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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., English, 1992, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas.

Dissertation: "The Visual and Verbal Sketch in British Romanticism"
Co-Directors: Theresa M. Kelley and Andrew Cooper

M.A., English, 1988, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas.
B.A., cum laude with distinction in English, 1985, University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

King's College, London, Junior Year Abroad, 1983-84

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Professor of Literature, American University, Washington, D.C. 2008-present

Affiliate Professor of Philosophy, American University, 2013-

Affiliate of the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience, 2014-

Associate Professor of Literature, American University, Washington, D.C.
1998-2008

Fields: British Romantic Literature and Culture, Poetry, Victorian Literature, Asian
American Literature, Multi-Ethnic Studies

Assistant Professor of Literature, American University, Washington, D.C.
1992-1998

Instructor, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas. 1987-1990

HONORS and AWARDS:

2019 Fulbright Finalist for Italy; final notification, February 2019

2012 Scholar/Teacher of the Year, American University, Washington, DC
American University's highest faculty award

CAS Nominee for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Development, 2005

2004 Faculty Member of the Year, Awarded for Excellence in Teaching by American University's Undergraduate Student Confederation

Curriculum Development Award to Develop a Minor in Multi-Ethnic Studies, \$5,000, 2002

2002 University Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching in the General Education Program

Folger Institute Seminar, "Images of the French Revolution," 2001

CAS Nominee for the Morton Bender Prize, 2001

Curriculum Development Award, American University, \$2,000, 1999

ACLS Travel to Meetings Abroad Grant, 1995

Mellon Travel Award, CAS, 1996, 1994, 1993

Folger Institute Spring Seminar, 1994

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Imagination and Science in Romanticism. 344 pages + 3 b/w illustrations. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, June 2018. Second edition, September 2018.

"Richard Sha's *Imagination and Science in Romanticism* is required reading for anyone interested in the relations between Romantic science and literature. Science has come to play a significant role in a field otherwise dominated by historicism, identity studies and work focused on print and the digital. Books by Alan Bewell, Denise Gigante, Amanda Jo Goldstein, and Noah Heringman complement work in the intellectual history of Romantic science by Adrian Desmond, Timothy Lenoir, Robert Richards, Martin Rudwick and many others. Sha's study takes on this intellectual history with a comprehensiveness that few others attempt, and hence the style is extensive rather than intensive: on any given page he evokes a wide array of scientific materials and summons up an encyclopedic range of British and European thinkers, though he also goes into detail on scientists such as Davy, Faraday and Saumarez. Moreover, though each of the four chapters pairs a scientific field with a literary text (thus chemistry and physics are connected to Percy Shelley's *Prometheus Unbound*, neurology to Blake's *Four Zoas*, physiology to Coleridge's *Biographia Literaria*, and obstetrics and embryology to Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*), significant portions of each chapter are devoted to science, which has an equal voice with literature. These segments --particularly the Introduction, which continues into the discussion of dynamic matter in Chapter 1-- are especially valuable.

The theoretical contribution of the book is threefold. First, it intervenes at a "meta" level to stake a collective methodological claim for the turn to science that none of the books mentioned above

make. It argues that art was by no means hostile to science in the Romantic period, and that through science criticism can access a “materiality” that is very different from a historicist or cultural materialism, and that makes it impossible to dismiss Romanticism on the grounds of “a Romantic ideology” of transcendentalism. The book further explores two related synergies: the impact of science on Romantic conceptions of the imagination, and reciprocally, the crucial role of imagination in science itself. On the second point, as Sha astutely says, “the dismissal of *Naturphilosophie* as a science” has made it “difficult to see why poetry and science did not have to be at odds” (9). In a case of the pot calling the kettle black, it was Hegel in his *History of Philosophy* who accused Friedrich Schelling and *Naturphilosophie* of substituting “analogical reflections” for “thoughts,” thus converting science into “imagination.” Hegel anticipates the criticism later leveled against all post-Kantian idealism: that it confuses representation and reality by making categories of mind or imagination “constitutive” rather than more modestly “regulative.” But though Sha only mentions him in passing, Schelling himself suggests a role for imagination in science that cuts through Kant’s regulative/constitutive distinction, and that may well be in line with Sha’s argument. In Schelling’s “constructivism” in his *First Outline of a System of the Philosophy of Nature*, the mind would have no insight into nature if it did not engage in a speculative “invasion” of nature as an “experiment” or “question” to which nature can answer back. This process by which “we ourselves” speculatively “produce the objects of ... science,” can fairly be called imagination.” Tilottama Rajan, *The Wordsworth Circle*, Winter 2018

Perverse Romanticism: Aesthetics and Sexuality in Britain, 1750-1830. 376 pp. + 14 halftones. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009. Print and E Book. Selected by Hopkins to be published Open Source in 2019, one of 200 Humanities Books in its entire list to be so chosen.

Reviews in *TLS*, *Byron Journal*, *American Historical Review*, *Modern Philology*, *BARS Bulletin and Review*, *European Romantic Review*, *Romanticism and Victorianism on the Net*, *Wordsworth Circle*, *Nineteenth-Century Literature*, *GLQ*, *Social History of Medicine*, *H-Net Reviews*, *Journal of British Studies*, *History: Reviews of New Books*, *Review of English Studies*, *Clio*, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, *Journal of Modern History*, *ANQ*, *Prisms*, *Keats-Shelley Journal*, *Medical History*

“Sha’s scholarship on behalf of perversion is formidable, and makes for fun reading.... Sha is a superlative reader of poetry.” *European Romantic Review* August 2012

“*Perverse Romanticism* is, in short, a splendid achievement. The honorable toil of archival research is everywhere apparent, and readers can without undue effort or concern reap the benefits of painstaking care, original thought, and convincing argument. Most important, the field of Romanticism benefits both from the introduction of fascinating new medical materials and from a reconsideration of the history of sexuality that changes received wisdom and opens previously unchallenged assumptions to scrutiny and debate.” *Romanticism and Victorianism on the Net*, February-May 2010, published 2/2012.

“An intensely scholarly book, and one very well versed in the medical and scientific work of the period, but it keeps literary and artistic production in view at all times.” *Medical History* 55 (October 2011)

“Brilliantly extends Laqueur’s reading of the instability of sex.” *BARS Bulletin and Review*, 2011

“Sha’s work, with its rich and engaging cultural context, significantly broadens and deepens our understanding of Romantic-era sexuality.” Rick Incorvati, *Keats-Shelley Journal* Dec 2010.

“*Perverse Romanticism* is that rare work of scholarship that crisscrosses confidently between different authors and disciplines.” *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, 2013

“Coming in the wake of excellent work on Romanticism and sexuality by Andrew Elfenbein, Dino Felluga and others, not to mention the even longer history of criticism on Romanticism and gender, in so many ways *Perverse Romanticism* is the book on Romantic sexuality we have been waiting for. This book not only recovers the historical nuances of the Romantic period’s concern with sexuality, but also explores the transformative aesthetic and cultural energies at once urging and produced by this concern.” *Wordsworth Circle*, 2011

“Richard C. Sha’s ambitious new book, *Perverse Romanticism*, attempts to bridge the gap between three scholarly disciplines: literary criticism, the history of sexuality, and aesthetic theory. The result is an impressive display of Sha’s masterful grasp of a wide range of scholarly literature, and a provocative thesis that will be of interest to academics in all three fields. Sha’s primary argument in *Perverse Romanticism* is that scholars need to reevaluate the Romantics’ understanding of sexuality and the body to fully comprehend these authors’ emphasis on “perverse” sex. By integrating Romantic literature with contemporary medical discourses and the Kantian notion of “purposiveness,” scholars will find that the Romantics advocated for social equality based on a particularly fluid notion of sex and the sexed body.’ *H-Net Reviews*, June 2009

Richard Sha's *Perverse Romanticism* begins with a stunningly brilliant and original move. Sha argues for a connection between aesthetics and perverse sexuality that consists in their shared suspicion of function. In perverse sexuality as Sha defines it, pleasure is separate from reproduction and thus has no utilitarian function, while the beautiful object, according to Kantian aesthetics, exhibits ‘purposiveness without purpose’. This is to say that the beautiful object has no practical use but nonetheless exhibits the *form* of purpose. Although it has not necessarily been designed, we cannot conceive of it without the concept of a designer. The common resistance to function in aesthetics and sexuality underlies Sha's most radical claim, for he holds that this resistance confers liberatory potential upon Romanticism. The argument draws on Kant's concept of the free play involved in aesthetics, which Kant denominates ‘freedom’, and on Romantic-era life science, which questioned the absolute determining power of anatomy. It must be emphasized, however, that this parallel is not merely an inspired case of analogical thinking, for Sha musters strong evidence to demonstrate that there was an historical dialogue between men and women of letters on the one hand and scientists on the other hand. Indeed, some figures he discusses belonged to both categories. By themselves, Sha's foundational theses on aesthetics and sexuality are critical commonplaces; however, brought together they have immense transformational power, which the work bears out through a great deal of ground-breaking interdisciplinary scholarship bridging the fields of aesthetics, Romantic-era medical science and life science, and British Romantic literature, with special attention to the poetry of Blake and Byron. Geraldine Friedman, *Review of English Studies*, August 2010

"Perverse Romanticism is a vastly interesting...book. The past decade saw a flurry of publications about the Romantics' relationship with science, from Alan Richardson's *British Romanticism and the Science of Mind* to Sharon Rushton's *Shelley and Vitality*. Richard C. Sha's exploration of contemporary scientific and medical notions concerning gender, sexuality and reproduction promised to be an exciting contribution to the field. This promise is largely fulfilled. Sha produces a masterful account of science in the period, including Lazzaro Spallanzani's experiments with frogs in taffeta shorts, and Johann Friedrich Blumenbach's quasi-medical denunciation of the clitoris as an "obscene organ of brute pleasure...given to beasts." *Times Literary Supplement*, February 12, 2010

"Sha brings to these topics a keen intelligence buttressed by up-to-the minute scholarship and, in particular, a deep understanding of the life and works of Blake. If he has his own agendas, these are made subservient to elucidation of the main theme. He dazzles by the quantity and breadth of his reading and embodies the best interdisciplinary approaches so many scholars tout but rarely incorporate. He is as comfortable with the anatomy and physiology of his epoch, as its overarching medical hypotheses, and puts these to good use in the demonstration that whatever Romanticism was, it did not rest on the pillar of any heteronormative sexuality, as has sometimes been claimed for British civilizations prior to the late Georgians." **George Rousseau, *The Social History of Medicine* April 2010**

"With the new knowledge being led by function, that which was not functional was "perverse" or "pleasure without function," as in the scandalous realization that the only function of the clitoris might be pleasure or that anatomical symmetries might be what remained of an original single sex. Sha, like others, is interested in the romantic period because it is a period of transition, in its questioning of essential sexual division. It is illuminating to see Mary Wollstonecraft, for example, explained as knowingly rewriting the absolute distinction of sex proposed by Comte de Buffon (118–19). Most of the book is about that supplementary "pleasure" rather than the disciplinary "functions" it escapes. This is pleasure without function or purposiveness without reproductive purpose. The book sees "function" not as the palpable design of power but rather as a repertory of ends and, in opposition to what it sees as a Foucauldian notion of sexual knowledge as a form of disciplinary power, it heralds liberation." *Journal of British Studies*, January 2010

"Richard C. Sha's fine study takes Byron's theme of 'perversion' in a different direction from the ethical, demonstrating how Romantic medical writing about the perverse influenced literary Romanticism.... Fascinating book." – Jonathan David Gross, *Byron Journal*

"The strength of Sha's carefully executed study lies in the connections he forges between medicine and culture to situate perversity and purposiveness. Separating sexual activity from procreative purpose allows for more diverse sexualities as well as distinguishes humans from beasts." *ANQ A Quarterly Journal of Short Articles, Notes, and Reviews* 2010

The Visual and Verbal Sketch in British Romanticism Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1998. 288pp + 19 b/w + 2 color plates. Electronic and Print Reprint 2015

Reviewed in Times Literary Supplement, European Romantic Review, Studies in Romanticism, BARS Journal and Review, Choice, Criticism, Notes and Queries, Review of English Studies, Prisms: Essays in Romanticism, Modern Philology, Romanticism, Studies in English Literature, Keats-Shelley Journal, Byron Journal, Women's Literature, and Wordsworth Circle.

"Sha brings to life a neglected sphere of activity in the period and he moves skillfully between art history and literary criticism." TLS

"Richard Sha's book on the sketch opens up a new area of critique. While the fragment has been investigated for years, the sketch has by and large escaped critical notice. Sha skillfully leads his readers into unfamiliar territory and uncovers its depths."

BARS Bulletin and Review

"This is a richly intellectual and subtly argued book..." ERR

"The reader is well rewarded both by Sha's application of theory to his own analytical practice, as well as by the materials he orchestrates for his cultural analysis. His command of these materials, his interpretative persuasiveness regarding them, and his theoretical account of them deserve high praise." Studies in Romanticism

Edited Volumes. (6):

Co-edited with Joel Faflak. *Romantic Consciousness 2.0*. With contributions from Lisa Zunshine, Jonathan Kramnick, Nancy Yousef, Alan Richardson, Joel Faflak, Kate Singer, Mark Bruhn, Marjorie Levinson, Jennifer Mensch, Colin Jager, Jacques Khalip, and John Savarese. Under consideration at Cambridge University Press.

Co-edited with Noah Heringman. "Romantic Science: Between Living and Non-Living Forms." Special Issue of *The Wordsworth Circle* published by The University of Chicago Press. With essays by Tilottama Rajan, Joel Faflak, Noah Heringman, Richard C. Sha, Crystal Lake, Gabriel Trop, Ya-Feng Wu, and Anne Wallace. Volume 50 #1 (Spring 2019).

Co-edited with Joel Faflak. Romanticism and the Emotions. With essays by Joel Faflak, Tilottama Rajan, David Collings, Thomas Pfau, Rei Terada, Julie Carlson, Richard C. Sha, and Jacques Khalip. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Published April 2014. 273pp. Reissued in paperback, September 2016.

<http://www.cambridge.org/us/academic/subjects/literature/english-literature-1700-1830/romanticism-and-emotions>

Reviewed in *European Romantic Review* 27.1 (2016): "The collection is an astonishing treasure trove, bringing together important and innovative new works from many of the

most interesting and important thinkers in the field working at their best. The result is one of the most compelling books about Romanticism published in recent years. “

“Romantic Organizations,” Special Issue of *European Romantic Review*. 26 #3 (June 2015): 261-393. Co-edited with Patrick R. O’Malley. With essays by Peter Dear, Jonathan Kramnick, Rei Terada, Kevis Goodman, Mary Favret, Arkady Plotnitsky, Miranda Burgess, Libby Fay, and Arden Hegele.

“Historicizing Romantic Sexuality” in *Romantic Praxis* (January 2006). With essays by Elizabeth Fay, Jill Heydt-Stevenson, Danny O’Quinn, Jonathan Loesberg, Bradford Mudge, Richard Sha, and Susan Lanser with responses by David M. Halperin and Andrew Elfenbein. 335 typescript pages. <http://www.rc.umd.edu/praxis/sexuality/index.html>

“Sexuality and Romanticism,” special issue of *Romanticism on the Net* 23 (August 2001) 175 pp. with introductory essay by Sha, and essays by Bradford Mudge, Peter Otto, Geraldine Friedman, Andrew Elfenbein, Catherine Burroughs, and Richard Sha. <http://www.erudit.org/revue/2001/v/n23/005994ar.html>

ARTICLES PUBLISHED in REFEREED JOURNALS or BOOKS (35 total)

Published or Forthcoming:

“Mary Shelley’s Abortion,” *Lost Romantics*. Ed. Norbert Lennartz. Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.

“Voltaire and Models of Romantic Emotion,” *Romantic Science: Between Living and Non-living*. Special Issue of *The Wordsworth Circle*. 50.1 (Spring 2019). Eds. Noah Heringman and Richard C. Sha.

“Byron and Sexuality,” *Byron in Context*. Ed. Clara Tuite. Cambridge UP, 2019.

“‘Erotic for Whom?’: When Particular Bodies Matter to Romanticism,” *Cambridge Companion to Erotic Literature*. Ed. Bradford Mudge. Cambridge UP, 2017. Pp. 139-154. Contributors include: James Grantham Turner, Gert Hekma, and Deborah Lutz.

“William Blake and the Mark of the Cognitive: Notes Towards the Appearance of the Skeptical Subject,” 29pp typescript. Forthcoming in *Distributed Cognition in Enlightenment and Romantic Culture*, Edinburgh UP, 2019.

“The Turn to Affect: Emotions without Subjects, Causality without Demonstrable Cause,” *Palgrave Handbook on Affect Theory and Texts*, ed. Donald Wehrs and Thomas Blake. Palgrave Macmillan, 2017. Pp. 259-278. Contributors include: Charles Altieri, Patrick Hogan, G. Gabrielle Starr, Marshall Alcorn

“Only Connect: Romantic Nerves, Pleasure, Aesthetics and Sexuality,” *Literature and the History of Medicine in the Eighteenth Century and Romantic Periods*. Ed. Clark Lawlor. Cambridge: CUP, 2019. 10,000 words. Delivered August 2016. Invited contributor.

“Romantic Skepticism about Scientific Experiment,” *The Wordsworth Circle* 46 #3 (Summer 2015): 127-31. Together with essays by Robert Mitchell and response by Amanda Jo Goldstein at Berkeley.

“Romanticism, Paradox, and Free Love: Hegel, Rousseau, and Goethe,” *The Wordsworth Circle* 46 #1 (Winter 2015): 26-35.

“John Keats and Some Versions of Materiality,” *Romanticism*. 20 #3 (October 2014): 233-245. 8,000 words. *Romanticism* is the premier British Journal devoted to Romanticism.

“Romantic Physiology and the Work of Romantic Imagination: Hypothesis and Speculation in Science and in Coleridge” invited essay, *European Romantic Review*, special issue on new approaches to the Imagination, edited by Alan Richardson, Essay Accepted April, 2013. Published August 2013.

“From Electrical Materiality to Electric Bodies,” *The Wordsworth Circle*, 43 #3 (Summer 2012): 143-46.

“The Motion Behind Romantic Emotion: The Chemistry and Physics of Feeling,” in *Romanticism and the Emotions*, eds. Sha and Faflak. Cambridge: CUP, 2014. Pp. 19-47.

“In original and illuminating extended readings of Goethe, Wordsworth, Newton, and Michael Faraday, Sha makes unexpected connections, poses surprising questions, and draws subtle inferences, blending recent affect theory with eighteenth-century science in sophisticated and compelling ways.” David Sigler in *European Romantic Review*

“How to write a persuasive job letter in the Humanities,” *Inside Higher Ed* (January 2011)

“Volta’s Battery, Animal Electricity, and *Frankenstein*” *European Romantic Review*, 23.1 (February 2012): 21-42. 2,462 views on Academia.edu

“Towards a Physiology of the Romantic Imagination,” *Configurations*, 17 #3 (fall 2009) Published January 2011. pp. 197-226.
Nominated for Best Article Published in 19th Century Studies for 2011

“On the Romantic Imaginations we Want and on the One’s we Don’t,” *A Handbook to Romantic Studies*, eds. Joel Faflak and Julia Wright. London: Blackwells, April 2012. Lead essay.

Entries “Figuration in Romantic Scientific Prose,” “John and William Hunter,” “Sir Charles Bell,” and “Ann Batten Crisall” in *Blackwell’s Encyclopedia of Romanticism*, eds. Frederick

Burwick, Diane Hoeveler, and Nancy Goslee. Under contract. 10,000 words total.
London: Blackwells, 2011.

“Othering Sexual Perversity: England, Empire, Race and the Science of Sex.” In ***A History of the Human Body in an Age of Empire***, ed. Michael Sappol and Steven Rice. (Oxford: Berg Publishers, 2010). Pp 87-105, 275-82.

Contributors include Pamela Gilbert, Thomas Laqueur, Michael Worboys.

“Blake and Queering of Queer Jouissance,” in ***Queer Blake***, eds. Helen Bruder and Tristanne Connolly. Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010. Pp. 40-49.

“Imagination as Inter-science” in ***European Romantic Review***. Volume 20 #5 (December 2009): 661-669. Essay solicited by Tilottama Rajan.

Essay reprinted in ***Transforming Tragedy, Identity, and Community***, eds. T. Rajan, L. Crisafulli, D. Saglia. London: Routledge, 2011.

“Byron, Polidori, and the Epistemology of Romantic Pleasure.” In ***Romanticism and Pleasure***, eds. Michele Faubert and Tom Schmidt. Palgrave Macmillan, 2010. Pp. 17-37.

“Blake, Liberation, and Medicine,” in ***Liberating Medicine***, eds. Tristanne Connolly and Steve Clark. London: Pickering and Chatto, 2009. Pp. 83-96, 254-58.

“The Use and Abuse of Historicism: Shelley and Halperin on the Otherness of Ancient Greek Sexuality,” ***Romantic Praxis*** (January 2006). (50 page typescript)

<http://www.rc.umd.edu/praxis/sexuality/sha/sha.html>

“Romanticism and the Sciences of Perversion,” ***Wordsworth Circle***. 36 #2 (spring 2005): 43-48.

“Medicalizing the Romantic Libido: Luxury, Sexual Pleasure, and the Public Sphere,”

in “Romanticism and Vice,” a special issue of ***Nineteenth-Century Contexts*** vol. 27 #1 (March 2005). Pp. 31-52. Longer version (68 page typescript) in ***Romanticism on the Net*** 31 (August 2003).

“Scientific Forms of Sexual Knowledge in Romanticism.” ***Romanticism on the Net*** 23 (August 2001) 27pp.

“The Power of the English Nineteenth-Century Visual and Verbal Sketch: Appropriation, Discipline, Mastery.” ***Nineteenth-Century Contexts***. 24 #1 (2002): 73-100.

“Expanding the Limits of Feminine Writing: the Prose Sketches of Sydney Owenson (Lady Morgan) and Helen Maria Williams.” In ***Women Romantic Writers: Voices and Countervoices***. Eds. Paula Feldman and Theresa Kelley. Hanover: The University Press of New England, 1995. 194-206. 302-304.

"A Genre Against Genre: The Visual and Verbal Sketch in British Romanticism," *Genre* 28 (Spring/Summer 1995): 145-170.

"Gray's Political Elegy: Poetry as the Burial of History," *Philological Quarterly* 69 (Summer 1990): 337-357. REPRINTED in *Poetry for Students* ed. Mark Milne. New York: Gale Publishing, 2000, and in *Literature and Criticism 1400-1800*, Thomson Gale, 2007.

SPONSORED RESEARCH

Modeling Emotion in Romanticism and Beyond

Fulbright Scholar Finalist 2019

Imagination and Science in Romanticism, 1750-1850

NEH Fellowship for 2012-13, 2011, \$50,400 **80 Awards/1339 applications**

Benjamin Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society, 2008

\$4,000

Mellon Fund Award, London Research Expenses, 2011, \$1,500

Perverse Romanticism

NEH Summer Stipend for Senior Scholars, 2004, \$5,000

AU Match for NEH, 2004, \$5,000

Mellon Fund Award, British Library Research Expenses, \$1,000 2003

Mellon Fund Award, Glasgow Research Expenses, \$1,070 2001

Giles and Elise Mead Fellowship, Huntington Library, \$1,800 1999

Andrew Mellon Fellowship, Huntington Library, \$1,800 1999

Visual and Verbal Sketch

Mellon Fund Grant, American University, 1997, color photograph subvention \$1,750

Mellon Fund Grant, photography expenses 1996 \$950

American University Two-Year and Summer Research Award, 1993-95 \$9,450

Yale Center for British Art Visiting Fellowship, 1992 1,000 + accommodations

Andrew Mellon Fellowship at the Huntington Library, 1992 \$5,400

INVITED REVIEWS

Hayles, N. Katherine. Unthought. Configurations. 2019.

Lehleiter, Christine, Ed. Fact and Fiction: Literary and Scientific Cultures in Germany and Britain. xii + 354 pp., illus., index. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016. Forthcoming.

Fay, Elizabeth. Fashioning Faces: The Portraitive Mode in British Romanticism. Nineteenth-Century Literature. 2011

Canuel, Mark. The Shadow of Death: Literature, Romanticism, and the Subject of Punishment. Wordsworth Circle. 2011

Schlutz, Alexander. Mind's World. Imagination and Subjectivity from Descartes to Romanticism. European Romantic Review 2011

Bronk, Richard. The Romantic Economist. European Romantic Review. 2011

Roudinesco, Elisabeth. Our Dark Side: A History of Perversion. The Social History of Medicine 2010

Syson, Lydia. Doctor of Love: James Graham and his Celestial Bed. Medical History 2009

Jackson, Noel. Science and Sensation in Romantic Poetry. Wordsworth Circle 2009

Faflak, Joel. Romantic Psychoanalysis: The Burden of the Mystery. Wordsworth Circle 2009

Holmes, Richard. The Age of Wonder: How the Romantic Generation Discovered the Beauty and Terror of Science. Times Higher Education 2009

Blair, Kirstie. Victorian Poetry and the Culture of the Heart. Wordsworth Circle 2008

Lawlor, Clark. Consumption and Literature The Making of the Romantic Disease Wordsworth Circle 2008

Cale, Luisa. Fuseli's Milton Gallery. Cambridge Quarterly 2008

Turley, Richard Marggraf. Keats's Boyish Imagination. Wordsworth Circle 2007

Reill, Peter Hanns. Vitalizing Nature in the Enlightenment. Metascience 2006

Cody, Lisa Forman. Birthing the Nation: Sex, Science, and the Conception of Eighteenth-Century Britons. The Historian 2006

Rousseau, George. Nervous Acts. Metascience 2006

Felluga, Dino. The Perversity of Poetry. Keats-Shelley Journal 2005

Elledge, Paul. Byron at Harrow School. Keats-Shelley Journal 2002

McLane, Maureen. Romanticism and the Human Sciences. Wordsworth Circle 2001

Hartley, Lucy. Physiognomy and the Meaning of Expression in Nineteenth-Century Culture. Wordsworth Circle 2001

Elfenbein, Andrew. Romantic Genius. Wordsworth Circle 2000

Donelan, Charles. Romanticism and Male Fantasy in Byron's *Don Juan* Wordsworth Circle 2000

Motion, Andrew. Keats: A Biography. Washington Times. 14 February 1998

Schor, Esther. Bearing the Dead. Prose Studies 1996

Lau, Beth. Keats's Reading of the Romantic Poets. Keats-Shelley Journal 1995

Nishiyama, Kiyoshi. Keats's Myth of the Fall. Keats-Shelley Journal 1995

Hall, Jean. A Mind that Feeds on Infinity: The deep Self in English Romantic Poetry Keats-Shelley Journal 1993

PAPERS DELIVERED at PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS:

Refereed:

"Romanticism and Embodied Cognition." MLA Chicago, 2019. Special Session Proposed and Chaired

"Form and the Mechanisms of Consciousness: From Neural Synchrony to the Self." Worlding the Brain Symposium, Amsterdam, March 2016

"Rethinking Romantic Materiality: The Case of Keats," MLA Convention, Seattle, January 2012

- “Rethinking Sympathy in *Alastor*: Shelley and Emotion Theory, MLA Convention, Seattle, January 2012
- “The Chemistry and Physics of Romantic Emotion,” Mastering the Emotions Conference, Queen Mary College, University of London, June 2011
- “Italian Science and the Shelleys,” Romantics in Italy Conference, Florence, January 2010
- “Romantic Science and the Im/materiality of the Imagination,” MLA, San Francisco, CA 2008
- “Imagination as Inter-science,” NASSR 2008, Bologna, Italy, March 2008
- “Transcendence as Ideology: Rethinking the Imagination through Science,” British Association for Romantic Studies, Bristol, UK, July 2007.
- “Towards a Physiology of the Imagination: Romanticism and the Science of Mind,” NASSR Conference, Indiana, September 2006.
- “Romanticism and the Sciences of Perversion,” Wordsworth/Coleridge Association, Modern Language Convention, December 2004.
- “Queering Heterosexuality,” “Queer Romanticism,” Dublin, Ireland. August 2003.
- “Sexual Pleasure and the Uses of Functionless Pleasure,” INCS, Santa Cruz, March 2003.
- “Historicizing the Romantic Libido,” NASSR Conference, Seattle, August 2001.
- “Romantic Science and the Perversification of Sexual Pleasure,” MLA, Washington, DC, December 2000.
- “Sexuality as a Form of Knowledge in British Romanticism,” NASSR Conference, Tempe, AZ, October 2000.
Chaired Two Panels on “Romanticism and Sexuality”
- “The Sister Arts Go Digital: The Romantic Circles Virtual Art Gallery,” NASSR Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia, April 1999.
- “Embodying Romantic Aesthetics: Nerves and the Rational Control of Sensation,” Body Projects Conference, Saskatchewan, Canada, September 1997.
- “From Perverse Sensuality to Romantic Aesthetics: Burke, Payne Knight, and Hazlitt,” NASSR, Boston, November 1996.

“Romanticism, Sincerity, and Perversion,” Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies Conference, Yale Center for British Art, April 1996.

“Sketched on the Spot: Romantic Immediacy as a Resistance to Ideology,” British Association for Romantic Studies, Bangor, Wales, July 1995.

“Anna Seward and Lesbian Family Values,” Modern Languages Association, San Diego, 1994.

“Teaching Discipline: Sketching and Drawing Manuals in British Romanticism,” NASSR, Durham, NC, November 1994

Special Session Proposed and Chaired

“Genre at the Margins of British Romanticism,” MLA, Toronto, Canada, December 1993.

“Too Abundant Recompense: The Visual and Verbal Sketch in the Later Eighteenth Century and the Problem of Labor,” Yale Center for British Art, New Haven, October 1993.

“The Limits of Genre: The Visual and Verbal Sketch in British Romanticism,” NASSR, London, Ontario, August 1993.

“The Power of the Nineteenth-Century Visual and Verbal Sketch: Appropriation, Domination, and Mastery,” INCS, Tempe, AZ April 1993.

“The New Historicism and the Pedagogy of the Oppressed,” Vision/Re-Vision: Post Structuralist Theory and the Liberal Arts, Caldwell, Idaho, April 1991.

Invited:

Keynote Lecture for “Romantic Confluences,” International Conference on Romanticism, September 2020, St. Louis, MO.

“When Transgression is Required, Can It Be Meaningful?: Scientific Revolution, Queer Theory, Romanticism.” International Byron Society and German Society for the Study of Romanticism Keynote Lecture, Vechta, Germany, September 2019.

“Hume and Scientific Models of Emotion in Romanticism,” NASSR Preconference, invited Speaker. August 2019.

“Romantic Imagination and Science,” Invited Keynote. SERNA, Sorbonne, Paris, France. June 2019.

“The Nanjing Massacre, Trauma Theory and Agency.” Conference on Trauma and

- Psychoanalysis. George Washington University. May 2019.
- “Mary Shelley, Obstetrics and Frankenstein.” Mary Shelley: Circuits and Circulation. University of Bologna, Italy. September 2018.
- “William Blake and the Mark of the Cognitive,” University of Edinburgh, Distributed Cognition Project, June 2015. Expenses paid courtesy of Leverhulme Fellowship.
- “Romantic Science and Romantic Imagination,” University of Toronto, Center for the History and Philosophy of Science and the English Department, March 2015
- “Charles Bell: Visualizing Wonder, Fear, and Astonishment,” Visual Cultures of Medicine, Georgetown University, September 2014
- “Percy Shelley, the Imagination, and the Science of Matter,” Keats-Shelley House in Rome, October 14, 2013
- “Coleridge, the Physiological Imagination, and the *Biographia*,” Centro Interdisciplinare di Studi Romantici, Bologna, Italy, October 2013
- Two seminars on “Romanticism and Science,” Gabriel D’Annunzio University at Chieti, Italy, October 2013
- “Science and the Romantic Imagination,” Keynote Speech and Seminar Leader, Summer Seminar in Literary and Cultural Studies, Morgantown, West Virginia University, June 2013. Previous seminar leaders: Jerome McGann, Susan Wolfson, Catherine Belsey.
- “Romanticism and the Paradoxes of Free Love,” Keynote speech at “Taking Liberties: Sex, Pleasure, Coercion 1748-1928” Conference, University of Newcastle, June 2012
- “From Electrical Matter to Electrical Bodies,” GEO Conference at the University of MD, March 3, 2012. Invited Plenary Speaker.
- “Volta’s Battery, Animal Electricity, and *Frankenstein*,” Claremont Graduate University, March 2011
- “Getting Undergraduate Research that Matters” Ann Ferren Conference, American University, January 2008.
- “The Romantic Imagination: Physiology, Pathology, Neurology,” National Library of Medicine, History of Medicine Seminar, Bethesda, MD February 2007.

Getty Foundation, William Andrews Clark Library, "Artificial Insemination in the Eighteenth Century," for "Vital Matters: Eighteenth-Century Views of Conception, Life, and Death," October 2005.

"Romantic Sexual Liberation," Wordsworth Summer Conference, Grasmere, U.K. August 2004. Dean's Fund Grant of \$3,000 to pay for conference.

"The Future of Asian American Literature," American University, Asian American Pacific Heritage Month Lecture, April 2004.

"Allegory and Post-colonialism," American University Salman Rushdie Colloquium, March 2004.

"Romantic Science and Romantic Sexual Liberation," National Library of Medicine, History of Medicine Seminar, Bethesda, MD November 2003.

Chair, "Visual and Verbal Crossings, 1800-1830," Keats-Shelley Association, MLA San Francisco, 1998.

"Jane Austen and British Romanticism," Institute for Learning in Retirement, American University, April 1995.

"The Limits of Genre: The Visual and Verbal Sketch in British Romanticism," Washington Area Romantics Group, Fairfax, VA April 1993.

"The Politics of the Visual and Verbal Sketch in the Late Eighteenth Century," South Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Lubbock, TX February 1992.

Respondent to Bradford K. Mudge, Panel on the Writer's Practice and Material Culture, Midwest MLA, Chicago November 1991.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Romanticism and Consciousness 2.0 (edited volume; with Joel Faflak)

"Rethinking Sympathy in *Alastor*: Shelley, Mirror Neurons, and Emotion Studies"

Modeling Emotion in Romanticism and Beyond (new monograph)

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

MA Thesis on *Frankenstein* with Ryan Jefferson, spring 2019.

Independent Study with Carter Allen on "Arendt, Hegel, and Kant" spring 2019

Mentor for Amanda Hodes for Fulbright and Marshall Competitions, 2018

Independent Study with Casey Calhoun on "Science and Emotion," fall 2017.

Mentor for Candace Evilsizor for Marshall, Fulbright, and Rhodes Competition, 2015. Candace is a Marshall and Fulbright finalist, and a winner of the Fulbright to the UK.

Mentor for Madison Chapman for the Marshall and Fulbright Competition, 2015. Madison was accepted for the PhD Program at U Chicago with full funding.

Mentor for Madison Chapman on Gothic Victimization, Spring 2014. Chapman co-won the prize for best senior thesis in 2015.

Mentor for Erin Cunningham's essay on Blake and Chaos Theory, winner of the best undergraduate Literature essay, 2012

Mentored Erin Phillips' senior thesis on the abnormal and pathological and monstrous in Mark Twain, Spring 2012

Supervised Alexander Burchfield's senior honors thesis on Heidegger, Romanticism, and Affect Fall 2011 and Spring 2012

Mentor for Gennaro Esposito's and Michael Richardson's senior theses, Spring 2011

Mentor for Aaron Long's research project on Ecocriticism and *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, Spring 2011

Supervised Emily Conrad's Senior Project on Rousseau and Confession, which won the Literature Department's Best Project Prize for 2010.

Supervised Alexander Vallejo's Senior Project on Food Supplements and Masculinity in Dashiell Hammett and Paul Auster, winner of an Honorable Mention in the Senior Prize Project competition, 2010.

Supervised Rachel Miller's Senior Project on Magical Realism and Murakami, winner of an Honorable Mention in the Senior Prize Competition, 2010.

Sponsored 12 student presentations at the CAS Matthias Research Conference, 2010.

Teaching Mentor for Aia Hussein, accepted and attending Princeton in 2011

Supervised Adair Collins's MA Thesis on class and Wordsworth, 2009

Committee Member for Raj Telhan's MFA Thesis, 2008

Supervised Anneke Mulder's Prize-Winning Essay on Philip Larkin, 2008

Supervised Sunnie Chae's thesis, winner of the Prize for Best Senior Project, Department of Literature, 2007.

Supervised Andrea Bottorf's senior honors thesis, winner of one of six Honors capstone prizes, 2007.

Wrote recommendations for Daniel Guarnera, winner of American University's Undergraduate Research Award and Fletcher Prize, 2007.

Sponsored ten student presentations at the Ann Mathias Student Research Conference, 2007.

Coached and wrote recommendation for Natalie Hand, Winner of the Marshall Scholarship, 2005

Sponsored six student presentations at the Ann Robyn Mathias Student Research Conference, one of whose (Justin Schneider's) won the prize for the best arts and humanities presentation by a junior or senior, 2005

Supervised Amy Moran-Thomas's Senior Thesis on Hookworms in Literature, which won one of six prizes for best honors thesis (out of 287 theses), the Department of Literature's Prize for best thesis, and a \$3,000 CAS Research Grant 2005

Sponsored Rachael Bork's presentation on Maxine Hong-Kingston at a conference at Austin College, Sherman, TX 2005

Summer supervisor for Amy-Moran Thomas's CAS Summer Research Grant, 2005

Supervisor for Meghan Reese's Internship with USA Today, spring 2004

Director of Victoria Ford's Senior Honor's Thesis, spring 2003

Reader for Aaron Bady's M.A. Thesis, spring 2003

Reader for Gadi Ben-Yehuda's MFA Thesis, spring 2000

Supervisor of Dan O'Brien's Internship, spring 1998

Literature Department Sponsor for Philip Minthorn's Interdisciplinary Major, spring 1998

Director of Wendy Smith's senior Honor's Thesis, spring 1997

Director of Ian Ton's senior Honor's Thesis, spring, 1997

Reader for Tara Kelly's M.A. Thesis, fall, 1996

Reader for Julia Cruze's MFA Thesis, spring 1996

Supervisor for Susan Mendlesohn's Internship, fall 1995

Director of Mary Dahlao's senior Honor's Thesis, spring 1995

Director of Jason Speck's senior Honor's Thesis, spring 1994

Reader for John Popielaski's MFA Thesis, Winner of the Myra Sklarew Prize in Poetry, spring 1994

Directed Independent Studies for MA and MFA students

Asian American Literature	Angda Mittal
British Literature	Helen Chun
Modern American Poetry	Melissa Kahn
Nineteenth-Century Novel	Catia Carvallo
Poetic Technique	Julia Cruze, Helen Chun
Austen and Bronte	Sinikka Sinks

Directed Undergraduate Independent Studies

Ethnic Studies	Allyson Goodwin
British Literature	Adam Good
Byron	Heather Lynn
Deconstruction	Daren Langhorne
Austen and Bronte	Jill Gordon
Poetry and Violence	Linda Ndaki
Mary Robinson	Sheila Sharma

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

New Courses Developed and Taught 1992-2019

Minor in Multi-Ethnic Studies, Accepted fall 2003, Implemented fall 2004
(with Caleen Sinnette Jennings)

M.A. Program

Seminar on The Theory and Practice of Emotion 2019

Seminar in Romanticism and the Epistemology of Feeling 2015

Seminar in Romanticism and the Emotions 2011

Seminar in the Nineteenth Century: From Romanticism to Victorianism 2004
Seminar in Genre: Survey of Poetry 1997
Seminar in Genre: The Visual and Verbal Sketch 1995

Philosophy

Idealism and its Discontents: Romantic Thought and Poetry (2019)

Honors Program

New Honors Course: Rethinking Emotion: From Physiology to Ethics with April Shelford in
History and Michele Carter in Psychology 2015-2017

William Blake and the French Revolution 2004
Sexuality and Literature 2002
Romantic Poetry and Painting 1994
The Experience of Poetry 1996

Literature

Imagining the Imagination 2008
Rethinking the Romantic Body: Blake and Shelley 2006
Senior Project in Literature 2005
The Value of Literature 2004
Art and Poetry of William Blake 2002
Major Romantic Poems 1994
British Literature Survey II 1993
Sexuality and Literature 2001

General Education Program

Designed and Added to Curriculum
Contemporary Multi-Ethnic Voices 2003 (with Caleen Jennings)
Survey of Asian American Literature 2002
Literature and Science: Bridging the Two Cultures (with Nathan Harshman) 2012

Victorian Literature and Society 1996
Interpreting Literature 1993
Experience of Poetry 1992
Remarkable Literary Journeys 1992
LIT 121: We Are All Zombies 2017

Literature and Women's Studies

Romanticism and Gender 1993

College Writing

College Writing, Intensive, WRTG 106 2018
Honors English II 1997

UNIVERSITY and DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

American University Honors Program Task Force 2019-
At-Large Member of Faculty Senate, May 2017-19
Chair, Department of Literature, August 2014—June 1, 2016
Chair, Rank and Tenure Committee, Literature, 2011-12, 2003-4
CAS Research Committee, 2013-16, reviewed Mellon Grants
Philosophy Search Committee, 2015
Philosophy Reappointment and Promotion Committee, 2015
Evaluator for American University Research Grants, 2010-11
Member, Americanist Search Committee for History, 2011-2
CAS Dean's Advisory Committee, 2011-12
Mock Interviewer for Rhodes Finalists, and Campus Committee Reviewer for Fulbright
Candidates, 2018, 2017, 2011
Chair, World Literature Searches, 2010
Co-Director of MA Program in Literature, 2007-09
Faculty Senate Committee on Strategic Planning, 2007-08 CAS Representative
Judge, University Honors Capstone Awards, 2012, 2011, 2008, 2007.
Faculty Senate, CAS Representative, 2006-2008, 2002-3
Provost's Committee on Assessment, 2003-05
Merit Committee, Literature, 2007
Executive Committee, Literature, 2007-09
Deputy Chair, Literature, 2002-5, 2006-7, 2009-
Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2001-5
CAS Research Committee, 2003-4
EPC Budget Committee 2002-4
General Education Program Review Task Force 2009-10
Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2001-3
President's Committee on Diversity, 2002
Provost's Working Group on Multiculturalism and Diversity, 2001
Director of MA Program 1999-2001
Grievance Committee, 2002-3
EPC 2001-3
Ann Ferren Teaching Conference Planning Committee, 2002-4
Literature Department Hiring Committees, 2000-
General Education Program Revisions Committee, 2001-5
Chair, Graduate Studies Committee, Literature, 1999-2000
Search Committee, History Chair Search, 1999
Chair, Literature Chair Search and Evaluation Committee, 1998
Graduate Special Opportunity Fellowship Committee, 1996-7

Academic Code Review Panel 2007, 1994-6
EPC Curriculum Committee, 1996-8
Judge, Undergraduate Honors Essay Competition, Arts and Humanities Lower Division, 2000,
1997
Member, Literature Executive Committee, 1999-2006, 2018
Rank and Tenure Committee, 1999-present, 1993-97
Reader for Graduate Admissions to the MFA Program

Community Service

Promotion and Tenure Reviews for the University of Toronto, Arizona State University, North Carolina State University, Johns Hopkins University, CUNY, University of Arkansas, University of California at Berkeley, University of Oregon, University of North Texas
Reader for ACLS Competition, 2014, 2015, 2016
Editorial Board, Wordsworth/Coleridge Association 2018-
MLA Executive Forum for English Romanticism 2018-22
British Literature Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2015
Reviewer for Research Project Grants for the Wellcome Trust History of Medicine Program
Editorial Board, Texas Studies in Language and Literature 2004-2006
Editorial Board, Romanticism and Victorianism on the Net
Editorial Board, Nuova Armorica (Italian Journal of Literary Studies published in Chieti)
Reader for Thirteen Journals: Nineteenth-Century Contexts, Eighteenth-Century Fiction, The Journal of the History of Sexuality, Emotion, Space and Society, European Romantic Review, PMLA, Papers in Literature and Language (Canada), Romantic Praxis, Studies in Romanticism, Modern Philology, Configurations (Science and Literature), Clio (History)
Poetry Editor for Asian American Literary Review (2013-14)
Reader for Nine Presses: Johns Hopkins UP, SUNY Press, University of Toronto Press, Oxford University Press, University of Delaware Press, Routledge, Edinburgh University Press, Palgrave Macmillan (in History, History of Sexuality, Literature), Cambridge UP
Consultant for the new *Cambridge Companion to Erotic Literature* (2014-15)
Outside Reader for Leigha McReynolds's Doctoral Thesis, George Washington University, on Mesmerism and Victorianism, 2013-2015 (successfully defended August 2015)
Reader for Teresa Pershing's Doctoral Thesis, West Virginia University, on Errant Sexuality and the Nineteenth Century, 2011-2017 (successfully defended June 2017)
Mentor for Younger Scholars, Keats-Shelley Association
External Reviewer, Michelle Faubert's Ph.D. Thesis, "Romantic Madness: A Cultural Study," University of Toronto, 2002
Judge, Larry Neal Writers' Competition, DC Arts and Humanities Commission, 2002
Member, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, Literature Advisory Panel
1999, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994
One of six panelists. Ranked applications for \$80,000 in grants.
Co-director, Romantic Visual Cultures Website, Sponsored by "Romantic Circles."
Published Fall 2013-2019. <<http://www.rc.umd.edu/gallery>>
This gallery received a \$30,000 grant from the University of Maryland in 2000.
Romantic Circles is the premier website devoted to Romantic Studies.

Consultant for National Public Radio for a story on Keats's Endymion 1998
Cited in William Safire's Column, New York Times Magazine, October 7, 2007
Volunteer, Montgomery County Public Schools 1995-2002
Volunteer Manna Food Center, Rockville, MD

MEMBERSHIPS

British Society for Literature and Science
North American Society for the Study of Romanticism
Wordsworth-Coleridge Association
Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts
Keats-Shelley Association
Center for the Advanced Study of the Visual Arts, National Gallery
Huntington Library Arabella Huntington Society
Modern Language Association
Folger Seminar on Eighteenth-Century Women Writers (1994-6)