samuel Otter), “Frederick Douglass and Herman Melville: A Sesquicentennial Celebration.” New Bedford, June 2005.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Recent Courses:

Undergraduate: This Is English: Fields and Methods; American Literature; American Literature, 19th-Century American Novel; The Color Line and the American 1850s; American Literature, Revolution to Civil War; 19th-Century African-American Literature

Graduate: The Development of the Nineteenth-Century American Novel; The Color Line and the American 1850s; American Literature, Beginnings to 1865; Family, Nation, and Novel in the 19th-Century U.S.; Rethinking Empire and Imperialism in 19th-century American Literature

Course and Curricular Development

- 2008 Faculty Participant, Melville Electronic Library, NEH workshop, Hofstra U.
- 1998-2000 Faculty Participant, Walt Whitman/Emily Dickinson Electronic Archives Project. Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education
- 1994 Instructional Improvement Grant to Redesign English Honors
- 1990 Participant, Curriculum Transformation Project, University of Maryland

Research Direction, Doctoral

Director: Martha Murtha (1992), Joy Pohl (1995), Timothy Ruppel (1997), Rodrigo Lazo (1998), Philip Edmundson (2003), Edward Whitley (2004), Timothy Helwig (2006), Allen Cole (2010), Marie Troppe (2012), Sarah Sillin (2013), Eric Curry (2015), Susanna Compton Underland (2018), Tim Bruno (2019), Hillary Roegelein (2021), Annemarie Mott Ewing (2024), Samantha O’Connor (in progress), Kristofer Reed (in progress).

Committee Member: Linda Salamon (1990), Young-Rae Kim (1992), Eleanor Higginbotham (1993), Betty Day (1993), Paul Haspel (1995), Julia Leonard (1995), Etsuko Taketani (George Washington University, 1995), Jeanna Delrosso (1999), Maria Karafilis (1999), Jennifer James (2001), Stacy Steinberg (2001), Emily Orlando (2002), Min Kim (2002), Kris Comment (2002), Kate Dobson (2002), Leona Sevick (2002), Kellie Tabor (2002), Mike Duvall (2003), Karl Kippola (2003), Ingrid Satelmajer (2004), Jeffrey Osborne (2004, University of Kentucky), Jamie Osterman Alves (2005), Geoffrey Schram (2006), Guy Jordan (2006), Rhondda Thomas (2007), Gretchen Woertendyke (SUNY-Stony Brook, 2007),

Kelly Wisecup (2009), Keiko Arai (2010), Nazara Wright (2010), Alyssa MacLean (U British Columbia, 2010), Shaun Myers (2011), Jason Payton (2012), Christopher Brown (2012), Tasos Lazerides (2013), Michael Jacko (2014, Music), Rachel Walker (2017, History), Lucien Holness (2019, History), DeLisa Hawkes (2020), Nicole Mahoney (2020, History), William Gonch (2021)

Recent Undergraduate Honors Theses

Director: Jonathan Offenberg (2017), Emily Westcott (2018), Isabella Scopetski (2023), Barbara Zelensky (2024)

Recent M.A. Project

Ray Bonilla (2024)

SERVICE

Editorial Boards, Advisory Boards, and Editorships

2023- Editorial Board, *New England Quarterly*
 2020-present Advisory Board, *Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies*; Editorial Board (1998-2020)
 2019-present Council, Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers (ALSCW)
 2017-present Advisory Board, Cambridge Studies in American Literature and Culture
 2015-present Editorial Board, *Journal of American Studies*
 2012-present General Editor, *Norton Anthology of American Literature*
 2010-present Editorial Board, Frederick Douglass Papers, Indiana University (Indianapolis) and Yale University Press
 2010-present Editorial Advisory Board, *Authorship* [on-line journal based in Belgium]
 2008-present Editorial Board, *Nathaniel Hawthorne Review*
 2001-present Editorial Board, *American Literary History*
 2012-2015 Editorial Board, *J19: The Journal for Nineteenth-Century Americanists*
 2008-2014 Advisory Board, C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists
 2007-2012 Associate General Editor, *Norton Anthology of American Literature*
 2007-2012 Editorial Board, *ESQ: A Journal of the American Renaissance*
 2007-2009 Consultant, "Maroons in the Americas," documentary film, dir. Haile Gerima
 2005-2009 Advisory Board, Charles Brockden Brown Scholarly Edition
 2004-2006 Editorial Board, *American Literature*
 1998-2002 Advisory Board, *Nathaniel Hawthorne Review*
 1985-1992 Book Review Editor, *Resources for American Literary Study*

Elected Positions in Professional Organizations

2007-2009 Delegate Assembly, Modern Language Association
 2000 Chair, American Literature Section, MLA
 1998-2000 Advisory Council, American Literature Section, MLA
 1998-2002 Advisory Board, Nathaniel Hawthorne Society

Tenure and Promotion Referee

2025 Bowdoin College
 2024 University of Wisconsin, University of Massachusetts--Boston

- 2023 Princeton, Oakland University, University of Cincinnati, Loyola-Chicago, University of Georgia, University of California-Irvine
- 2022 University of Illinois, West Virginia, Maine, UC-Santa Cruz, Notre Dame
- 2021 Rutgers, University of Connecticut, DePaul, Iowa
- 1990-2020 SUNY-Albany, Rochester, Nottingham, Arizona State, UC-Santa Barbara, Rhode Island, Rutgers, Tennessee, New Hampshire, Penn State, Emory, Scripps, UC-Santa Cruz, Berkeley, Irvine, Davis, Buffalo, Mount Holyoke, Cornell, Yale, Cincinnati, Florida International, Tennessee, Portland State, Harvard, Princeton, Fordham, McGill, Massachusetts, Delaware, Boston University, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Miami University of Ohio, West Virginia, Oregon, Georgia, Smith, Temple, Ohio State, Colorado Connecticut, Miami, Washington, Virginia, Notre Dame, Iowa, Michigan, MIT, CIT, Brown, Northwestern, Central Florida, Georgia Tech, New Hampshire, Vanderbilt, Colorado, NYU, Illinois, Texas, U of Pennsylvania, Toronto, Rice, North Texas, Texas A&M, Dartmouth, Syracuse, Nevada, Wesleyan, Indiana, Claremont, Arizona State, Whitman College

Manuscript Referee

- 2024 *Textual Practice*, Library of America
- 2023 Cambridge UP, UP of Florida
- 2022 *New North Star*, *Arizona Quarterly*, *Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies*
- 2021 Cambridge UP, Oxford UP, *Textual Practice*, *Journal of American Studies*, *J19: The Journal for Nineteenth-Century Americanists*
- 2020 *Journal of American Studies*, U of South Carolina P, *J19*
- 1990-2019 Yale UP, Bedford, Cambridge UP, Columbia UP, Cornell UP, Duke UP, U of Georgia P, Harvard UP, Blackwell, Johns Hopkins UP, Longman, Routledge, Louisiana State UP, New York UP, Notre Dame UP, Norton, Ohio State UP, Oxford UP, U of Pennsylvania P, Stanford UP, U Tennessee P, Bucknell UP, U California P, UP of Mississippi, U of North Carolina P, UP of New England, U Wisconsin P, Edinburgh UP, U of Minnesota P, West Virginia UP, U Iowa P, U of Virginia P, Blackwell, Library of America, Hackett Publishing, *African American Review*, *American Literature*, *American Literary History*, *Early American Studies*, *ESQ*, MELUS, *Eighteenth-Century Fiction*, *J19*, *Genre*, *Journal of American Studies*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *Leviathan*, *LIT*, *Modern Philology*, *Studies in American Fiction*, *Mosaic*, *Nathaniel Hawthorne Review*, *Nineteenth-Century Studies*, *New England Quarterly*, *Nineteenth-Century Contexts*, *PMLA*, *Religion and Literature*, *Resources for American Literary Studies*, *Studies in the Novel*, *American Periodicals*, *Journal of Transnational American Studies*, *Review of Politics*, *Studies in American Fiction*, NEH Scholarly Edition Program

Prize, Fellowship, and Other National Committees

- 2024 External Reviewer, Oakland University Faculty Fellowship Program
- 2022 Program Review Committee, English Department, Temple University
- 2018 K-12 Education Initiative Committee, American Literature Society
- 2015 National Endowment for the Humanities, American Studies fellowship panel
- 2014 Reviewer, Oxford University, Junior Research Fellowships
- 2012-2014 Reviewer, Mellon Fellowship in Bibliography, Rare Book School, University of Virginia
- 2011-2014 Reviewer, Mellon/ACLS Dissertation-Completion Fellowship Program

2009-2111	William Sanders Scarborough Prize Selection Committee, MLA—best scholarly book on black literature or culture (3-year term; Chair 2010)
2008	Chair, Norman Foerster Prize Committee—best essay in <i>American Literature</i>
2002-2004	Hennig Cohen Prize Committee—best publication in Melville studies
1998	Norman Foerster Prize Committee—best essay in <i>American Literature</i>

Departmental Service

2023-present	Salary Committee
2023	Post-tenure Review Committee
2021-2023	Coordinating Committee
2022	Distinguished University Professor Nominating Committee
2020-2022	Chair, Tenure Subcommittee, African American Literature
2018-2022	Steering Committee, Center for Literary and Comparative Studies
2018	Chair, Promotion Committee, American Literature
2018	Promotion Committee, Eighteenth-Century British Literature
2018	Arcan Semester Research Award selection committee
2107-18	Search Committee, African American literature
2017	Tenure Committee, American literature
2017	Chair, Third-year Review Committee, African American literature
2016-2017	Graduate Studies Committee
2016	Chair, Promotion Committee, African American literature
2015	Chair, Third-year Review Committee, American literature
2014-2017	Post-tenure Review Committee
2012-2016	Personnel Committee
2013-present	Faculty Mentor, American and African American literature
1983-2014	Salary Committee; Coordinating Committee; Admissions Committee; Graduate Committee; Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee; Chair, Search Committee, American Literature; Chair, Search Committee, U.S. Ethnic Literatures; Personnel Committee; Search Committee, Caribbean Literature; Placement Committee; Honors Committee; Search Committee, American Literature; Chair, Graduate Review Subcommittee; Chair, Search Committees, African American Literature; Co-Chair, American Literature Search Committee; Chair, Search Committee, Latino Literature; Chair, Tenure Committee, American Literature; Faculty Mentor, American Literature; Graduate Fellowship committee; Promotion Committee; Search Committees, African American Literature, Junior and Senior; Co-Chair, Search Committee, African American Literature; Chair, Steering Committee, Center for Literary and Comparative Studies

University Service

2023-	Steering Committee, Frederick Douglass Center for Leadership and the Humanities
2022	Review Panelist, Independent Scholarship, Research, and Creativity Awards
2020	Review Panelist, Independent Scholarship, Research, and Creativity Awards
2015-2018	Advisory Board, Mellon Project on Digital Humanities and the Study of African American History and Culture, College of Arts and Humanities
2015-2016	Frederick Douglass Square Committee, College of Arts and Humanities
2014-2015	Chair, Research and Scholarship Awards (RASA) Selection Committee
2014-2015	Provost's Selection Committee, Distinguished University Professors
2013	Search Committee, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

2012	Search Committee, Chair of the Department of English
2008-2011	Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee (APT), College of Arts and Humanities
2006-2007	Dean's Academic Planning Advisory Committee (APAC)
2001	Search Committee, Coordinator of Graduate Student Involvement Programs
1997	Fulbright Sponsor and host, Dr. Etsuko Taketani, University of Tsukuba
1993-1996	Graduate Council on Fellowships
1991	German Department 5-year Review Committee