

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

1990- Ph.D. Rutgers University
1986- M.Phil. Rutgers University
1985- M.A. Rutgers University
1982- B.A. Boston College

Employment

2004-present: Professor of English, Merrimack College
1995-2004: Associate Professor of English, Merrimack College
1990-1995: Assistant Professor of English, Merrimack College

Awards and Honors

Marion Johnson Fellowship, Rutgers University, 1990.
Edward Roddy Award for Excellence in Teaching, Merrimack College, 2005.

Publications

Articles:

“Johnson’s Fallen World.” *Theology and Literature in the Age of Johnson*. Ed. Melvyn New and Gerard Reedy. (University of Delaware Press, 2012), 131-46.

“Politics.” *Samuel Johnson in Context*. Ed. Jack Lynch. (Cambridge UP, 2012), 303-11.

“Samuel Johnson’s Augustinianism Revisited,” *The Age of Johnson*, 17 (2006), 1-16.

“Johnson and Politics: The Dangerous Prevalence of Imagination,” *The Age of Johnson*, 13 (2002), 53-68.

“‘Complicated Virtue’: The Politics of Samuel Johnson’s *Life of Savage*,” *Eighteenth-Century Life*, 25:3 (2001), 80-93.

“Johnson, Rasselas, and the Politics of Empire,” *Eighteenth-Century Life*, 16:3 (1992), 103-113. (Excerpt reprinted in *Rasselas and Dinarbus*, Ed. Lynn Meloccaro. Everyman Press, 1994).

Review Essays:

“Richetti’s Narratives.” *Eighteenth-Century Life*. 36:1 (Winter 2012), 82-92.

“Samuel Johnson and Eighteenth-Century Politics,” *Eighteenth-Century Life*, 15:3 (1991): 113-124.

Book Reviews:

Review of Conal Condren, *Hobbes, the Scriblerians, and the History of Philosophy*, *The Scriblerian*, 46:1 (2013), 43-45.

Review of Nicholas Hudson, *Samuel Johnson and the Making of Modern England* and Greg Clingham, *Johnson, Writing, and Memory*, *Eighteenth Century Fiction* 17:2 (2005), 290-94.

Review of Philip Smallwood, *Johnson's Critical Presence: Image, History, Judgment*, *The Johnsonian Newsletter* 56:2 (2005), 48-51.

Review of Lawrence Lipking, *Samuel Johnson: The Life of an Author, 1650-1850: Ideas, Aesthetics, and Inquiries in the Early Modern Era*, 9 (2004). 387-89

Review of David Ventura, *Johnson the Poet, 1650-1850: Ideas, Aesthetics, and Inquiries in the Early Modern Era*, 8 (2003), 366-369.

Review of Kevin Hart, *Samuel Johnson and the Culture of Property*, *Biography*, 24:2 (2001), 474-477.

Conference Papers

“Samuel Johnson’s Sermons and the Politics of Prayer.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Williamsburg, VA, March 20-22, 2014.

“Samuel Johnson's Johnson: Reflection, Reappraisal, and Autobiography.” East Coast Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Philadelphia, PA, November 7-9, 2013.

“‘Thy Kingdom Come’: Milton, Hobbes and the New Jerusalem.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, San Antonio Texas, March 22-25, 2012.

“Is Johnson Better Than Milton?” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Richmond, VA, March 26-29, 2009.

“Wollstonecraft’s Style,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Las Vegas, NV, March 30-April 1, 2005.

“Does Size Matter: Measuring the Long Eighteenth Century.” Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Burlington VT, November 4-7, 2004.

“Samuel Johnson and the Ethics of Empire,” Samuel Johnson Society of the Central Region, Madison, WI, March 27-30, 2003.

“Johnson’s Politics and the Theology of Everyday Life: Or, Eighteenth-Century Augustinianism Revisited,” South Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, South Padre Island, TX, February 21-24, 2002.

“Johnson, Jacobitism and the Politics of Social Change in A Journey to the Western Islands of Scotland,” East Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Norfolk, VA, October 2000.

“Oxford Oaths and Jacobite Toasts: Is There a Language for Johnson’s Politics?” South Central Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Baton Rouge, LA, March 9-12, 2000.

“Samuel Johnson’s Political Judgment: Dialogue and Division in the Lives of the Poets,” Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Durham, NH, December 9-12, 1999.

“Johnson and Politics: The Dangerous Prevalence of Imagination,” The Johnson Centre, Birmingham, England, September 11-14, 1997.

“Imagining the Public Sphere: Samuel Johnson and the Politics of Eighteenth-Century Print Culture,” Northeast Modern Language Association, Boston, MA, March 31-April 1, 1995.

“Samuel Johnson and the Hermeneutics of Belief,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies,” Charleston, SC, March 9-13, 1994.

“Whose Eighteenth-Century Is It Anyway? Literature and the Question of Historiography,” Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Santa Barbara, CA, February 12-14, 1993.

“Virtue and the Rhetoric of Imperialism: Samuel Johnson and the Seven Years’ War” Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, San Marcos, CA, February 14-15, 1992.

“Samuel Johnson and the Historiographical Imagination” Northeast Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Amherst, MA, November 1-4, 1990.

Other Presentations

“Paul Fussell,” Remembering Paul Fussell, Rutgers University, September 28 2012.

“Angels and Demons: *Paradise Lost* in the Eighteenth Century,” Robert D. Keohan Book Fund Lecture, Merrimack College.

“Samuel Johnson’s *Dictionary* and the Language of Lexicography,” Robert D. Keohan Book Fund Lecture, Merrimack College.

“Language and Logos in Augustine’s City of God,” Symposium on the Life and Influence of St. Augustine, Merrimack College, February 1-2, 2002.

“Last Lecture,” Merrimack College, October 25, 2001.

“The World, the Text, and the Student,” Honors Convocation Address, Merrimack College, April 15, 1999.

Faculty Reading Group

“In Search of Salvific Sovereignty: Augustine’s Two Cities and Hobbes’ Two Commonwealths” (hosted and facilitated with Dr. George Heffernan a year-long weekly reading/discussion group), 2003-04.

Courses Taught

Introduction to College Writing

Introduction to Literary Studies

Satire

Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Literature

The Eighteenth Century Novel

Seminar: Samuel Johnson and the Life of Writing

Sex, Race, and Empire

The Undead Eighteenth Century: Origins of English Gothic Literature

Milton and the Culture of Revolution

Senior Seminar: The Idea of English Studies

Administrative Positions

English Department Chair, 2006-07, 2013-15 (to the present).

Memberships

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

East Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

Johnsonians

Samuel Johnson Society of the Central Region