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education

1994	Ph.D. in English, University of Texas-Austin
1990	M.A. in English, University of Texas-Austin
1988	B.A. in Plan II Honors Program, University of Texas-Austin

academic appointments

2013-	Professor of English; Affiliate Professor, Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research,
	University of Florida
2004-2013	Associate Professor of English, University of Florida
1998-2004	Assistant Professor of English, University of Florida
1994-1998	Assistant Professor of English, Eastern Michigan University

administrative roles

2019-2024	Associate Chair and Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of English. Oversaw undergraduate curriculum and course administration (including scheduling and grading); provided academic advising for approx. 550 majors; managed department travel; and served as Experiential Learning Coordinator for the unit.
2011-2015	Chair, Department of English. Financial and academic administrator for Department. Responsible for all operations, programs and personnel (in that period, 4 degree programs, 2 Centers and 1 Institute, 45+ faculty, 6 staff, 150 graduate student-TAs, 700 majors).
2005-2009	Coordinator of Graduate Studies, Department of English. Financial and academic administrator of three graduate degree programs (M.A., M.F.A., Ph.D.). Responsible for graduate admissions and awards, assessing academic progress, academic advising, advising Chair on matters pertaining to graduate programs.
2010-2011;	
2002-2005	Associate Coordinator of Graduate Studies, Department of English. Assisted with graduate programs management; served as Job Placement Director.
2000-	Associate Director, Center for Children's Literature and Culture (Director, 2024-). Responsible for academic and outreach program development, and coordination of efforts with partner units (UF Law School, Smathers Libraries, etc.).

sole-authored books

2020	Theory for Beginners: Children's Literature as Critical Thought. Fordham University Press.
	Reviewed in <i>Childhood & Philosophy</i> (Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro), <i>Children's Literature, Children's Literature Association Quarterly, Choice, International Research in Children's Literature,</i> lection (online), <i>Philosophy and Childhood</i> . Children's Literature Assocation Notable Books for 2020.
2011	<i>Freud in Oz: At the Intersections of Psychoanalysis and Children's Literature</i> . University of Minnesota Press.
	Reviewed in American Journal of Psychoanalysis, American Literature, American Literary History, Critical Quarterly, Children's Literature Association Quarterly, E3W Review of Books, Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts, The Lion and the Unicorn, Marvels & Tales, The Psychoanalytic Quarterly, and The Year's Work in Critical and Cultural Theory. Children's Literature Association Honor Book Award, 2013.
2004	Making American Boys: Boyology and the Feral Tale. University of Minnesota Press.
	Reviewed in Boston Globe, Children's Literature, Choice, Clamor Magazine, Criticism, Gay and Lesbian Review, The Guide, Journal of American Culture, Journal of Children's Literature Studies, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy, The Lion and the Unicorn, Men and Masculinities, prariemary.blogspot.com, Semiotic Review of Books, and Village Voice. One of ten books recommended by Rebecca Onion (history writer for Slate.com) on "The History of American Childhood" (http://backlist.cc/lists/history-of- american-childhood).

co-edited books

- 2024 *Alt Kid Lit: What Children's Literature Might Be*. Coedited with Derritt Mason. University Press of Mississippi.
- 2022 B is for Baldwin: An Alphabet Tour of the Baldwin Library. Under lead editorship of Suzan Alteri and produced byThe Baldwin Editorial Collective (Suzan Alteri, Poushali Bhadury, Kenneth Kidd, and Laurie N. Taylor). Gainesville, FL: LibraryPress@UF. <u>https://ufdcimages.uflib.ufl.edu/AA/00/08/86/30/00001/BisforBaldwin 9781944455118 Interac</u> <u>tive.pdf</u>

Silver Medal Winner, Visual Arts, 2022 Florida Book Awards

- 2019 *Queer as Camp: Essays on Summer, Style, and Sexuality.* Coedited with Derritt Mason. Fordham University Press. Children's Literature Association Edited Book Award, 2021.
- 2017 *Prizing Children's Literature: The Cultural Politics of Children's Book Awards*. Coedited with Joseph T. Thomas, Jr. Routledge Press.

Reviewed in *Barnboken* (in Swedish), *Chasqui*, *Children's Literature*, and *The Lion and the Unicorn*.

2011 *Over the Rainbow: Queer Children's and Young Adult Literature.* Coedited with Michelle Ann Abate. University of Michigan Press.

Reviewed in Children's Literature, Children's Literature Association Quarterly, The Lion and the Unicorn, The Looking Glass, and Marvels & Tales.

2004 Wild Things: Children's Culture and Ecocriticism. Coedited with Sidney I. Dobrin. Wayne State University Press.

> Reviewed in Choice, Children's Literature, www.H-Net.org, Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and the Environment, and Journal of Children's Literature Studies.

refereed book chapters

2023	"From Canon-Making to Participatory Prizing: Children's Book and Media Awards." Co-written with Ramona Caponegro. <i>Routledge Companion to Children's Literature and Culture</i> , eds. Claudia Nelson, Elisabeth Wesseling, and Andrea Mei-Ying Wu, Routledge. 467-478.
2023	"Le niñe de la teoría queer y los estudios de literatura para niñes." <i>Campo en Formación. Textos clave para la crítica de literatura infantil a juvenil</i> , eds. Macarena García-González, Evelyn Arizpe y Andrea Casals Hill. Metales Pesados, pp. 173-184. Translation of 2011 <i>PMLA</i> essay.
2023	"Ninety Miles from Havana: Exile and Heritage in Cuban American Children's Literature." Political Changes and Transformations in Twentieth and Twenty-first Century Children's Literature, eds. Farriba Schulz and Bettina Kümmerling-Meibauer. Universitätsverlag Winter- Heidelberg. 273-288.
2022	"Philosophy for Children and the Wonder Kids." <i>The Queerness of Childhood: Essays from the Other Side of the Looking Glass</i> , eds. Anna Fishzon and Emma Lieber. Palgrave Macmillan. 199-218.
2021	"Sounding the Broken Note: <i>The Trumpeter of Krakow</i> (1929) and Polish History." <i>Dust Off the Gold Medal: Rediscovering Children's Literature at the Newbery Centennial</i> , eds. Sara L. Schwebel and Joceyln Van Tuyl. Routledge Press. 51-66.
2017	"Prizing in the Children's Literature Association." <i>Prizing Children's Literature: The Cultural Politics of Children's Book Awards</i> , eds. Kenneth B. Kidd and Joseph T. Thomas, Jr. Routledge Press. 193-208.
2017	"A Prize-Losing Introduction." Cowritten with Joseph T. Thomas. <i>Prizing Children's Literature: The Cultural Politics of Children's Book Awards</i> , eds. Kenneth B. Kidd and Joseph T. Thomas, Jr. Routledge Press. 1-18.
2014	"Interpreting Elizabeth Foreman Lewis's <i>Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze</i> ." <i>Representing Children in Chinese and American Children's Literature</i> , eds. Claudia Nelson and Rebecca Morris. Burlington, VT: Ashgate Press. 87-96. Published simultaneously in Chinese.
2011	"Wild Things and Wolf Dreams: Maurice Sendak, Picture-Book Psychologist." <i>The Oxford</i> <i>Handbook of Children's Literature</i> , eds. Julia Mickenberg and Lynne Valone. New York: Oxford University Press. 211-230.
2004	"Disney of Orlando's Animal Kingdom." <i>Wild Things</i> , eds. Sidney I. Dobrin and Kenneth B. Kidd. Detroit: Wayne State University Press. 267-288.
2004	"Introduction: Into the Wild." Cowritten with Sidney I. Dobrin. <i>Wild Things</i> , eds. Sidney I. Dobrin and Kenneth B. Kidd. Detroit: Wayne State University Press. 1-15.
2004	"He's Gotta Have It: Teen Film as Sex Education." <i>Sexual Pedagogies: Sex Education in Britain, Australia, and America, 1879-2000</i> , eds. Claudia Nelson and Michelle H. Martin. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. 95-112.
2002	"Raised by Gazelles: Queer Boys and the Feral Tale." (Published in Japanese.) Anglophone Literatures/English Literatures, eds. Kozo Yokoyama, Etsuko Taketani, Shingo Nagaoka, Motoko Nakada, and Eriko Yamaguchi. Kyoto, Japan: Jinbun Shoin. 380-395.

refereed articles

2023	"We Need Diverse Fanfiction Studies: On Shipping Fanfiction and CYA Literature." <i>Children's Literature Association Quarterly</i> 48.1 (Spring): 4-21.
2016	"Serendipity and Children's Literature Research in the Library." Coauthored with Lucy Pearson and Sarah Pyke. <i>International Research in Children's Literature</i> 9.2 (December): 162-178.
2011	"The Child, the Scholar, and the Children's Literature Archive." The Lion and the Unicorn 35.1 (April): 1-23.
2011	"Queer Theory's Child and Children's Literature Studies." PMLA 126.1 (January): 182-188.
2009	""Not Censorship but Selection': Censorship and/as Prizing." <i>Children's Literature in Education</i> 40.3: 197-216.
2007	"Prizing Children's Literature: The Case of Newbery Gold." <i>Children's Literature</i> 35: 166-190. Recipient of the Children's Literature Association Honor Article Award. Reprinted as "Prizes! Prizes! Newbery Gold," in <i>Children's Literature: Approaches and Territories</i> , eds. Janet Maybin and Nicola J. Watson (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009): 156-168.
2006	"How to Make a Children's Classic: The Middlebrow Projects of Louise Seaman Bechtel and Morton Schindel." The Journal of Children's Literature Studies 3.2 (July): 51-79.
2005	"A is for Auschwitz: Psychoanalysis, Trauma Theory, and the 'Children's Literature of Atrocity.'" Children's Literature 33: 120-49. Reprinted in Under Fire: Childhood in the Shadow of War, ed. Elizabeth Goodenough and Andrea Immel (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 2008): 161- 184.
2005	"Bruno Bettelheim and the Psychoanalytic Feral Tale." <i>American Imago</i> 62.1 (Spring): 75-99.
2003	"Leave It to Badger: Allan W. Eckert's <i>Incident at Hawk's Hill.</i> " <i>The Looking Glass: An Online</i> <i>Children's Literature Journal</i> 8.3 (2 September):
	http://www.lib.latrobe.edu.au/ojs/index.php/tlg/article/view/152/151
2004	"Psychoanalysis and Children's Literature: The Case for Complementarity." <i>The Lion and the Unicorn</i> 28.1 (January): 109-130.
2002	"Children's Culture, Children's Studies, and the Ethnographic Imaginary." <i>Children's Literature Association Quarterly</i> 27.3 (Fall): 146-155. Reprinted in Peter Hunt, ed., <i>Children's Literature, Critical Concepts</i> (Routledge 2006).
2000	"Boyology in the Twentieth Century." <i>Children's Literature</i> 28: 44-72. Children's Literature Association's Best Article Award.
1996	"Men Who Run with Wolves and the Women Who Love Them: Child Study and Compulsory Heterosexuality in Feral Child Films." <i>The Lion and the Unicorn</i> 20.1 (June): 90-112.
1995-6	"Farming for Boys: Boyology and the Professionalization of Boy Work." <i>Children's Literature</i> Association Quarterly 20.4 (Winter): 148-154.

editorial experience

2017-	Book Series Coeditor, with Elizabeth Marshall, Children's Literature and Culture, Routledge.
2017-	Volume Coeditor, with Katharine Capshaw Smith, The Cambridge History of Children's Literature
	in English, Volume 3: 1914-Present (under contract); project editors Eugene Giddens, Louise Joy,
	Zoe Jaques.
2016-	Editorial Board, Papers: Explorations into Children's Literature.
2015-	Editorial Board, First Opinions, Second Reactions (Purdue University).
2014-2017	Publications Advisory Committee, Children's Literature Association (advised University Press of
	Mississippi).
2004-2014	Associate Editor, Children's Literature Association Quarterly (under two Editors).
2012-	Editorial Board, Children's Literature, Culture, and Cognition book series, John Benjamins
	Publishing.
2009-2010	Editorial Review Board, Handbook of Research on Children's and Young Adult Literature
	(Routledge).
2008	Edited special forum, with "Introduction: Outing Dumbledore." Children's Literature Association
	Quarterly 33.2 (Summer): 186-7.
2005-	Editorial Board, Boyhood Studies.
2004-	Editorial Board, The Lion and the Unicorn.

2001-	Advisory Board, Journal of Narrative Theory.
1999	Guest edited special issue of The Lion and the Unicorn (24.3) devoted to sexuality and children's
	literature. Includes "Introduction" (v-vii).
1998	Guest edited special issue of Children's Literature Association Quarterly devoted to lesbian/gay
	literature for children and young adults. Includes "Introduction" (114-119).

reviews

forthcoming	Rev. of Gregory M. Pfitzer, "From Boys to Men": The Boy Problem and the Childhood of Famous Americans Series. American Literary History.
2022	Rev. of Jacob Breslow, Ambivalent Childhoods: Speculative Futures and the Psychic Life of the
	Child. Children's Literature Association Quarterly 47.1 (Spring): 111-114.
2021	Rev. of Jane Newland, Deleuze in Children's Literature. Children's Literature Association Quarterly 46.3 (Fall): 335-339.
2020	Rev. of Martin Woodside, Frontiers of Boyhood: Imagining America, Past and Future. Children's Literature Association Quarterly 45.3 (Fall): 286-288.
2020	Rev. of Louise Joy, Literature's Children: The Critical Child and the Art of Idealization. Children's Literature 48 (2020): 247-250.
2019	Rev. of Joe Sutliff Sanders, A Literature of Questions: Nonfiction for the Critical Child and Philip Nel, Was the Cat in the Hat Black? The Hidden Racism of Children's Literature and the Need for Diverse Books. American Literature 91.3 (September): 672-4.
2016	"On the Political Work of Children's Literature." Review essay of Katharine Capshaw, <i>Civil Rights Childhood: Picturing Liberation in African American Photobooks</i> , Angela E. Hubler, ed., <i>Little Red Readings: Historical Materialist Perspectives on Children's Literature</i> , and Gregory M. Pfitzer, <i>History Repeating Itself: The Republication of Children's Historical Literature and the Christian Right. American Literary History</i> 28.2: 423-432.
2015	Rev. of Claudia Mills, ed., <i>Ethics in Children's Literature</i> . <i>Children's Literature Association Quarterly</i> 40.4 (Winter 2015): 408-410.
2015	Rev. of Paula T. Connolly, Slavery in American Children's Literature, 1790-1910, Gary D. Schmidt, Making Americans: Children's Literature from 1930 to 1960, and Sarah K. Day, Reading Like a Girl: Narrative Intimacy in Contemporary American Young Adult Literature. American Literature 87.2 (June): 403-405.
2014	Rev. of Alice Curry, Environmental Crisis in Young Adult Fiction: A Poetics of Earth.
2013	Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and the Environment 2014: isu111v1-isu111. Web. "First Opinion: A Difficult Glimpse into the World of Juvenile Prison." Rev. of Shawn Goodman, Kindness for Weakness. First Opinions, Second Reactions 6.3 (December): 15-17.
2011	Rev. of Debra Mitts-Smith, <i>Picturing the Wolf in Children's Literature</i> . <i>Children's Literature Association Quarterly</i> 36.2 (Summer): 242-246.
2010	Rev. of David James Fisher, <i>Bettelheim: Living and Dying. American Imago</i> 67.1 (Spring): 127-133.
2009	Rev. of Alan Moore and Melinda Gebbe, <i>Lost Girls. ImageTexT: Interdisciplinary Comics Studies</i> 3.3. http://www.english.ufl.edu/imagetext/archives/v3_3/lost_girls/kidd.shtml
2004	"Beyond the Mirror Stage." Rev. of Karen Coats, Looking Glasses and Neverlands: Lacan, Desire, and Subjectivity in Children's Literature. Children's Literature Association Quarterly 29.3 (Fall): 280-83.
2004	"Children's Literature and/as the Avant-Garde." Rev. of Philip Nel, The Avant-Garde and American Postmodernity: Small Incisive Shocks. Children's Literature 32: 246-51.
2003	Rev. of John Stephens, ed., Ways of Being Male: Representing Masculinities in Children's Literature and Film. The Lion and the Unicorn 27.3 (September): 433-36.
2001	Rev. of Barbara Schneider and David Stevenson, <i>The Ambitious Generation: America's Teenagers,</i> Motivated but Directionless. The Lion and the Unicorn 25.3 (September): 448-51.
2000	"Material Girls and Boys." Rev. of Beverly Lyon Clark and Margaret R. Higonnet, eds., Girls, Boys, Books, Toys: Gender in Children's Literature and Culture. The Michigan Quarterly Review (Summer): 674-8.

2000	"Crosswriting the School Story." Review of Beverly Lyon Clark, Regendering the School Story:
	Sassy Sissies and Tattling Tomboys. Children's Literature 28: 215-218.
1998	Rev. of Marcia Jacobson, Being a Boy Again: Autobiography and the American Boy Book. The Lion
	and the Unicorn 22.2 (April): 263-66.
1996	"Queer Andy." Rev. of Jennifer Doyle, Jonathan Flatley, and Jose Esteban Muñoz, eds., Pop Out
	Queer Warhol. Lesbian and Gay Studies Newsletter 23.3 (Fall): 33-4.
1995	"The Traffic in Barbie." Rev. of Erica Rand, Barbie's Queer Accessories. Lesbian and Gay Studies
	Newsletter 22.3 (Fall): 19-20.
1993	"Bless the Beasts and the Children." Review of James Kincaid, Child-Loving: The Erotic Child
	and Victorian Culture. Lesbian and Gay Studies Newsletter 20.2 (July): 31-33.

solicited pieces

- 2022 "Books of the Heart." *Boyhood Studies* 15, no. 1 & 2. (2022): 186-189.
- 2022 "Out and About in Children's Literature Studies." *Children's Literature* 50: 73-84.
- 2021 "Children's Literature as Critical Thought." *Children's Literature and Children's Lives Symposium*, ed. Perri Klas. NYU Florence/Edifir Edizioni Firenze, 2020. 56-58.
- 2020 Audio recording, "Slavery and Fear in Marjorie Stoneman Douglas's *Freedom River*." Solicited for "Fear, Anxiety, and Hope in Childen's Literature" conference, Deakin University, November.
- 2017 Review of Edward Bloor's *Tangerine*, in "Childhood in the New South as Reflected in Children's Literature: A Forum," ed. Mark I. West. *The Southern Quarterly: A Journal of Arts & Letters in the South* 54.3/4 (Spring/Summer 2017): 144-6.
- 2017 "On Childhood Studies and Human Exceptionalism" (preface). *Childhood and Pethood in Literature and Culture: New Perspectives in Childhood Studies and Animal Studies*, eds. Anna Feuerstein and Carmen Nolte-Odhiambo. Routledge Press.
- 2016 "The Great Included" (foreword). *Frontiers in American Children's Literature*, eds. Dorothy Clark and Linda Salem, eds. Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. ix-x.
- 2012 "Goodbye, Maurice. And Thank You." http://www.uminnpressblog.com/2012/05/kenneth-b-kidd-goodbye-maurice-and.html.
- 2011 "Classic." *Keywords of Children's Literature*, eds. Philip Nel and Lissa Paul. New York: NYU Press. 52-58.
- 2002 Untitled letter. *Letters to J. D. Salinger*, eds. Chris Kubica and Will Hochman. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press. 160-64.
- 2001 "Gay and Lesbian Literature for Children and Young Adults." *The Cambridge Guide to Children's Books in English*, ed. Victor Watson. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. 281-82.
- 1991 Multiple short bibliographic entries in *Adventuring with Books*. NCTE Press.

interviews and media talks

2023 Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children, virtual book talk, *Theory for Beginners*, 13 December.
2021 Book launch/discussion for *Wild Visionary: Maurice Sendak in Queer Jewish Context*, with Golan Moskowitz and Jack Halberstam. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Community Center of New York (Zoom). 27 May.
2017 "What Feeds the Imagination: Jonathan Alexander Interviews Kenneth Kidd." *Los Angeles Review of Books,* April 6, 2017. https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/feeds-imagination-jonathan-alexander-interviews-kenneth-kidd
2001 "Some Notes on Camp." *Recess!* WUFT, Gainesville, FL. 27 June.
"Choosing Adventures." *Recess!* WUFT, Gainesville, FL. 2 August.

grants

2019	Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK, collaborative grant with University of Cambridge
	to enchance digital library collections in children's literature at UF and Cambridge.
2018	CLAS Interdisciplinary Collaborative Seed Grant, "Just English?", \$10,000.

invited talks

2023	Book Talk on <i>Theory for Beginners</i> , Institute for the Advancement of Philosophy for Children (IAPC), Montclair University, December 12. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbQRXIQeFEM "Politics and Children's Literature in the Sunshine State." Lecture #16, "International Vocies in Children's Literature Studies," Center for Research on Children's and Young Adult Literature, University of Wroclaw, April 12.
2022	"Alt Kid Lit: Notes on an Edited Volume in Progress." Invited talk (online), Dublin City University Centre for Research in Children's and Young Adult Literature, March 14.
2021	"Prizes, Canons, Classics." "The Newbery Medal at 100 Symposium," hosted online by The School of Information Sciences at University of Illinois, November 5.
2021	"Bad Books in the Stacks: Confronting Offensive Material in Children's Literature Collections (A Report on the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature). Invited keynote, Children's Summer School, University of Antwerp, July.
2019	"Children's Literature as Critical Thought." "Children's Literature and Children's Lives: A Symposium." Villa La Pietra, NYU Florence, November.
2019	"A Tale of Two Canons: Children's Literature and Fanfiction." Invited lecture as Scholar in Residence, Hollins University, July.
2017	"Philosophy for Children." Invited seminar participant, "Forever Young? Rejuvenation in Transnational and Transcolonial Perpective, 1900-2000," German Historical Institute, Washington DC, May.
2016	"Children's Literature as Queer Theory for Children." Invited keynote, Australasian Children's Literature Association for Research Biennial Conference, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, New South Wales (Australia), July.
2016	"The Children's Literary Classic." Invited seminar, University of Canberra (Australia), July.
2015	"Children's Literature, or Queer Theory for Children." Invited keynote, The 21 st Annual Francelia Butler Conference, Hollins University, July.
2015	Invited panelist, M.I.T. Communications Forum: "Coming of Age in Dystopia: The Darkness of Young Adult Fiction," Massachusetts Institute of Technology, March. https://commforum.mit.edu/coming-of-age-in-dystopia-the-darkness-of-young-adult-fiction- a4e5e8253be3.
2014	"What is the Children's Classic?" Invited keynote, "Sequels" program, University of Texas-Austin, April.
2014	"Queer Theory as Children's Literature, Children's Literature as Queer Theory." Joseph Keene Chadwick Memorial Lecture, University of Hawai'i, Mānoa, March.
2013	"The Age of Beginners." Invited talk for General Forum, Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association, San Diego, November.
2013	"P4C and the Child Philosophers." Invited talk for "Worlds of Wonder: The Queerness of Childhood," an interdisciplinary workshop at Williams College, Williamston, MA, May.
2013	"The Philosophy of Childhood." Invited talk for San Diego State University (written but not delivered due to illness), San Diego, April.
2012	"Missionary Work and/as Children's Book Authorship in Elizabeth Foreman Lewis' Young Fu of the Upper Yangstze (1932)." Invited talk for "The Image of the Child in Chinese and American Children's Literature," a special symposium. Ocean University of China, Qingdao, China, June.
2011	"Picturebooks for Beginners, Dummies, and Other Adults." Invited keynote for USF's Children's Literature Symposium. USF-Sarasota, Sarasota, FL, February.
2011	"Philosophy for Children." Invited keynote for "The Body Electric," Children's Literature Summer Institute, Simmons College, July.

2007	"Freud in Oz." Invited talk for the Department of English, University of Winnipeg, October.
2005	"Prizing Children's Literature." Invited talk for the Departments of English and American Studies,
	University of Texas-Austin, March.
1999	"Raised by Gazelles." Invited talk for "Future Tense," a special symposium at UNC, Chapel Hill,
	October.

conference sessions organized and chaired

2013	Organizer and chair, "Beginning Readers," Children's Literature Association Annual
	International Conference, June; presented on "I Can Theorize! Graphic Guides to Theory."
2012	Organizer and chair, "Rethinking the Children's Classic," Children's Literature Association
	Annual International Conference, June; presented on "Bad Classics."
2011	Organizer and chair, "Disciplinary Unrest: On Childhood and Childhood Studies," Children's
	Literature Association Annual International Conference, June; presented on "The Case
	Against Childhood Studies."
2006	Organizer and chair, "Prizing Children's Literature," Modern Language Association,
	Philadelphia, December.
2005	Organizer and chair, "Politics and Performativity in Children's Classics," Children's Literature
	Association International Conference, June; presented on "Psychoanalysis as Pop-Intellectual
	Culture: Performing the Golden Age."
2004	Organizer and chair, "Nonfiction Accounts of Child Sexual Abuse," Modern Language
	Association, Philadelphia, December.
2004	Organizer and chair, "Eyes Wide Open: Celebrity, Fandom, and Children's Forms," Children's
	Literature Association International Conference, June; presented on "Sex and Roses: Picture
	Books, Porn, and Other Adulterations."
2002	Organizer and chair, "Cultures of School in the 1930s," Children's Literature Association
	International Conference, June; presented on "Travel, Instruction, and the Culture Idea in
	the Early Newbery Books."
1996	Organizer and chair, "Lesbian and Gay Studies and Children's Literature," Modern Language
	Association, Washington, December.

conference presentations

2024	"We Say Gay: Florida Queer Literature for Kids." Children's Literature Association Annual International Conference. Madison, WI, June.
2024	"MRK and ZNH as Writers for Kids." XXXV Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Conference. Mount Dora, FL,
	May. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fx_3pCVGusQ&list=PLmf5axXSdP3pSyKet7ksJyX8jt9vK5Z5V
	&index=4
2024	"Diverse BookFinder: Enhancing the Discoverablity of Books with BIPOC Characters." Kay Faigler Children's Book Festival. University of Southern Mississippi, April.
2023	"Greening the Robinsonade?" International Research Society for Children's Literature 26 th Biennial Conference. Santa Barbara, CA, August.
2023	"Teaching with Diverse BookFinder: Metadata Testing and Student Experiential Learning at the University of Florida and Fresno State University." Joint Conference of Librarians of Color. St. Pete Beach, FL, February.
2022	"Boy Chums and Beyond: Environmental Engagement in Florida-Set Series Fiction." Children's Literature Association Annual International Conference. Atlanta, GA, June.
2022	"Out and About in Children's Literature Studies." Children's Literature Association Annual International Conference. Atlanta, GA, June.
2022	"Zora Neale Hurston for Kids." The 16 th International Child and the Book Conference. Valletta, Malta. May.

2021	"Sounding the Broken Note: The Trumpeter of Krakow and Polish History." Children's Literature
	Association Annual International Conference. Online. June.
2021	"Sex and Sexiness in YA Nonfiction." Let's Talk About Sex in YA (Young Adult Literature
	Conference). University of Cambridge; moved online, May.
2021	"The Cultural Politics of Cuban and Cuban-American Children's Literature." The 15 th International
	Child and the Book Conference. Berlin; Moved online, March.
2020	Untitled short talk. "Critical Childhood Studies and Intersectionality: The State of the Field."
	(roundtable.) Modern Language Association. Seattle, WA, January.
2019	"Toward a Comparative Approach to Children's Literature-Based Fandoms." International
2010	Research Society for Children's Literature 24 th Biennial Conference. Stockholm, Sweden, August.
2019	"Empathy and/as Activism in Florida Children's Literature." Children's Literature Association
2015	Annual International Conference. Indianapolis, IN, June.
2019	"Canon into Fanon and Back Again: Canonical Processes in CYA-Based Fanction." The 14 th
2015	International Child and the Book Conference. Zadar, Croatia, May.
2017	"Children's Literature and Children's Rights in the Philosophy for Children (P4C) Movement."
2017	International Research Society for Children's Literature 23 rd Biennial Conference. Toronto, ON,
2017	July/August.
2017	Untitled short talk. "Barely Legal: <i>Erotic Innocence</i> at Nineteen." (roundtable.) Modern Language
2016	Association. Philadelphia, PA, January.
2016	"Using Children's Literature in the Philosophy for Children (P4C) Movement." History of
2016	Education Society 56 th Annual Meeting. Providence, RI, November.
2016	Untitled talk on publishing and editing in children's literature. "Youngsters: On the Cultures of
	Children and Youth." Association for Research in Cultures of Young People. Vancouver, BC,
	October.
2016	"Grad School Youngsters." "Youngsters: On the Cultures of Children and Youth." Association for
	Research in Cultures of Young People. Vancouver, BC, October.
2016	"The Graphic Memoir as Queer (Child) Theory: Alison Bechdel's Are You My Mother?" Children's
	Literature Association Annual International Conference. Columbus, OH, June.
2015	"Alice in Theory." "Alice through the Ages." Homerton College, University of Cambridge.
	Cambridge, UK, September.
2015	"A Brief History of the Phoenix Award." Children's Literature Association Annual International
	Conference. Richmond, VA, June.
2015	"Literature for Beginners." Modern Language Association. Vancouver, BC, January.
2014	"Feeling Like a Chair." "How to Feel About Affect: 14 th Annual Conference of the English Graduate
	Organization." Gainesville, FL, October.
2014	"Golden Age Case Writing and the Enchantments of the Children's Classic." "Enchanted Places,
	Imagined Childhoods: Children's Literature & Psychoanalysis." An interdisciplinary symposium
	sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and the Psychoanalytic Center of
	Philadelphia. Philadelphia, PA, September.
2014	"Literary and Academic Prizing in the Children's Literature Association." Children's Literature
	Association Annual International Conference. Columbia, SC, June.
2014	"Changing Jobs." "Building a Career in Children's Literature" panel. Children's Literature
	Association Annual International Conference. Columbia, SC, June.
2013	"I Can Theorize! Graphic Guides to Theory." Children's Literature Association Annual
	International Conference. Biloxi, MS, June.
2012	"Bad Classics." Children's Literature Association Annual International Conference. Simmons
	College, Boston, MA, June.
2011	"Posthuman Theory and the End(s) of Childhood." Modern Language Association. Los Angeles,
	CA, January.
2011	"When you drop them, they tend to bounce': Childhood Imagination and the Absurd in Film."
	32 nd Annual International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts. Orlando, FL, March.
2011	"The Case Against Childhood Studies." Children's Literature Association Annual International
	Conference. Hollins University, Roanoke, VA, June.

2011	"Negotiating the Job Market." "Building a Career in Children's Literature" panel. Children's Literature Association Annual International Conference. Hollins University, Roanoke, VA, June.
2009	"The Child, the Scholar, and the Children's Literature Archive." Children's Literature Association Annual International Conference. Charlotte, NC, June.
2008	"'Not Censorship but Selection': Censorship and/as Prizing." Children's Literature Association
	Annual International Conference. Normal, IL, June.
2007	"Theory for Beginners: Illustrated Theory Digests." "World Building: Seriality and History": The
	Fifth Annual Comics Conference. Gainesville, FL, March.
2007	"Sendak's Dream of the Wolves." Children's Literature Association Annual International
	Conference. Newport News, VA, June.
2006	"Future Prospects: Queer Theory's Child and Children's Literature Studies." Children's Literature Association Annual International Conference. Manhattan Beach, CA, June.
2005	"Young/Adult." Modern Language Association. Washington, DC, December.
2005	"Catalogues and Classics: The Publishing Work of Louise Seaman Bechtel." SAMLA. Atlanta,
	Georgia, November.
2005	"Psychoanalysis as Pop-Intellectual Culture: Performing the Golden Age." Children's Literature
	Association Annual International Conference. Winnipeg, Manitoba, June.
2005	"Fidelity to the Original': The Authenticity Effects of Weston Woods." Modern Critical Approaches to Children's Literature, Nashville, TN, April.
2004	"Fairy Tales, Psychoanalysis, and the Impossible Profession of Children's Literature."
	"Constellations of Youth." University of Florida English Graduate Organization (EGO) Annual
	Conference. Gainesville, FL, October.
2004	"Sex and Roses: Picture Books, Porn, and Other Adulterations." Children's Literature Association
	Annual International Conference. Fresno, CA, June.
2003	"Historical Trauma, Traumatic History." Modern Language Association. San Diego, CA, December.
2003	"The Newbery Medal Books." "Culture and the Literary Prize." Oxford Brookes University, Oxford,
	England, October.
2003	"Best in Show." Children's Literature Association Annual International Conference. El Paso, TX,
	June.
2003	"Newbery Gold: Children's Literature as Cultural Capital." Modern Critical Approaches to
2002	Children's Literature. Nashville, TN, April.
2002	"Uncle Walt and the Disney Family Romance." Modern Language Association. New York City, NY, December.
2002	"History and Trauma in the Newbery Medal Books." Society for Utopian Studies. Orlando, FL,
	October.
2002	"Literature, Education, and the Culture Idea in the Early Newbery Books." Children's Literature
	Association Annual International Conference. Wilkes-Barre, PA, June.
2001	"Modernism and the Early Newbery Medal Books." Modernist Studies Association. Rice
	University. Houston, TX, October.
2001	"Lost and Found: The Identity Politics of Contemporary Boyology." Modern Language
	Association. New Orleans, LA, December.
2000	"Children's Culture and the Ethnographic Imaginary." Modern Language Association.
	Washington, D.C., December.
2000	"The Secret Spaces of Consumer Culture." Children's Literature Association Annual International Conference. Roanoke, VA, June.
2000	"No Bad Boys: Boys Town and New Deal Child-Saving." The Annual Conference on Literature and
2000	Film. Florida State University, Tallahassee, January.
1998	"Feral Boys and Empire." Modern Language Association. San Francisco, CA, December.
1997	"Raised by Wolves: Charles Loring Brace and New York Street Children." <i>The Child and the City:</i>
	Children's Literature Association Annual International Conference. Omaha, NE, June.
1997	"Science in the Steaming Grotto: Bomba the Jungle Boy and Evolutionist Child Study." Popular
	Culture Association Conference. San Antonio, TX, March.
1996	"Teaching Cultural Contradiction Through Film." Michigan College English Association Annual
	Conference. Michigan State University, October.

1996	"Ironing John: Feral Child Films and Compulsory Masculinity." Genre and Gender: The Annual Conference on Literature and Film. Florida State University, January.
1995	"Sacrificing the Savage: Charles Alexander Eastman (Ohiyesa) and the Evolution of Boyhood." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Washington D. C., March.
1995	"Where the Boys Are: Teen Star Magazines and the Pubescent Pin-Up." Popular Culture Assocation Silver Anniversary Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, April.
1994	"Farming for Boys." Modern Language Association, San Diego, CA, December.
1994	"Huck Finn and the Hypercanonicity of Boyhood." Michigan College English Association Annual Conference. Western Michigan University, October.
1993	"Peter Pan, Inc." Inside & Out: The Third National Graduate Student Conference on Queer Studies. University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, April.
1993	"(Re)Thinking 'Explicit' in the Lesbian/Gay Studies Classroom." Conference on College Composition and Communication. San Diego, CA, April.
1992	"Pederasty, Pedagogy, and the Rhetoric of Childhood." The Second National Graduate Student onference on Lesbian/Gay Studies. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April.
1992	"Reading, Writing, and the Rhetoric of Childhood in <i>A Boy's Own Story</i> and <i>Ambidextrous</i> ." AEGIS Conference. The University of Houston, February.
1991	"Another Eden: Gay Americanist Criticism." AEGIS Conference. The University of Houston, February.
1991	"'Follies and Nonsense, Whims and Inconsistencies': Obsession in Jane Austen's Novels." The Dickens Project Winter 1991 Conference. The University of California at Riverside, February.

presentations at UF and EMU

2017	Panel participant, ALCS workshop with Matthew Goldfeder, Center for Humanities and the Public Sphere, September.
2013	Panel participant, "Conference Tricks of the Trade." EGO workshop, April.
2011	Panel chair: "The State of the Art in Children's and Young Adult Literature." Smathers Library, February.
2008	"Almost Alice." Harn Museum of Art, October.
2007	"The Afterlife of Alice." Special Collections, Smathers Library, November.
2006	Panel chair: Children and the Environment, panel on nature-themed multimedia, March.
2005	Session chair: Concluding roundtable. "Children and Science" conference, March.
2004	Session chair: Concluding roundtable. "Libraries Unbound" conference, March.
2003	Session chair: "Violence and Nonviolence in Schools." "Children, Culture, and Violence: Exploring
	the Myths, Images, and Realities," March.
1999	"Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Issues in the Classroom." University Center for Excellence in Teaching,
	February.
1999	"Sigmund Freud and the Feral Tale." Group for Applied Psychology (GAP), September.
1997	"Introduction to Lesbian/Gay Studies." Annual Queer Student Leadership Summit, March.
1996	"Teaching What You're Not." Faculty Center for Instructional Excellence panel, November.
1996	"Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Literature." Annual Queer Student Leadership Summit, March.
1996	"AIDS, Kids, and Books." Annual Conference on Children's Literature and Drama, March.
1996	"Children's Literature and AIDS Education K-12." Faculty Center for Instructional Excellence
	panel, "Pedagogies of AIDS," February.
1995	"Mowgli, Tarzan and Company: Feral Children in Myth and Popular Fiction." Annual Conference on Children's Literature and Drama, March.

teaching experience

Invited keynote and seminar leader, Children's Literature Summer School, University of Antwerp, July 2021. Led workshops on "Philosophy for Children" and "Shipping Fanfiction" plus keynote

Invited seminar leader, Children's Literature Masterclasses on "Children's Archives," Newcastle University, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK, August 2015

Visiting Professor, Simmons College, Boston MA, July 2011 (Children's Literature Institute) Graduate seminar on "The Body Electric"

External PhD thesis examiner for University of Cambridge, Charles Sturt University, Deakin University (multiple times), Rutgers University-Camden, York University (Canada)

Designed for UF a course called Topics in Collaborative Research Designed for UF a course called What is English?

Graduate Courses

Childhood Studies Children's Culture Comparative Children's Literature Disney and Its Discontents Everyday Theory Golden Age of Children's Literature Into the Archive: Reading in the Baldwin Major Genres of Children's Literature The Newbery Medal Books Psychoanalysis and Children's Literature Studies in Nineteenth-Century American Poetry Theories of Sexuality Theory's Child Twentieth-Century Children's Literature Young/Adult: American Literatures of Adolescence

Undergraduate Courses

American Literature from 1865 to the Present American Literature Survey The Children's Classic (Honors, and Special Topics) Children's Film Children's Literature: Criticism and Response Children's Literature Survey Contemporary Queer Literature in the United States Florida Children's Literature Golden Age of Children's Literature Introduction to Children's Literature Introduction to Fiction Introduction to Poetry Literature for the Adolescent The Newbery Medal Books Placing Florida (UF Quest 1 course) Rhetoric and Composition Silence, Secrecy and Scandal in Nineteenth-Century U. S. Literature **Technical Writing** Writing About Lesbian and Gay Literature

Writing About Literature

student mentoring

Faculty Advisor, Pride Student Union, 2023-present B.A. honors students: thesis committee chair, 11; thesis committee member, 6 MA & MFA students: thesis committee chair, 15; thesis committee member, 32 PhD students: dissertation committee chair, 19, co-chair, 1; dissertation committee member, 37 Supervisor of independent study courses and reading tutorials for MFA students Faculty Advisor, The English Society, 1998-2001 University Scholar mentor, 2001

PhD Students Directed to Completion:

Mandy Elizabeth Moore, 2024 (Marion Britain posts-doctoral fellowship, Georgia Tech University) Corinne Matthews, 2023 (renewable lecturership, University Writing Program, UF) Yvonne Medina, 2023 (Marion Brittain post-doctoral fellowship, Georgia Tech University) Brianna Anderson, 2022 (tenure-track, University of Texas-El Paso) Jill Coste, 2021 (Implementation & Training Specialist, TeachingBooks). Jaqueline Elliott, 2021(lecturer, University of Alabama) Michele Lee, 2021 (lecturer, Santa Fe College) Kristen Gregory, 2018 (lecturer, University of Arizona) Poushali Bhadury, 2017 (tenure-track, Middle Tennessee State University) KaTosha O'Daniel, 2017 (Associate Show Writer, Walt Disney Imagineering) Anuja Madan, 2016 (tenured, Kansas State University) Rebekah Fitzsimmons, 2015 (tenure-track, Carnegie Mellon University) Lisa Dusenberry, 2013 (tenured, Armstrong Atlantic University) Marilisa Jimenez Garcia, 2012 (tenure-track, Simmons College) Cari Keebaugh, 2011 (tenured, North Shore Community College) Ramona Caponegro, 2010 (Curator, Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature UF; prior tenured, Eastern Michigan University) Cathlena Martin, 2010 (tenured, University of Montevallo) Aaron Talbot, 2009 (lecturer, Hotelschool, The Hague) Catherine Tosenberger, 2008 (tenured, University of Winnipeg)

university service

University of Florida

CLAS Search Committee, Experiential Learning & Career Advisor position with AAC, 2024 COE Search Committee for tenure-track faculty in English Language Arts Education, 2023-2024 Spark Grant reviewer, CLAS, 2023 CLAS Search Committee for Chair of Philosophy, 2023-2024 (Dean's representative) Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, grant proposal review panel, 2021, 2023 CWSGR Merit Review Committee, 2020-2022 CLAS Selection Committee, Ruth McQuown and Cynthia W. Colangelo Awards, 2019, 2020, 2021 CLAS Search Committee for Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion (appointed), 2020-2021 Hiring Committee, Baldwin Library Curatorship (UF Libraries, Special/Area Collections), 2024; 2020-2021; 2010-2011 LibraryPress@UF Editorial Collective, 2018-CLAS Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2017-2020 (elected) Faculty Search & Appointment Committee, Dept. of Classics, 2017-2018

Proposal Reviewer, Center for Humanities and the Public Sphere, 2017-2018

HSEF Selection Committee, CLAS, 2017 (appointed) Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2016-2020 Scholars Council, Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature, 2015-present Common Prerequisites Discipline Committee (SUS), 2014-present Faculty Council, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS), 2013-2015 (elected) CLAS Search Committee, Director of Women's Studies and Gender Research, 2013 CLAS Search Committee, Director of University Writing Program, 2011-2013 English Education Advisory Board, 2008-Graduate Curriculum Committee, The Graduate School, 2007-2009 Tenure and Promotion Committee, Dept. of English, 2007-2009 Graduate Advisory Council, CLAS, 2005-2006 Merit Pay Committee, Dept. of English, 2004-2007 Graduate Studies Committee, Dept. of English, 2010-2011, 2002-2009 Job Placement Director, Dept. of English, 2004-2005 English Department Council (elected), 2010-2012, 2002-2004 Preview Faculty Advisor, Summers 1998-2004, 2007 Faculty Search & Appointments Committee, Dept. of English, 2018-2019; 2015-2016; 2008-9; 2005-2006; 2002-2003 Provost Committee for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Concerns, 1998-2000 General Education Committee, Dept. of English, 1998-2000

Eastern Michigan University

Dept. of English Library Liaison, 1997-1998 Dept. of English New Faculty Search Committee, 1997-1998 (post-colonial studies) Dept. of English, Graduate Committee, 1996-1998 Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Resource Center Advisory Board, 1996-1998

Dept. of English, Curriculum Committee, 1995-1998; Chair, 1997

Faculty Advisor, Quest (lesbian/gay/bisexual student association), 1995-1998

Dept. of English, Children's Literature Committee, 1994-1998; Chair, 1996

Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Faculty Advocacy Coalition, 1994-1998

Dept. of English New Faculty Search Committee, 1996-1997 (contemporary

Americanist/multiculturalist)

College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Council, 1996

professional service and training

Programming for Humanists (Python-based), Digital Humanities Summer Institute, June 2024. Co-President, Children's Literature Association, 2022-2023 (appointed; elected to Board) Grant evaluator, National Science Centre of Poland, 2020 Mentor, International Research Society for Children's Literature, 2018-Evaluator for BoGRC competition, University of Lethbridge, 2019; 2018 President, Children's Literature Association, 2016-2017 (elected) Book Award Committee, International Research Society for Children's Literature, 2016- (appointed) Evaluator, The Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO), 2016 External program review for Department of English, University of Mississippi (with Elsie B. Michie), 2016 Vice President/President Elect, Children's Literature Association, 2015-2016 (elected) Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee (appointed), Children's Literature Association, 2015-2016 Evaluator, Doctoral Fellowship Programme of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, 2015 Research Advisory Board, University of Wyoming Literacy Research Center and Clinic, 2015-2017 Evaluator, The German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development, 2014 Executive Board Member, Children's Literature Association (elected), 2014-2017; 2005-2008 Publications Advisory Committee, Children's Literature Association, 2014-2017 Nominator, Ellen Levine Award, 2013-2015

- Evaluator, Junior Research Fellowship Program, Magdalene College and Homerton College, Cambridge University, UK, 2013
- Evaluator, Standard Research Grants Program, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2011(animal studies)
- Evaluator, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/ACLS Early Career Fellowship Program, 2011-2010, 2010-2009 (American literature, children's literature, gender/queer studies)
- Chair, Crompton-Noll Award for best essay LGBTQ studies (MLA sponsored), 2011;
 - Judge, 2010
- Judge, Criticism and Theory, Francelia Butler Conference, Hollins University, July 2023; July 2017; July 2010 Paper Selection Committee, Modern Critical Approaches to Children's Literature conference, 2008-2009
- Grants Committee, Children's Literature Association, 2008-2014 (Chair 2011-2014)
- Diversity Committee, Children's Literature Association, 2006-2010 (founding member)
- Harper Fund Committee, SAMLA, 2006-2007
- MLA Executive Division on Children's Literature, 2001-2006 (elected)
- Book Award Committee, Children's Literature Association (2002-2004) (elected)
- Book manuscript reader for Addison Wesley Longman, Anthem Press, Ashgate Publishing, Broadview Press, Columbia University Press, Fordham University Press, Modern Language Assocation ("Options for Teaching" series), Oxford University Press (multiple times), Palgrave Macmillan (US and UK divisions), University of Alabama Press, University of Georgia Press, University of Massachusetts Press, University of Minnesota Press, University Press of Mississippi, University of Tennessee Press, and Wayne State University Press
- Article manuscript reader for Australian Educational Researcher, Barnboken: Journal of Children's Literature Research (Sweden), Biography: An Interdisciplinary Quarterly, Boyhood Studies, Brock Education Journal, Children's Literature, Children's Literature Association Quarterly, Children's Literature in Education, Curriculum Inquiry, Discourse Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education, Feminist Theory Journal, Gay and Lesbian Quarterly, Genre, International Journal of Young Adult Literature, International Research on Children's Literature, JJournal of Ecocriticism, Inks: The Journal of the Comics Studies Society, Jeunesse, Journal of Educational Media, Libri & Liberi: Journal of Research on Children's Literature and Culture (Croatia), Literature, Memory, and Society, Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts, Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth, Journal of Homosexuality, Journal of Lesbian Studies, Journal of Narrative Theory, Library Quarterly, The Lion and the Unicorn, Papers, PMLA, Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature, Women's Studies Quarterly, and Yearbook of the German Children's Literature Research Society.
- External PhD reader for University of Alberta (Canada), Brandeis University, Edith Cowan University and Deakin University (twice) (Australia), Rutgers University-Camden, Western Michigan University, and York University. External MA reader for Central Michigan University.
- Tenure and/or promotion evaluator for University of Alberta, Arizona State University (education), Bar-Ilan University, Borough of Manhattan Community College/CUNY, University of Canberra, Clemson University, College of Staten Island/CUNY, University of Connecticut (twice), East Carolina University, Hollins University, Indiana University Northwest, Kansas State University, Macquarie University (Australia), Marquette University, University of Memphis, M.I.T., University of Nebraska, New York University, Pacific Lutheran University, Rutgers University, Rutgers University-Camden (multiple times), Queens College/CUNY (twice), University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign, University of Louisville, University of Minnesota-Minneapolis/St.Paul, University of Nebraska (Lincoln), University of Nebraska-Kearney, University of North Florida, University of Oregon, Penn State University (Italian, Spanish & Portuguese), University of Pittsburgh (thrice), University of Richmond, Rowan University, Royal Military College of Canada, University of South Florida (Tampa), University of South Florida-Sarasota, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, University of Texas-Austin (American Studies), and West Virginia University (two departments)
- Member of the MLA (since 1991), the Children's Literature Association (since 1994), and the International Research Society in Children's Literature (since 2009)

honors

2024Children's Literature Association Mentoring Award2024-2027University of Florida Research Foundation Professorship

2021	Edited Book Award (for Queer as Camp), Children's Literature Association
2017-2020	CLAS Term Professorship
2013-2014	Waldo W. Neikirk Term Professorship
2013	Honor Book Award (for Freud in Oz), Children's Literature Association
2009	Honor Article Award, Children's Literature Association
2000	Best Article Award, Children's Literature Association
2005, 2001,	
&1999	Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Award, UF
1998	EMU Excellence in Teaching Award