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EDUCATION

Ph.D. English, University of Texas at Austin 2014
Dissertation: “‘To retrieve what was left’: Archival Impulses in Caribbean Diasporic Fiction”
M.A. English, Ohio University 2007
B.A. English, Emporia State University 2004
Summa cum laude, with honors

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of English 2016-present
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
Lecturer, Department of English 2015-2016
University of Texas at Austin
Lecturer, Department of Literature, Rhetoric and Writing Fall 2015
St. Edward’s University
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of English 2014-2015
University of Texas at Austin

PUBLICATIONS

Works in Progress

“A Country That’s Not on the Map: Mobilizing Nationalist Archives in Julia Alvarez’s *In the Name of Salomé*.” Article intended for *MELUS*.
“Children of the Sea: Middle Passages and Migrations of Cultural Memory.” Article intended for *Anthurium*.

Refereed Journal Articles

“Archiving the Door of No Return in Dionne Brand’s *At the Full and Change of the Moon*.” *Meridians: Feminism, Race, Transnationalism*. 13.2 (2016). 123-147.
“Nothing ever ends?: Archives of Written and Graphic Testimony in *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*.” *ARIEL: A Review of International English Literature*. 46.4 (2015): 123-153.

Book Reviews

“Shall We Overcome?” Review of *¡Venceremos?: The Erotics of Black Self-Making in Cuba*, by Jafari S. Allen. *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 18.4 (2012): 621-23.
Review of *The Feeling of Kinship: Queer Liberalism and the Racialization of Intimacy*, by David L. Eng. *E3W Review of Books* 11 (Spring 2011): 38-39. <http://www.dwrl.utexas.edu/orgs/e3w/volume-11-spring-2011/new-work-in-sexuality-studies/lauren-gantz-on-the-feeling-of-kinship>.

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Review of *The Chosen Place, the Timeless People*, by Paule Marshall. *E3W Review of Books* 10 (Spring 2010): 57-58. <http://www.dwrl.utexas.edu/orgs/e3w/volume-10-spring-2010/rules-of-engagement-humanitarian-aid-and-community-practice/lauren-gantz-on>.

Review of *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*, by Junot Díaz. *E3W Review of Books* 9 (Spring 2009): 14-15. <http://www.dwrl.utexas.edu/orgs/e3w/volume-9-spring-2009/2009-general-section/lauren-gantz-on-the-brief-wondrous-life-of-oscar-wao>.

Review of *The Palm Wine Drinkard*, by Amos Tutuola. *E3W Review of Books* 8 (Spring 2008): 50. <http://www.dwrl.utexas.edu/orgs/e3w/volume-8-spring-2008/writing-the-african-imaginary/lauren-gantz-on-the-palm-wine-drinkard>.

Review of *Strangers in the Land: Blacks, Jews, Post-Holocaust America*, by Eric J. Sundquist. *Philip Roth Studies* 2.2 (2006): 166-68.

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARLY DISTINCTIONS

Presidential Excellence Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin	2014-2015
Decherd Excellence Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin	2012, 2013
GLQ Graduate Editorial Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin	2010-2011

TEACHING DISTINCTIONS

Nominee, University Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2019
Outstanding Assistant Instructor, Department of English, University of Texas at Austin	2011-2012
Finalist, Hairston Prize for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Rhetoric and Writing, University of Texas at Austin	2010

SERVICE DISTINCTIONS

Alliance of Multicultural and Diversity Organizations Inclusive Excellence Award, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2019
University Leadership Mentor Award, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2019
Nominee, P.B. Poorman Award for Outstanding Achievement on Behalf of LGBTQ+ People	2019

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Assistant Director, English Department Lower-Division Literature Committee, University of Texas at Austin	2013-2014
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EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Book Reviews Editor, <i>Borderlands: Texas Poetry Review</i>	2015-2016
Editorial Board, <i>Ethnic and Third World Literatures Review of Books</i>	2007-12
Managing Editor, <i>GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies</i>	2010-11

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

English Instructor, Upward Bound, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2018-present
Writing Instructor, Austin Pre-Freshman Engineering Program, Huston-Tillotson University	2017
Tutor, Athletics Department, University of Texas at Austin	2012-13, 2015-2016
Writing Consultant, Undergraduate Writing Center, University of Texas at Austin	2008-12

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- “‘Ethnic Literature’s Hot’: Reflecting on the Consumption of Multiethnic Literatures,” MMLA Convention: *Consuming Cultures*. Kansas City, MO. 2018.
- “Children of the Sea: Jason deCaires Taylor and Migrations of Cultural Memory,” Society for the Study of Multiethnic Literature of the United States Conference: *TransCulture*. Las Vegas, NV. 2018.
- “Welcome to Frye Street: Marita Bonner’s Chicago Stories (1930-41),” 129th MLA Convention: *Vulnerable Times*. Chicago, IL. 2014.
- “‘Nothing ever ends’: The Limitations of Witnessing in *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*,” 3rd International Conference on Caribbean Studies: *Looking to the Caribbean: Film, Literature, and Gender Studies*. Milwaukee, WI. 2013.
- “Blue Airmail Letters: Missing Connections, Missing Archives in Dionne Brand’s *At the Full and Change of the Moon*,” Emory University Comparative Literature Conference: *Comparative Caribbeans: An Interdisciplinary Conference*. Atlanta, GA. 2011.
- “¿Qué es Patria?: De-centered Homelands and the Archive as Mother,” Caribbean Studies Association Conference: *Building a New House: Toward New Caribbean Futures in an Age of Uncertainty*. Willemstad, Curaçao. 2011.
- “Michelle Cliff’s *Abeng* and Maternal Trauma: The Possibilities of Queer Affiliations,” Association of Caribbean Women Writers and Scholars Conference: *Caribbean Dislocations/Caribbean Diasporas*. Baton Rouge, LA. 2010.
- “*Quinceañera* and Familia: Alternative Visions and Recapitulations,” 29th Annual Southwest Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Association Annual Conference. Albuquerque, NM. 2008.

CAMPUS TALKS

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- “Refugee Literature: Writing and Refugitude.” College of Letters and Sciences Community Lecture Series. University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. March 2020.

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TEACHING

University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point

Major Authors of Ethnic Literature: Kingston and Nguyen	Fall 2019
Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	2019-present
Gender and Sexuality in Multiethnic Literature	Spring 2019
Major Authors of Ethnic Literatures: Danticat and Díaz	Spring 2018
Women in Literature: Women's Graphic Narratives	Spring 2018
American Indian Literature (Honors)	Fall 2017
U.S. Ethnic Literatures: Caribbean American Narratives	Spring 2017
Sophomore English	2017-2018, fall 2019
Introduction to Ethnic Literature of the United States	2016-present
Reading Fiction	Fall 2016
Freshman English	2016-2017, Fall 2018

Saint Edwards University

Rhetoric and Writing II	Fall 2015
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University of Texas at Austin

Asian American Literature and Culture	Spring 2016
Banned Books and Novel Ideas	Fall 2015
Masterworks of American Literature	Spring 2015
Queer Ethnicities: Gender/Sexuality in Multiethnic Literatures	Fall 2014

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Departmental:

Chair, Awards Committee, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	2018-present
Member, Curriculum Committee, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	2018-present
Member, Composition Committee, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	2017-2019
Co-advisor, Sigma Tau Delta, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	2016-present
Member, Ad hoc Student Recruitment and Retention Committee, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	2016-present

College:

Member, Marketing and Recruitment Group, School of Humanities, Public Affairs, and Global Studies, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	2019-present
Member, Women's and Gender Studies Advisory Committee, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	2016-present

University:

Member, Diversity Council, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	2019-present
Member, Advisory and Outreach Committee, Stevens Point Academic Representation Council, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	2019-present

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Chair, Nominations and Elections Subcommittee of Common Council, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point	2018-2019
Member, Faculty and Staff Gender-Sexuality Alliance, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	2018-present
Panelist, Inclusivity Panel, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	Spring-Fall 2018
Panelist, Inclusivity and Diversity Panel, University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	Fall 2017
Member, Stevens Point Academic Representation Council University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	2016-present

Local and National:

Local Program Coordinator, White Privilege Symposium-Stevens Point	2019
Reader, <i>Meridians: Feminism, Race, Transnationalism</i>	2019
Wisconsin Teaching Fellow, Faculty College, University of Wisconsin System	2019
Participant, University of Wisconsin Women's and Gender Studies Consortium Retreat	2018
Participant, Union Leadership Institute, American Federation of Teachers-Wisconsin	2018
Panel Chair, Society for the Study of Multiethnic Literature of the United States Conference, Las Vegas, NV	2018
Reader, <i>Texas Studies in Language and Literature</i>	2015

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Comparative Literature Association
 American Studies Association
 Caribbean Studies Association
 Modern Language Association
 The Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States
 American Association of University Professors
 American Association of University Women

LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH

Spanish: Excellent reading skills, good speaking and writing skills.
 French: Good reading skills.

REFERENCES

Rebecca Stephens, Interim Chair of the Department of English
 University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
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