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Employment:

Professor, Department of English, West Virginia University, 2014-present
Associate Professor, Department of English, West Virginia University, 1998-2014
Assistant Professor, Department of English, West Virginia University, 1992-1998
Behrman/Perkins Postdoctoral Fellow, Council for the Humanities, Princeton University,
1991-1992
Preceptor, Columbia University, 1987-1991

Education:

Ph.D., English, Columbia University, 1991
M.Phil., English, Columbia University, 1987
M.A., English, Columbia University, 1984
B.A., English and Biology, Douglass College, Rutgers University, 1983

Publications:

Books:

Monstrous Motherhood: 18th-Century Culture and the Ideology of Domesticity
(Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2012).

The Converting Imagination: Linguistic Theory and Swift's Satiric Prose (Carbondale:
Southern Illinois University Press, 1994).

Articles:

“Down with her, Burney!”: Johnson, Burney and the politics of literary celebrity,” in
Solitude to him was horror”: New Essays on Johnson's Circle. Ed. Anthony W. Lee
(Lewisburg, PA: Bucknell University Press, forthcoming 2018)

“The lady vanishes: the rise of the spectral mother,” in *The Absent Mother in the Cultural
Imagination: Missing, Presumed Dead*. Ed. Berit Åström (London: Palgrave Macmillan,
2017): 25-42.

“The Monstrous Mothers of *Mansfield Park*,” *Persuasions Online*, Vol. 35, No. 1
Winter 2014 (<http://www.jasna.org/persuasions/on-line/vol35no1/francus.html>)

“Rowe's *The Ambitious Stepmother*: Motherhood and the Politics of the Blended
Family,” in *Stage Mothers: Women, Work, and the Theater, 1660-1830*, ed. Laura
Engel and Elaine McGirr (Lewisburg: Bucknell University Press, 2014): 121-36.

“Where does discretion end, and avarice begin?": The Mercenary and the
Prudent in Austen,” *Persuasions: The Journal of the Jane Austen Society of
North America*, Volume 34 (2012): 57-70.

Articles (cont.):

- “Austen Therapy: *Pride and Prejudice* and Popular Culture,” *Persuasions Online*, Vol. 30, No. 2 Spring 2010 (<http://www.jasna.org/persuasions/online/vol30no2/francus.html>).
- “’Tis Better to Give: The Conduct Manual as Gift,” in *The Culture of the Gift in Eighteenth-Century England*, ed. Linda Zionkowski and Cynthia Klekar (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009): 79-106.
- “Stepmommy Dearest? The Burneys and the Construction of Stepmotherhood,” *Eighteenth-Century Women*, Volume 5 (2008): 133-169.
- “Erasing the Stepmother Story: Frances Burney and Elizabeth Allen,” in *A Celebration of Frances Burney*, ed. Lorna J. Clark (Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2007): 57-73.
- “Calamity Jane? Austen and Owen Wister’s *The Virginian*,” *Persuasions: The Journal of the Jane Austen Society of North America*, Vol. 27 (2005): 219-33.
- “Circulating Jane,” *Persuasions: The Journal of the Jane Austen Society of North America*, Vol. 25 (2003): 129-40. Rpt. *Contemporary Literary Criticism*, Vol. 217 (Detroit: Thomson Gale, 2006): 78-84.
- “‘A-Killing Their Children With Safety’: Maternal Identity and Transgression in Swift and Defoe,” in *Lewd and Notorious: Female Transgression in the Eighteenth Century*, ed. Katharine Kittredge (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2003): 258-82.
- “Design and Consent: Notes on Curriculum Revision,” *Profession 2001* (2001): 149-60.
- “Monstrous Mothers, Monstrous Societies: Infanticide and the Rule of Law in Restoration and Eighteenth-Century England,” *Eighteenth-Century Life* 21 (May 1997): 133-156.
- “The Monstrous Mother: Reproductive Anxiety in Swift and Pope,” *English Literary History (ELH)* Vol. 61 (Winter 1994): 829-851.
- “An Augustan’s Metaphysical Poem: Pope’s *Eloisa to Abelard*,” *Studies in Philology*, Vol. LXXXVII (Fall 1990): 476-491.

Reviews:

- Review of *The Court Journals of Frances Burney*, Vols. III and IV ed. Lorna J. Clark in *The Eighteenth-Century Intelligencer* 30.1 (March 2016): 25-27.
- Review of Cheryl L. Nixon’s *The Orphan in Eighteenth-Century Law and Literature* in *Scriblerian* Vol.47 #2/Vol. 48 #1 (Spring/Autumn 2015): 117-19.
- Review of Devoney Looser’s *Women Writers and Old Age in Great Britain, 1750-1850* in *Eighteenth-Century Theory and Interpretation Online*, <http://ecti.english.illinois.edu/about.html>, Summer 2011.

Reviews (cont.)

- Review of Lisa Zunshine's *Bastards and Foundlings: Illegitimacy in Eighteenth-Century England* in *Eighteenth-Century Theory and Interpretation* Vol. 49 # 1 (Spring 2008): 87-94.
- Review of Susan Greenfield's *Mothering Daughters: Novels and the Politics of Family Romance, Frances Burney to Jane Austen* in *Eighteenth-Century Current Bibliography* (2007): 501-2.
- Review of Lisa Lampert's *Gender and Jewish Difference from Paul to Shakespeare* in *Shakespeare and Renaissance Association Selected Papers*, Vol. 28 (2005): 111-113.
- Review of *Eighteenth-Century Fiction on Screen*, edited by Robert Mayer in *Eighteenth-Century Book Reviews Online*, July 2004.
- Review of Daston and Park's *Wonder and the Order of Nature, 1150-1750* in *Scriblerian*, Vol. XXXII, No. 1 (Autumn 2000): 75-77.
- Review Essay of Troost and Greenfield's *Jane Austen in Hollywood*, in *Eighteenth-Century Theory and Interpretation*, Vol. 41 #2 (2000): 160-168.
- Review of Ruben Quintero's *Literate Culture: Pope's Rhetorical Art*, in *Scriblerian*, Vol. XXV, No. 2 (Spring 1993): 212-213.
- Review of Percy G. Adams's *Travel Literature and the Evolution of the Novel*, in *The Johnsonian Newsletter*, Vol. XLVII, Nos. 3-4 (Sept.-Dec. 1987): 15-16.

Encyclopedia Entries:

- "Mothers/Mother Figures," *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of British Literature 1660-1789* (2015)
- "Stepmothers/Stepfamilies," *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of British Literature 1660-1789* (2015)

Other Publications:

- "Elegant Extracts," *Jane Austen in 41 Objects*, the Jane Austen House Museum, Fall 2017. (<https://www.jane-austens-house-museum.org.uk/41-objects>)
- "2015 International Visitor," *JASNA News* 31.1 (Winter 2015): 17.
- Interview, "Meet the International Visitor," *The Female Spectator* 1.3 (2015): 2-5.
- "Introduction" to *Disjointed Perspectives on Motherhood*, edited by Catalina Florina Florescu (Lexington Books, 2013): xi-xii.
- "Shaping a Legacy: Alicia Lefanu's *Memoirs of the Life and Writings of Mrs. Frances Sheridan*," *The Female Spectator* (Winter 2013): 6-7.
- "Jane Austen, Pound for Pound," *Persuasions Online*, Volume 33 #1, Winter 2012. (<http://www.jasna.org/persuasions/on-line/vol33no1/francus.html>).

Work in Progress:

Article, "Austen Fan Fiction," for *Doing Austen*, edited by Nora Nachumi and Steffi Oppenheim

Article, "Fixing the Family: Strategies of Life Writing in Frances Burney D'Arblay and Alicia LeFanu," for a collection edited by Tanya Caldwell

Article on Samuel Richardson's *Pamela* and spectral motherhood

Book project on Jane Austen and popular culture

Book project on motherhood and authorship

Presentations:

Presenter, "Why Austen, not Burney?: Tracing the Mechanisms of Reputation and Legacy," Reputations, Legacies, Futures: Jane Austen, Germaine de Staël and their Contemporaries, Chawton House Library Conference, July 2017.

Presenter, "Frances Sheridan Tells the Mother's Story," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Conference, March 2017.

Presenter, "Jane Austen, Marginalia, and Book Culture," Austen and the Arts Conference, March 2017.

Invited Talk, "Austen and the Young Writer," Vassar College, April 2016.

Invited Talk, "Frances Burney and the Origins of the Mommy Wars," Columbia University 18th-Century Seminar, March 2016.

Presenter, "Fixing the Family: Strategies of Life Writing in Frances Burney D'Arblay and Alicia LeFanu," Northeast American Society of Eighteenth Century Studies Conference, October 2015.

Invited Talk, "The Writer's Apprentice: Literary Games with Jane Austen and Anna Lefroy," Jane Austen House Museum, July 2015.

Keynote, "The Lady Vanishes: The Rise of the Spectral Mother," Missing, Presumed Dead: Absent Mothers in the Cultural Imagination Conference, Umea University, Umea, Sweden, June 2015

Presenter, "The Specter of Debt in Austen," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, March 2015.

Invited Talk, "Monster in the House," Assumption College, February 2015.

Presenter, "Wanting More: Desire and Austen Fan Fiction," East-Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, November 2014

Presenter, "The Monstrous Mothers of *Mansfield Park*," Jane Austen Society of North American Annual General Meeting, October 2014

Presenter, "Reflecting on the Past, Trying to Shape the Future: Lefanu, Burney D'Arblay, and Family Biography," British Women Writers Conference, June 2014

Presentations (cont.):

- Plenary Speaker, “*Pride and Prejudice Goes Interactive: The Lizzy Bennet Diaries*,” Wright State *Pride and Prejudice* Bicentennial Conference, October 2013
- Presenter, “Trying to Set the Record Straight: Alicia LeFanu, Frances Burney D’Arbly, and the Limits of Family Biography,” *Pride and Prejudices: Women’s Writing in the Long Eighteenth Century*, 10th Anniversary Conference of Chawton House Library, July 2013
- Presenter, “Austen in Cyberspace: *The Lizzy Bennet Diaries*,” Locations in Austen Conference, the University of Hertfordshire, July 2013
- Presenter, “Learning to Mother: Frances Burney Becomes a Parent,” the 5th International Conference of The Burney Society of Great Britain, July 2013
- Presenter, “Spectral Motherhood: Maternal Absence and the Fulfillment of Domestic Ideology,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, April 2013
- Presenter, “Frances Burney Knows Best: Motherhood, Networking, and Celebrity Culture,” East-Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, November 2012
- Presenter, “Where does discretion end, and avarice begin?": The Mercenary and the Prudent in Austen,” Jane Austen Society of North American Annual General Meeting, October 2012
- Presenter, “Hester Thrale Piozzi and the Permeability of Professionalism,” East-Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, November 2011
- Presenter, “Burney’s Fractured Families,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, March 2011
- Presenter, with Stewart Plein, "Lessons Learned and New Opportunities: Collaborating on the Rare Book Pedagogy Module," The Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of the Association of College & Research Libraries and the American Library Association Conference, June 2010
- Presenter, “Stirring up Trouble: Rowe and the Politics of the Blended Family,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, March 2010
- Presenter, “‘When will these discoveries end!': Gothic Motherhood in Radcliffe’s *The Italian*,” East-Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, October 2009
- Presenter, “Austen Therapy: *Pride and Prejudice* and Popular Culture,” New Directions in Austen Studies, Chawton Conference, July 2009
- Presenter, “(S)mothering: Hester Thrale, the Maternal Body, and the Persistence Of Maternal Agency,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, March 2009

Presentations (cont.):

- Presenter, "To Produce a Prodigy: The Education of Queeney Thrale," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, March 2008
- Presenter, "Austen on the Web, in Your Home, and in a Theatre Near You," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, March 2007
- Presenter, "Amateur Parenting: Amateurs, Professionals, and the Status of Governesses," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, April 2005
- Presenter, "'A Baby, however, is always interesting': Early Childhood as Performance in Frances Burney's Journals and Correspondence," Burney Society Conference, October 2003
- Presenter, "Erasing the Stepmother Story: Frances Burney and Elizabeth Allen," Burney Society Conference, June 2002
- Presenter, "Naturally Unnatural: Constructing Stepmotherhood with the Burneys," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, April 2002
- Presenter, "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary: Married Infanticidal Mothers, 1660-1800," Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, December 1999
- Presenter, "The Conditions of Production: The Case of the Professional Mother," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Conference, March 1999
- Presenter, "The Best Mothers are the Dead Ones: Sarah Fielding's *The Governess* and the Spectral Mother," Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, November 1998
- Presenter, "The Silent and The Dead: Maternal Narrative and the Law in Eighteenth-Century England," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, April 1997
- Presenter, "Breaking the Ties that Bind: Infanticide in England, 1670-1750," Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, September 1996
- Presenter, "Enough Said: The Politics of Silence in Jane Austen," American Society of Eighteenth Century Studies Conference, March 1996
- Presenter, "Mothers on the Margins," South Central Modern Language Association Conference, October 1995
- Presenter, "Prolific Maternity: The Evolution of Reproductive Allegory from Spenser to Pope," Carolinas Symposium on British Studies, October 1993

Teaching Experience:

Undergraduate Courses:

Mamma Mia!: Mothers and Monsters in Western Culture	Senior Thesis
Performance and Disguise, 1740-1800	The Academic Novel
Early Modern British Women Writers (1400-1700)	Swift, Sterne, and Joyce
Jane Austen and Popular Culture	History of Literary Criticism
British Women Writers (1400 to the present)	Novel Into Film
Eighteenth-Century Literature I, 1660-1740	British Literature I and II
Eighteenth-Century Literature II, 1740-1800	Western World Literature
English Composition	Literature Humanities
Masterworks of Western Literature	
Classical Roots of Western Literature	

Graduate Courses:

The British Novel
 Origins of Feminism
 (Re) Configuring the Circle: Hester Thrale, Frances Burney, and the Streatham Circle
 Mothers and Monsters in 18th-Century Literature
 1666: The Year of the Devil
 The Tradition of Learned Wit
 History of the Novel
 Seminar on Jane Austen
 Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Drama
 Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Literature Survey
 Introduction to Literary Research

Independent Study Sponsor:

Monstrous Mothers, for Alison Toothman, Spring 2014
 George Eliot and Social Activism, for Sam Horrocks, Summer 2013
 English Literature Pedagogy, for Amanda Darby, Spring 2012
 Dumas: Finance/Debt in *The Three Musketeers*, for Dom Jebbia, Spring 2011
 Monstrous Motherhood, for Jodi Durham, Fall 2010
 Austen and Her Influences, for Lori D'Angelo, Summer 2007
 Jane Austen and Music, for Sarah Beth Childers, Summer 2007
Pride and Prejudice, on Film for Jennifer Smith, Summer 2007
 Swift, Pope, and Gay, for Suzanne Cook, Spring 2006
 18th-Century Novel, for Elayna Van Scoy, Spring 2006
 Aphra Behn, for Jillian Schedneck, Spring 2005
 The Western Canon, for Lori Zerne, Fall 2004
 Virginia Woolf on the Web, for Susan McBride, Spring 2003
 Gender and 18th-Century Landscape, for Crystal Lake, Spring 2002
 1666: The Year of Wonders, for Thomas Woodall, Spring 2000
 1666: The Year of Wonders, for Elizabeth Johnston, Spring 2000
 18th-Century British Women Writers, for Lisa Brewer, Spring 1998
 20th-Century British Satire, for Catherine Gouge, Fall 1996
 Jane Austen, for Rachel Ramsey, Fall 1995
 Restoration and 18th-Century Drama, for Marie Lewis, Spring 1995

Dissertation Committees, West Virginia University English Department

- Katherine Richards, "Medical Celebrity in the 18th century," in progress (chair)
- Sreya Chatterjee, "Fictions of Belonging: The Postcolonial Novel, Transnational Gender, and Domestic Space," defended 2017
- Teresa Pershing, "Errant Sexuality: Romantic Wanderings," defended 2017
- Kayla Kreuger, "Collecting Objects/Subjects: The Museum and Victorian Literature, 1830-1914," defended 2015
- Lori Zerne, "Dwindling into a Wife: Women and the Culture of Marriage in Eighteenth-Century Britain," defended 2011 (chair)
- Rachel Holmberg, "Divided into Double Parts': Race, Gender, and the Double in Books 1-3 of Spenser's *The Fearie Queene*," defended 2008
- Jessika Thomas, "Literary Representations: Reading and Writing Femininity in Eighteenth-Century Texts," defended 2007 (chair)
- Christina Godlewski, "George Eliot and the Anxious Construction of the Domestic Other: Racial Inheritance, Radical Femininity and Masculinity, and National Identity in *The Spanish Gypsy* and *Daniel Deronda*," defended 2006
- Lisa Brewer, "Paradise Negotiated: Early Modern Women Writing Utopia, 1640-1760," defended 2005 (co-chair)
- Cynthia Klekar, "Fictions of the Gift: Generosity, Obligation, and Economy in Eighteenth-Century England," defended 2005
- Elizabeth Johnston, "Competing Fictions: Eighteenth-Century Domestic Novels, Women Writers, and the Trope of Female rivalry," defended 2005
- Rachel Ramsey, "'A mad intemperance... of building': The Literary Construction of Early Modern London," defended 2001
- Jeannie Dalporto, "'To build, and plant, and keep a table': Class, Gender, and the Ideology of Improvement in Eighteenth-Century Women's Literature," defended 2001
- Greg McNamara, "'A perfect diamond set in lead': Henry, Prince of Wales and the Performance of Emergent Majesty," defended 2000
- Greg Winland, "Staging Whoredom: Prostitution on the Renaissance Stage," defended 1995
- Amy Zook, "The Poems We Sing: Writing Texts for Music," defended 1993

Additional Dissertation Committees:

- Autumn Mayle, "Public Homes versus Public Houses: Gendered Conceptions of Power, Respectability, and Domesticity in Sheffield, 1820-1880," WVU History Department (PhD Committee Member, in progress)
- Sara Tavela, Department of English, Duquesne University, "'What a Poor, Passive Machine': The Psychosomatic Heroine from Richardson to Austen," PhD Committee Member, defended 2017
- Kate Hamilton, Literary and Cultural Studies, Carnegie Mellon University, "'The Voice of Fame': Frances Burney and Celebrity in Eighteenth-Century Britain," PhD Committee Member, defended 2016
- Mary Beth Harris, Department of English, Purdue University, "Women Writers and the Genealogy of the Gentleman: Masculinity, Authority, and Male Characters in Eighteenth-Century English Novels by Women," PhD Committee Member, defended 2016

Master's Committees:

- Andrea Ruggiero, "Paper Children," M.F.A Thesis, WVU English Department, Committee Member, defended 2017
- Harrington Wehl, "I feel that our house is the future as well as the past': Architecture, Monumentality and Form in the Modernist Novel," M.A. Thesis, WVU English Department, Committee Member, defended 2014
- Erin Johns, "Before the Acts: The Romantic Sublime, Gender, Art, and the Modern in Virginia Woolf's *Between the Acts*," M.A. Thesis, WVU English Department, Committee Member, defended 2007
- Philip Hnatkovich, "'Old England in perfection': Historical Arguments in the Jewish Naturalization Controversy of 1753," M.A. Thesis, WVU History Department, Committee Member, 2005
- Crystal Lake, "'Some Peculiar Construction of the Object': The Colonization of Femininity in Picturesque Aesthetics," M.A. Thesis, WVU English Department, Director, 2003

Academic Service:**West Virginia University English Department Service**

Administration:

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 1998–2000, 2001-2002

Strategic Planning and Assessment:

Faculty Evaluation Assessment Committee, 2014-2015

Committee on Graduate Program Strategic Planning, 2012-2013

Faculty Evaluation Committee, 1996-1997, 2001-2003, 2009-2010, 2014-2015
(chair); 2017-

Undergraduate Task Force, 2007-2008

Department Strategic Planning Committee, 2006

B.A. Assessment Team, 2004-2005

Strategic Vision Advisory Team, 1996-2000

Greenhouse Committee on Grants and External Funding, 1999

Early British Curriculum Assessment Chair, 1997-1998

M.A. Assessment Committee, 1997-1998

B.A. Exit Interview Committee, 1998

Ad Hoc Committee on Curriculum, 1998

Committee on Research Initiatives, 1993-1994

Composition Assessment Committee, 1993-1994

Hiring:

Early British Job Search Committee, 2011-2012

20th-Century British Literature Job Search Committee, 2004-2005

Jackson Chair Search Committee, 2003-2004

Jackson Visiting Professor Search Committee, 2001

Renaissance Job Search Committee, 1994-1995, 1998-1999

Medieval Job Search Committee, 1992-1993, 1996-1997

Programming:

PhD Admissions, 2013

Undergraduate Symposium Committee, 2010

Undergraduate Recruitment Committee, 2010

Ph.D. Proseminar Committee Chair, 2004-2005, 2007-2008

Graduate Faculty Committee, 1992-2000, 2003-2004

Graduate Writing Contest Reader, 2002

Undergraduate Advisor, WVU English Department, 1995-2000

West Virginia University English Department Service (cont.):

Programming:

Ph.D. Proseminar Exam Committee, 1999-2000, 2010-2011
 Crocker Fellowship Committee, 1999
 M.A. Admissions Committee, 1992-1996
 Ph.D. Colloquium Committee, 1994-1995

Presentations:

"Working in the Archives," for English 680, Fall 2003
 Presentation on the English Major for Academic Advising, April 2002
 "Jane Austen on Film" for Sigma Tau Delta (English Honorary), October 1998
 Presentation on the Requirements for the English Major, Orientation 1 section,
 October 1998
 Graduate School Information Night for English Undergraduates, November
 1997, 1998, and 1999
 Presentation on Academic Conferences for the English Department Graduate
 Professionalization Night, September 1994
 Academic Job Market Information Night for English Department Graduate
 Students, November 1993

West Virginia University Service

Presenter, Cecilia Rollins Brownbag Luncheon Film and Discussion Series, *Pride
 and Prejudice* (2005), April 2015
 Presenter, "Writing Across the Women's Studies Curriculum" (with Professor Lisa
 Weihman), for the Center for Women's Studies, March 2010
 Presenter, "Old Maids and Bad Girls: Chick Lit and Romance" (with Professor
 Gwen Bergner), for the Center for Women's Studies, February 2010
 Guest Speaker, "Food for Thought" series, April 1993
 Faculty Senate Library Committee, 2012-2015
 Faculty Senate Faculty Welfare Committee, 2010-2012
 Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee, 2003-2004, 2005-2007
 Speaker, Holocaust Memorial Program, April 2007
 Pi Lambda Phi Committee, 2003-2006; Chair, 2006-2008
 Eberly College Dean's Advisory Committee, 2007-2008, 2012-2014
 Eberly College Outstanding Researcher Committee, 2013
 Eberly College Faculty Evaluation Committee, 2004-2006
 Eberly College Eberly Chair Assessment Committee, 2005
 Eberly College Curriculum and Academic Quality Committee, 1994-1995, 2002-2004,
 2007-2008
 Eberly College Grade Appeal Committee, 2002, 2003
 Eberly College Philosophy Department Job Search Committee, 1998
 Eberly College Outstanding Teaching Award Committee, 1997
 Faculty Mentor, WVU Honors Summer Guided Reading Program, 1995-1999
 Eberly College Academic Standards Committee, 1994-1996

Columbia University Service, 1988-1990

Faculty Advisor for Transfer Students

Service to the Profession

Editorial:

Editor, *The Burney Journal*, 2006-
 Member, Editorial Board, *New Perspectives on the Eighteenth Century*, 2005-
 Book Proposal Reviewer for Routledge, Palgrave Macmillan, Anthem Press
 Manuscript Reviewer for Ashgate Publications
 Manuscript Reviewer for *Studies in English Literature, Eighteenth-Century Life, Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature, Studies in Travel Writing, Eighteenth-Century Theory and Interpretation, Aphra Behn Online, Style, Comparative Drama, Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture, European Romantic Review*, and *Women's Writing*.
 Manuscript Reviewer for Robert F. Knoll, *Speaking in Images: Teaching Film on Video*

External Evaluator:

External Evaluator, Promotion Review, Boise State University, 2017
 External Evaluator, Promotion Review, Fordham University, 2016
 External Evaluator, Promotion and Tenure Review, University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, 2016
 External Evaluator, Australian Research Council Grants, 2016, 2017
 External Evaluator, Promotion Review, SUNY New Paltz, 2015
 External Evaluator, Promotion Review, Macquarie University, 2015
 External Evaluator, Research Fellowship, Macquarie University, 2014
 External Evaluator for Promotion and Tenure Review, Auburn University, 2014
 External Evaluator for Promotion Review, University of Redlands, 2011

Conference Activities:

Co-chair, Aphra Behn Society-Burney Society Conference (US), 2017
 Coordinator, Burney Society Conference (US), 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010
 Coordinator, West Virginia Association of College English Teachers (WVACET) Undergraduate Symposium, 1995-1997
 Coordinator, Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies Conference, 1996
 Coordinator, West Virginia Shakespeare Conference, 1994
 Panelist, "What's in an Archive? The Pleasures of Archival Research," East-Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, November 2014
 Panelist, "Recovering Families," East-Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, November 2010
 Panelist, "Exploding the Female Canon," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, March 2009
 Panelist, "Into the Archive," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, March 2008
 Panelist, "Burney in the Classroom," Burney Society of North America Conference, October 2006
 Respondent, "Frances Burney and Performativity" Panel, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, March 2012
 Session Chair, "Screenplays and Adaptations," Reputations, Legacies, Futures: Jane Austen, Germaine de Staël and their Contemporaries, Chawton House Library Conference, July 2017

Service to the Profession

Conference Activities:

- Session Chair, "International Visitor Program," Jane Austen Society of North America Conference, October 2016
- Session Chair, "Ruling Politics," Burney Society of North America Conference, October 2016
- Session Chair, "Austen in Public," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Conference, March 2016
- Session Chair, "Women's Worldmaking," Aphra Behn Society Conference, November 2015
- Session Chair, "Frances Burney: Women and Female Agency," Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, October 2015
- Session Chair, "The Actress as Novelist," Actress as Author: Nell Gwyn to Ellen Terry Conference, Chawton House Library, July 2015
- Session Chair, "Debt and the Maiden: Women Writers and the Economics of Authorship," American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Conference, March 2015
- Session Chair, "Taking Liberties: 18th-Century Texts in the 21st Century Classroom," East Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, November 2011
- Session Chair, "Theatre, Fashion, and the Gothic," Burney Society Conference (US), 2010
- Session Chair, "Mind Your Manners: Standards of Urban Behavior," Burney Society Conference (US), 2008
- Session Chair, "Agony Aunts and Confidantes in Burney and her Circle," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, March 2008
- Session Chair, "New Directions in Burney Studies," Burney Society Conference (UK), July 2007
- Session Chair, "Burney and Her Literary Heirs," American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, March 2007
- Session Chair, "Burney in Theatre/Music," Burney Society Conference (US), 2004
- Session Chair, "Performance in the Family," East Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, October 2002
- Session Chair, "Gender, Mysticism, and Desire," Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, September 1996
- Session Chair, "Matrons, Models, and Monsters: Visions of Maternity in Eighteenth-Century Literature," East Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, October 1994

Professional Societies:

- Chair, Jane Austen Society of North America International Visitor Program Committee, 2015-
- Burney Society Representative, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Affiliates Program, 2009-
- Coordinator, Mentoring Program, The Women's Caucus of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, 2013-2015
- American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies Graduate Student Mentor, 2008-2013, 2015.

Service to the Community

Guest Speaker, Jane Austen Book Club, Morgantown, WV, October 2010
 Member, J-SITE Committee, School for Advanced Jewish Studies,
 Pittsburgh, PA, 2007-2010
 Curriculum Consultant, Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh, PA, 2000–2006
 Member, School for Advanced Jewish Studies Task Force, Pittsburgh, PA, 2006
 Coordinator, Golden Quill Writing Contest, Hillel Academy, 2001-2007
 Advisor, Festival of Writing, Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh, PA, Fall 2005
 Member, Judaic Studies Program Evaluation Committee, Hillel
 Academy of Pittsburgh, PA, Spring 2001 – Summer 2003
 Member, General Education Committee, Hillel Academy of
 Pittsburgh, PA, Fall 2001- Spring 2005
 Member, Dean Search Committee, Hillel Academy, 2001-2002
 Panelist, Job Fair, Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh, PA, Spring 2001
 Guest Speaker, “Comedy,” Delphian Book Club, Morgantown, WV,
 September 2001

Honors, Awards, and Grants:

Jane Austen Society of North America International Visitor Program Fellowship, 2015
 West Virginia University Senate Research Grant, 2015
 American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies/McGill Fellowship, July 2012
 Chawton House Library Fellowship, May 2012
 West Virginia University Faculty Travel Grants, for conference travel in 1996, 1999, 2002,
 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017
 West Virginia University Faculty Research Development Grants, 1994, 1997, 2004, 2009
 West Virginia University Eberly College Summer Course Development Grant, 2006
 West Virginia University Sabbatical Leave, 2000-2001, 2008-2009, 2015-2016
 West Virginia University Capstone Course Grant, 2000
 Sigma Tau Delta Outstanding Teacher Award, 1998
 West Virginia Humanities Council Research Fellowship, 1997
 West Virginia University Senate Research Grants, 1994, 1997, 2015
 Eberly College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award, West Virginia University, 1997
 The Bordinat Prize, for the best article by a faculty member of the Department of English, 1995
 American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies/Clark Library Fellowship, 1994
 Riggle Fellowship in the Humanities, West Virginia University, 1994
 Behrman/Perkins Fellowship in the Humanities, Princeton University, 1991-1992
 Columbia University Presidential Fellowship, 1984-1986
 Columbia University Graduate Merit Fellowship, 1983-1984
 Phi Beta Kappa, 1983

Languages: Reading knowledge of French, Latin, and Hebrew