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EDUCATION

PhD	English, University of California-Los Angeles	2012
MA	English, University of California-Los Angeles	2007
BA	English, University of California-Berkeley	2004

Highest Honors in the Major and Highest Distinction in General Scholarship

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Literature, American University	2021-
Assistant Professor of Literature, American University	2016-2021
Assistant Professor of English, National University of Singapore	2013-2016
Lecturer in English, University of California-Los Angeles	2012-2013

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Before Queer Theory: Victorian Aestheticism and the Self. Johns Hopkins University Press, 2019.

Reviews in the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Nineteenth-Century Literature*, *Journal of Victorian Culture*, *Review of English Studies*, *Nineteenth-Century Contexts*, *Modern Philology*, *Nineteenth-Century Gender Studies*, *Studies in Walter Pater and Aestheticism*, *V21 Collations*, *Ad Alta: The Birmingham Journal of Literature*, *Victorian Studies*, *Papers on Language and Literature*, *Studies in the Novel*, *Victoriographies*, *The Year's Work in English Studies*

EDITED COLLECTIONS

Co-edited with Kristin Mahoney. *Nineteenth-Century Literature in Transition: The 1890s*. Forthcoming, Cambridge University Press.

Co-edited with Neil Hultgren. "Decadence and the Weird." Special issue of *Studies in Walter Pater and Aestheticism* 4 (2019).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Do Queer Theory and Victorian Studies Still Have Anything to Learn from Each Other?" Forthcoming, *Victorian Literature and Culture*.

"Toward a Queer Humanism." Forthcoming, *Modernism/modernity*.

"'Sinister Exile': Dionysus and the Aesthetics of Race in Walter Pater and Vernon Lee." *Victorian Studies* 63.4 (2021), 537-60.

"Teaching Queer Theory beyond the Western Classroom." *Pedagogy: Critical Approaches to Teaching Literature, Language, Composition, and Culture* 21.3 (2021), 521-32.

- “The rarest, most complex & most lately developed form of aestheticism’: Olive Schreiner, Decadence, and the Aesthetic Education of the Senses.” *Feminist Modernist Studies* 4.2 (2021), 256-70.
- “Weird Sex: *Teleny* and the History of Sexuality.” *Studies in Walter Pater and Aestheticism* 4 (2019), 67-86.
- “Decadence and the Weird: New Perspectives.” Co-authored with Neil Hultgren. *Studies in Walter Pater and Aestheticism* 4 (2019), 35-44.
- “E.M. Forster, the Clapham Sect, and the Secular Public Sphere.” *jml: Journal of Modern Literature* 39.1 (2015), 19-37.
- “Negative Eroticism: Lyric Performativity and the Sexual Subject in Oscar Wilde’s ‘The Portrait of Mr. W.H.’.” *ELH* 80.2 (2013), 597-626.
- “Unsettling the Normative: Articulations of Masculinity in Victorian Literature and Culture.” *Literature Compass* 7.12 (2010), 1077-88.
- “Parents of the Mind’: Mary Wollstonecraft and the Aesthetics of Productive Masculinity.” *Studies in Romanticism* 48.3 (2009), 423-46.
- “Aesthetic Cosmopolitanism: Euphuism, Negativity, and Genre in Walter Pater’s *Marius the Epicurean*.” *Pater Newsletter*, 55/56 (2009), 31-49.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “The 1890s: Decade of a Thousand Movements.” Co-authored with Kristin Mahoney. In *Nineteenth-Century Literature in Transition: the 1890s*. Forthcoming, Cambridge University Press.
- “Beyond Heterosexuality: Mary Wollstonecraft’s Aesthetic Masculinity.” In *Called to Civil Existence: Mary Wollstonecraft’s A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, ed. Enit Steiner (Amsterdam: Rodopi Press, 2013), 203-28.

BOOK REVIEWS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- Giles Whiteley, *The Aesthetics of Space in Nineteenth-Century British Literature, 1843-1907*. *Studies in Walter Pater and Aestheticism* 7 (2022), 148-52.
- Grace Lavery, *Quaint, Exquisite: Victorian Aesthetics and the Idea of Japan*. *Nineteenth-Century Gender Studies* 16.2 (2020), <http://ncgsjournal.com/issue162/friedman.html>.
- Benjamin Kahan, *The Book of Minor Perverts: Sexology, Etiology, and the Emergences of Sexuality*. *Modern Philology* 117.2 (2019), 136-9.
- Daniel Wright, *Bad Logic: Reasoning about Desire in the Victorian Novel*. *Nineteenth-Century Literature* 73.4 (2019), 558-62.

Gregory Woods, *Homintern: How Gay Culture Liberated the Modern World*. *Los Angeles Review of Books* (2018), <https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/the-gay-conspirators-on-gregory-woods-homintern-how-gay-culture-liberated-the-modern-world/>.

Sara Lyons, *Algernon Swinburne and Walter Pater: Victorian Aestheticism, Doubt and Secularisation*. *Review of English Studies* 68.284 (2017), 392-4.

Matthew Potolsky, *The Decadent Republic of Letters: Taste, Politics, and Cosmopolitan Community*. *Nineteenth-Century Literature* 68.4 (2014), 542-6.

“Walter Pater,” in the *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Literary and Cultural Theory*. Edited by Michael Ryan (Oxford: Blackwell, 2011), 373-6.

Heather Love’s *Feeling Backward: Loss and the Politics of Queer History* and Michael D. Snediker’s *Queer Optimism: Lyric Personhood and Other Felicitous Persuasions*. *Textual Practice* 24.1 (2010), 275-82.

Heike Bauer, *English Literary Sexology: Translations of Inversion, 1860-1930*. *Review 19* (2009), http://www.nbol-19.org/view_doc.php?index=20.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Walter Pater and Race.” In the *Cambridge Companion to Walter Pater*, edited by Kate Hext. Forthcoming, Cambridge University Press.

“Michael Field, Walter Pater, and Queer Aestheticism.” In *Michael Field in Context*, edited by Sarah Parker. Forthcoming, Cambridge University Press.

“Wilde’s ‘The Portrait of Mr. W.H.’ and His Short Fiction.” In the *Oxford Handbook of Oscar Wilde*, edited by Kate Hext and Alex Murray. Forthcoming, Oxford University Press.

“Universal Decadence: Race and the Aesthetics of the Human at the Global *Fin de Siècle* and Beyond.” Book manuscript in progress.

HONORS AND AWARDS

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Mellon Grant	2018
International Travel Award	2018
Start-up Funding for New Faculty	2016

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Nominee for Annual Teaching Excellence Award	2015
Start-Up Grant for New Staff	2013

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES

Collegium of University Teaching Fellows Award	2011-2012
LGBT Studies Graduate Teaching Fellowship	2011

Department of English Dissertation Fellowship	2009
William Andrews Clark Memorial Library Dissertation Fellowship	2008
English Department Summer Teaching Fellowship	2008
Summer Research Mentorship	2006; 2007
Center for Eighteenth-Century Studies Travel Grant	2006
Department of English Travel Grants	2006-2013
Dean's Del Amo Fellowship in the Humanities	2004; 2008

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

INVITED TALKS

"Vernon Lee and the Specters of Lesbian History." Queens University, Department of English. Charlotte, NC. April 12, 2023.

"Do Queer Theory and Victorian Studies Still Have Anything to Learn from Each Other?" Michigan State University, Department of English. Lansing, MI. November 12, 2022.

Roundtable on Adrian Daub's *The Dynastic Imagination*. Stanford University, Clayman Institute for Gender Research. Online. January 26, 2022.

"Toward a Queer Humanism." Texas A&M University, Department of English. Online. April 7, 2021.

"Before Queer Theory: Victorian Aestheticism and the Self." Cambridge University, Nineteenth-Century Studies Research Seminar. Online. November 8, 2020.

"'Sinister Exile': Queer Myth and Aesthetic Teleology in Walter Pater and Vernon Lee." International Vernon Lee Society Conference. Online. October 14, 2020.

"Before Queer Theory: Victorian Aestheticism and the Self." University of Toronto, Department of English. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. February 27, 2020.

"Before Queer Theory: Victorian Aestheticism and the Self." University of Alberta, Department of English and Film Studies. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. September 19, 2019.

"Vernon Lee and the Specters of Lesbian History." George Washington University Nineteenth-Century Seminar, "Mobilities and Migrations." Washington, D.C. March 1, 2019.

"Erotic Negativity and Victorian Aestheticism." George Washington University English Department Colloquium, "The Humanities Now." Washington, D.C. October 27, 2017.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Roundtable on "Decadent Provocations." Modern Language Association Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. January 7, 2022.

Roundtable on "Theoretical Foundations of Victorian Studies." Modern Language Association Annual Conference. Online. January 7, 2021.

- Roundtable on “Fin de Sex at the *Fin de Siècle*? The Recursions of Race, Gender, and Sexuality.” Modern Language Association Annual Conference. Seattle, Washington. January 11, 2020.
- “Towards a Queer Humanism: Thomas Hardy’s *The Well-Beloved* and André Aciman’s *Call Me by Your Name*.” North American Victorian Studies Association Annual Conference. Columbus, Ohio. October 17-19, 2019.
- “The Homoerotic Subject of Walter Pater’s ‘Winckelmann’.” American Comparative Literature Association Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. March 7-10, 2019.
- “Form and Excess: Aesthetic *Bildung* in the Supernatural Writings of Vernon Lee.” Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies Association Annual International Conference. Rome, Italy. June 13-15, 2018.
- “Poetic Disinterest and the Sex of Aesthetic Freedom in Michael Field’s Ekphrastic Poetry.” Curiosity and Desire in *Fin-De-Siècle* Art and Literature. Los Angeles, California. May 11-12, 2018.
- “Weird Sex: *Teleny*, Pornography, and the History of Sexuality.” North American Victorian Studies Association Conference. Banff, Alberta, Canada. November 15-18, 2017.
- “Teaching Queer Victorian Literature in Singapore.” Northeast Victorian Studies Association Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. April 21-23, 2017.
- “Michael Field, Poetic Indifference, and the Sex of Aesthetic Freedom.” Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. October 27-30, 2016.
- “Walter Pater, Contradiction, and ‘Moral Sexlessness’.” The Victorians and the Democratic Imagination. Hong Kong. May 13, 2016.
- “The Truth in Eros: The Anthropology of Rationality in Walter Pater’s *Plato and Platonism*.” North American Victorian Studies Association Annual Conference. Honolulu, Hawaii. July 9-12, 2015.
- “Forgetting Pederasty in Richard Burton’s ‘Terminal Essay’.” Australasian Victorian Studies Association Annual Conference. Auckland, New Zealand. February 2-5, 2015.
- “Doing Victorian Sexuality in Singapore.” Modern Language Association Annual Conference. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. January 8-11, 2015.
- “‘The inevitable force of individuality’: *Sight and Song* and the Erotics of Historicism.” Michael Field Centenary Conference. London, United Kingdom. July 11-12, 2014.
- “Erotic Negativity: Mediating Queer Aesthetics.” Modern Language Association

Annual Conference. Boston, Massachusetts. January 3-6, 2013.

“The Gender of Aesthetic *Bildung* in Vernon Lee’s ‘Prince Alberic and the Snake Lady.’” Women Writers of the *Fin de Siècle*. London, United Kingdom. June 28-29, 2010.

“Bodies that Shatter: *Teleny* and the History of Sexuality.” Dickens Project Winter Conference. New Brunswick, New Jersey. April 6-8, 2007.

“Euphuism in Walter Pater’s *Marius the Epicurean*.” Victorian Interdisciplinary Studies Association of the Western United States. Los Angeles, California, October 26-28, 2006.

“Artificial Artlessness: Walter Pater and the ‘task of poetry’.” International Walter Pater Society Conference. New Brunswick, New Jersey. July 27-29, 2006.

“Masculinity, Aesthetics, and Sensibility in Mary Wollstonecraft’s *Maria*.” The Eighteenth Century Now. York, United Kingdom. June 24-16, 2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Contemporary Queer Fiction

Global Victorians

Queer Victorians

Transnational Decadence

Queer Literary Cultures

Growing Up in Literature

Inventing Queer Lives

Victorian Literature, Culture, and Power

Oscar Wilde and Victorian Literary Culture

Survey of British Literature II

Sexuality in Victorian Literature

The Novel (Graduate)

Hegel and Dialectical Thought (independent study)

Aesthetics and Politics (independent study)

Gothic Environments (independent study)

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Gender and Sexuality in Victorian Literature

The Gothic Novel

Nineteenth-Century Literature and Culture

Pre-Raphaelitism, Aestheticism, and Decadence (Graduate)

Art, Sex, and Death: Victorian Literature and Social Critique (Graduate)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES

Gothic Sexualities

Introduction to Feminist and Queer Theory

Introduction to LGBT Studies

Victorian Masculinities
 Critical Reading and Writing
 English Composition, Rhetoric, and Language

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Programming Committee, Northeast Victorian Studies Association	2022-
Editorial Board Member, <i>Nineteenth-Century Literature</i>	2021-
Executive Committee, MLA Sexuality Studies Forum	2021-
Organizer, Mid-Atlantic V21 Summer Reading Group	2017-2019

Manuscript reader: Edinburgh University Press; Johns Hopkins University Press; Oxford University Press; Routledge Press; *ELH*; *Nineteenth-Century Literature*; *Journal of Victorian Culture*; *Eighteenth-Century Fiction*; *Literature Compass*; *Studies in the Novel*; *Victorian Review*; *Victorian Literature and Culture*; *Nineteenth-Century Contexts*; *Romance, Revolution, and Reform*.

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Reappointment and Tenure Committee	2021-
Educational Policy Committee (EPC)	2021-
Co-Director, M.A. in Literature, Culture, and Technology	2019-
Executive Committee	2019-
Library Liaison	2019-2020
Cultural Inquiry Faculty Learning Community	2019
Chair Search Committee	2018
Tenure-Line Merit Committee	2017-2018
Best Undergraduate Essay Prize Judge	2017-2018
Outreach Committee	2016-2020
Literary Studies Ad-Hoc Committee, Habits of Mind	2016-2018
Best Undergraduate Senior Capstone Prize Judge	2016-2017

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES

Coordinator, English Department Nineteenth-Century Group	2009
President, English Graduate Union	2006

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

Public lecture on Charles Dickens's *David Copperfield*. Chevy Chase DC Public Library. April 2022.

Interview with Andrew Rimby. "Ivory Tower Boiler Room." November 2021.

<https://anchor.fm/ivorytowerboilerroom/episodes/Getting-Wilde-about-Gayness-in-Victorian-Lit--with-Dr--Dustin-Friedman-e1afqh0/a-a6uiv7v>

Interview with Rachel Mesch and Andy Kesson. "A Bit Lit." May 2021.

<https://abitlit.co/books/before-trans-and-before-queer-new-books-from-rachel-mesch-and-dustin-friedman/>

Podcast on *Before Queer Theory*. "Papers on Language and Literature Podcast." December 2020.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bbLKPiOTR16yTtO2F88EUHuK1Nkkgpzy/view>

Public lecture on Bram Stoker's *Dracula*. Chevy Chase DC Public Library. October 2018.

LANGUAGES

French (reading)

Italian (reading)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Modern Language Association

V21 Collective: Victorian Studies for the 21st Century

Northeast Victorian Studies Association

North American Victorian Studies Association

International Walter Pater Society

International Vernon Lee Society

REFERENCES

Available upon request.