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## Education

- Ph.D. English, University of California Irvine (Irvine, CA), 2004-08.
- M.A. English, University of California Irvine (Irvine, CA), 2002-04.
- B.A. English, Summa Cum Laude & Honors, Wake Forest Univ. (Winston-Salem, NC), 1998-2002.

## Publications

- "Seeds of Discontent: The Expanding Satiric Range of Melville's Transatlantic Diptychs," *Leviathan – A Journal of Melville Studies* 8.2 (2006): 17-35.
- "The Laughing Doves of 1812 and the Satiric Endowment AntiWar Rhetoric in the United States" *PMLA* 124.5 (2009): forthcoming.
- "Absurdistan," "The Russian Debutante's Handbook," and "Gary Shteyngart," *Encyclopedia of Contemporary Fiction*, ed. Geoff Hamilton (Facts on File, 2010): forthcoming.
- "Terrapin War: Viral Networking in the Early Republic" (Newsbank.com, 2010): forthcoming.
- "U.S. Anti-War Satire from Niagara to Baghdad," *Humor, Irony, and Post 9/11 Politics*, ed. Ted Gournelos & Viveca Green (University of Mississippi Press, 2011): work in progress.

## Honors and Awards (Postdoctoral)

- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Taiwan National Science Council, 2009-10.

## Honors and Awards (Graduate)

- Mayers Fellowship, Huntington Library, 2007.
- Mooney Fellowship, Boston Athenaeum, 2007.
- Summer Dissertation Fellowship, U.C. Irvine, 2008.
- Regent's Dissertation Fellowship, U.C. Irvine, 2007-08.
- Nora Folkenflik Dissertation Prize, U.C. Irvine, 2006-07.
- Brython Davis Fellowship, U.C. Irvine, 2005.
- Chancellor's Fellowship, U.C. Irvine, 2002-03.
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant, U.C. Irvine English Department, 2007-08.
- Humanities Associates Graduate Teaching Award, U.C. Irvine, 2007-08 (finalist).
- Outstanding Graduate Leader, U.C. Irvine Humanities Out There Program, 2006-07.
- Nora Folkenflik Teaching Award, U.C. Irvine, 2003-04 and 2004-05.
- Graduate Student Travel Grant, Modern Language Association, 2007.
- Conference Travel Grant, U.C. Irvine, 2007-08 (twice).
- Graduate Essay Award, U.C. Irvine, English Department, 2002-03 (second place).

## Conferences

- “The Imperial Geography of U.S. Satire,” Modern Language Assoc. Convention, Late 19<sup>th</sup>- and Early 20<sup>th</sup>-Century American Lit. Division panel on “Pacific Imaginations” (December 2008).
- Dickens Universe Summer Institute, University of California Santa Cruz (July 2008).
- “Black, White, and Read(ex) All Over: Digital Research in American Periodicals,” American Literature Association Conference (May 2008).
- “Warportunities,” American Comparative Literature Association Conference (April 2008).
- “Seeing the Elephant / Riding the Mule: Anti-War Satire in the United States and Mexico,” Nineteenth Century Studies Association Conference (April 2008).
- “A H.O.T. Approach to the Cold War Canon,” Modern Language Association Convention, 19<sup>th</sup>-Century American Literature Division Panel (December 2007).
- “More Than He Could Chew? James Russell Lowell and the Laughing Doves of 1847,” Boston Athenaeum Works in Progress Series (December 2007).
- “The American Laughing Dove: A Field Guide,” Huntington Brown Bag Series (August 2007).
- “Sticks and Stones May Break My Bones: The Exhaustion of the Violence Metaphor,” U.C. Irvine Comparative Literature Department Graduate Student Conference (April 2007).
- “I Follow the Hawk: From Swift to Borat,” Louisiana State University Graduate Student Association Conference (February 2007).

## University Teaching

### Lecturer, National Tsing Hua University Department of Foreign Literature (2009-10)

- Teach graduate course, “Thinking with Melville”
- Teach upper-division American literature survey course – <http://empireforliberty.blogspot.com>
- Serve on M.A. thesis committee for Nicole Chen, “Specters of the Atlantic: Reading Lawrence Hill’s *The Book of Negroes*.”

### Lecturer, U.C. Irvine Department of English (2009)

- Taught upper-division 19<sup>th</sup>-century American literature course – <http://puddnheadz.blogspot.com>

### Lecturer, U.C. Irvine Humanities Core Program (2008-09)

- Taught discussion section of multi-disciplinary first year course – <http://makeaplate.blogspot.com>

### Graduate Student Researcher, U.C. Irvine Humanities Out There Program (2006-07)

- Taught and developed curricula for outreach program – <http://laughingdove.net/hot>
- Coordinated with teacher at Santa Ana H.S. and trained staff of undergraduates. Award winner.

### Graduate Teaching Assistant, U.C. Irvine Department of English (2004-06)

- Taught my own poetry and drama classes in ‘intro to major’ cycle. Two-time award winner.
- “Poetic Imagination and Satiric Disintegration” (poetry) – <http://eee.uci.edu/04f/21011>
- “Pros and Cons” (drama) – <http://eee.uci.edu/06w/21526>

## **University Teaching (continued)**

### Graduate Teaching Assistant, U.C. Irvine Department of Composition (2003-08)

- Taught my own section of introductory, research, and advanced writing classes.
- “The Rhetoric of Consciousness” (introductory writing) – <http://eee.uci.edu/06s/22601>
- “What’s So Funny?” (advanced writing) – <http://eee.uci.edu/08s/25841>

## **Other Teaching**

### Volunteer Tutor, 826 Los Angeles (2008)

- Tutored A.P. English class at De La Hoya Animo Charter H.S. through non-profit program.

### English as a Second Language Instructor, U.C. Irvine Extension (2006-07)

- Taught and developed curricula in certificate program for foreign nationals.
- Courses: Reading/Writing, Idioms/Vocabulary, Speaking/Listening, Discovering the U.S.

### SAT Prep Instructor, Elite Educational Institute (2003-05)

- Taught SAT Math, Verbal, and Writing classes.
- Coordinated launch of satellite program at the International School of Bangkok.

## **University Service**

- Undergraduate Critical Theory Conference, mentor and panel moderator, 2009.
- English Department Undergraduate Committee, graduate representative, 2007-08.
- *Leaves of Grass* and *Tristram Shandy* Marathon Readings, organizer, 2007 and 2008.
- English Department Undergraduate Essay Contest, judge, 2007.
- English Department Graduate Recruitment Week, panelist, 2003 and 2004.

## **Languages**

- Spanish (fluent reading and writing, proficient speaking)
- German (proficient reading)
- Mandarin (proficient restaurant ordering)

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Modern Language Association
- American Studies Association
- Herman Melville Society
- American Humor Studies Association

## Honors and Awards (Undergraduate)

- Outstanding Student, Wake Forest University, English Department, 2001-02.
- Nancy Reynolds Merit Scholarship, Wake Forest University, 1998-2002.
- Phi Beta Kappa, 2002
- National Merit Scholarship, 1998
- Robert Byrd Scholarship, 1998.

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