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- Adriana Craciun, *British Women Writers and the French Revolution: Citizens of the World*, in *Choice* 44, no. 1 (Sept. 2006): 0160
- Clement Hawes, *The British Eighteenth Century and Global Critique*, in *Choice* 43, no. 11 (July 2006): 6385
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- Samuel Johnson, *Johnson on the English Language*, vol. 18 of the Yale Edition of the Works of Samuel Johnson, ed. Gwin J. Kolb and Robert DeMaria, Jr., in *Choice* 43, no. 9 (May 2006): 5132
- John Allen Stevenson, *The Real History of Tom Jones*, in *Choice* 43, no. 4 (Dec. 2005): 2061
- Lyndall Gordon, *Vindication: A Life of Mary Wollstonecraft*, in *Choice* 43, no. 3 (Nov. 2005): 1414
- John Richetti, ed., *The Cambridge History of English Literature, 1660–1780*, in *Choice* 43, no. 3 (Nov. 2005): 1405
- Karen Harvey, *Reading Sex in the Eighteenth Century: Bodies and Gender in English Erotic Culture*, in *Choice* 43, no. 1 (Sept. 2005): 0169
- Paul Goring, *The Rhetoric of Sensibility in Eighteenth-Century Culture*, in *Choice* 43, no. 1 (Sept. 2005): 0167
- Caroline Franklin, *Mary Wollstonecraft: A Literary Life*, in *Choice* 42, no. 9 (May 2005): 5104
- George G. Dekker, *The Fictions of Romantic Tourism: Radcliffe, Scott, and Mary Shelley*, in *Choice* 42, no. 8 (April 2005): 4503
- Arthur Freeman and Janet Ing Freeman, *John Payne Collier: Scholarship and Forgery in the Nineteenth Century*, in *Choice* 42, no. 5 (Feb. 2005): 3271
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- Thomas Keymer and Jon Mee, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to English Literature, 1740–1830*, in *Choice* 42, no. 4 (Jan. 2005): 2646
- Alexander Pettit and Patrick Spedding, eds., *Eighteenth-Century British Erotica Set II*, in *Choice* 42, no. 2 (Oct. 2004): 0792
- Janet Todd, ed., *The Collected Letters of Mary Wollstonecraft*, in *Choice* 42, no. 1 (Sept. 2004): 0176
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- Richard Nash, *Wild Enlightenment: The Borders of Human Identity in the Eighteenth Century*, in *Choice* 41, no. 3 (Dec. 2003): 2034
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- Harriet Kirkley, *A Biographer at Work: Samuel Johnson's Notes for the "Life of Pope,"* in *Choice* 40, no. 6 (Feb. 2003): 3262
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- Rajani Sudan, *Fair Exotics: Xenophobic Subjects in English Literature, 1720–1850*, in *Choice* 40, no. 4 (Dec. 2002): 2052
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- Saba Bahar, *Mary Wollstonecraft's Social and Aesthetic Philosophy: "An Eve to Please Me,"* in *Choice* 40, no. 3 (Nov. 2002): 1377
- Jonathan Clark and Howard Erskine-Hill, eds., *Samuel Johnson in Historical Context*, in *Choice* 39, no. 11 (July 2002): 6287
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- John Williams, *Mary Shelley: A Literary Life*, in *Choice* 38, no. 5 (Jan. 2001): 3208
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- Todd C. Parker, *Sexing the Text: The Rhetoric of Sexual Difference in British Literature, 1700–1750*, in *Choice* 37, no. 11–12 (July–August 2000): 6143
- Kevin Hart, *Samuel Johnson and the Culture of Property*, in *Choice* 37, no. 10 (June 2000): 5522
- Allen Michie, *Richardson and Fielding: The Dynamics of a Critical Rivalry*, in *Choice* 37, no. 10 (June 2000): 5537
- Tiffany Potter, *Honest Sins: Georgian Libertinism and the Plays and Novels of Henry Fielding*, in *Choice* 37, no. 9 (May 2000): 4791
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- Andrew McCann, *Cultural Politics in the 1790s: Literature, Radicalism and the Public Sphere*, in *Choice* 36, no. 10 (June 1999): 1787

- Betty T. Bennett, *Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley: An Introduction*, in *Choice* 36, no. 9 (May 1999): 4922
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- Martin Wechselblatt, *Bad Behavior: Samuel Johnson and Modern Cultural Authority*, in *Choice* 36, no. 6 (Feb. 1999): 3233
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- Kevin Sharpe and Steven N. Zwicker, eds., *Refiguring Revolutions: Aesthetics and Politics from the English Revolution to the Romantic Revolution*, in *Choice* 36, no. 5 (Jan. 1999): 2635
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- Robert A. Erickson, *The Language of the Heart, 1600–1750*, in *Choice* 35, no. 4 (Dec. 1997): 1972
- Robert DeMaria, Jr., *Samuel Johnson and the Life of Reading*, in *Choice* 35, no. 3 (Nov. 1997): 1365
- Robert D. Spector, *Samuel Johnson and the Essay*, in *Choice* 35, no. 2 (Oct. 1997): 795
- Betty A. Schellenberg, *The Conversational Circle: Re-reading the English Novel, 1740–1775*, in *Choice* 35, no. 2 (Oct. 1997): 793
- Charles Robinson, ed., *The "Frankenstein" Notebooks: A Facsimile Edition*, in *Choice* 34 (March 1997): 3762
- Anne McDermott, ed., *Samuel Johnson's "Dictionary" on CD-ROM*, in *Choice* 34 (March 1997): 3705
- The Novels and Selected Works of Mary Shelley*, ed. Nora Crook, 8 vols., in *Choice* 34 (Jan. 1997): 2643
- Nancy A. Mace, *Henry Fielding's Novels and the Classical Tradition*, in *Choice* 34 (Nov. 1996): 1399
- Robert Mahony, *Jonathan Swift: The Irish Identity*, in *Choice* 33 (May 1996): 4973
- Laura Quinney, *Literary Power and the Criteria of Truth*, in *Choice* 33 (Jan. 1996): 2570
- Jill Campbell, *Natural Masques: Gender and Identity in Fielding's Plays and Novels*, in *Choice* 33 (Oct. 1995): 762
- John Cannon, *Samuel Johnson and the Politics of Hanoverian England*, in *Choice* 33 (Sept. 1995): 123
- Judith Moore, *The Appearance of Truth: The Story of Elizabeth Canning and Eighteenth-Century Narrative*, in *Choice* 32 (April 1995): 4359
- A. D. Horgan, *Johnson on Language: An Introduction*, in *Choice* 32 (April 1995): 4345
- Jeanne Moskal, *Blake, Ethics, and Forgiveness*, in *Choice* 32 (Dec. 1994): 1991

- Claudia N. Thomas, *Alexander Pope and His Eighteenth-Century Women Readers*, in *Choice* 32 (Sept. 1994): 168
- Charles H. Hinnant, "Steel for the Mind": *Samuel Johnson and Critical Discourse*, in *Choice* 31 (June 1994): 5300
- Harry Solomon, *The Rape of the Text*, in *Choice* 31 (March 1994): 3162
- M. L. Rosenthal, *Running to Paradise: Yeats's Poetic Art*, in *Library Journal* 118, no. 16 (1 Oct. 1993): 95
- William Safire, *Quoth the Maven*, in *Library Journal* 118, no. 12 (1 July 1993): 90

Editorial Work

- Consulting Editor to the Digital Edition of *The Yale Edition of the Works of Samuel Johnson*
- General Editor, *c18 Bibliographies On-Line*
- Assistant Editor, *Frankenstein: A Romantic Circles Electronic Edition*, ed. Stuart Curran (Romantic Circles, 2009)

PRESENTATIONS

Plenary Lectures and Keynote Addresses

- "Disposing Shakespeare's Estate in the Eighteenth Century," keynote lecture, Annual English Graduate Symposium, SUNY New Paltz, 22 April 2014
- "The First Dictionary?," Joseph S. Schick Lecture in Language, Literature, and Lexicography, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, 27 February 2014
- "Not-So-Splendide Mendax: Viewing Fakes from the Inside Out," De kunst van het liegen in de achttiende eeuw/The Art of Lying conference, Werkgroep 18e eeuw/Dutch-Belgian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Amsterdam, 17 January 2014
- "Modes of Definition in Johnson and His Contemporaries," Johnson at 300: A Houghton Library Symposium, Harvard University, 28 August 2009
- "Johnson's Lives," BSECS, Oxford, 7 January 2009. Repeated at the University of Ottawa, 3 December 2011
- "All Shall Yield to the Mulberry Tree: Of Toothpick Cases, Punch Ladles, Tobacco Stoppers, Inkstands, Nutmeg Graters, and the Legend of Shakespeare," CSECS, Montreal, 16 October 2008
- "William Henry Ireland and His Doubles," MWASECS, Minneapolis, 14 October 2006
- "Pope's Thames," Literary London conference, Greenwich, 14 July 2006
- "Ireland's Chatterton," Romanticism & Forgery conference, Bristol, 29 November 2003

Invited Addresses and Public Lectures

- "Literary Fakery and Forgery," Branton Lecture, Washington & Jefferson College, 5 April 2018

- "Johnson Goes to War," 34th Annual Daniel G. Blum Lecture, Samuel Johnson Society of the West, Huntington Library, San Marino, 19 November 2017
- "How Samuel Johnson Wrote the First Dictionary," Philobiblon Society, Philadelphia, 10 January 2017
- "The Universe in ABC Order," Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., 8 November 2016
- "Johnson's Lives," the Johnsonians annual dinner, Harvard Club, New York, 16 September 2016
- "The Universe in Alphabetical Order: What Can We Learn from Old Dictionaries?," the English Speaking Union of Monmouth County, 21 February 2016
- "Real Fakes and Fake Fakes: Materiality and Literary Forgery," The Matter of Mimesis: Studies on Mimesis and Materials in Nature, Art and Science conference, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge, 17 December 2015
- "Johnson's Dead Poets Society," Johnson Society of London, Westminster Abbey, 13 December 2014
- TASIS England Alumni Speaker Program, Thorpe, Surrey, 10 November 2014
- "Nothing Short of Sacrilege: Vortigern and William Henry Ireland's National Offense," at "Books, Crooks and Readers: The Seduction of Forgery, 1600–1800," Universitaire Bibliotheken Leiden, Netherlands, 30 September 2014
- "Rarely Harmless, Never Drudges: Lexicographers through the Centuries," Bonhams sale of the Dictionary Collection of Thomas Malin Rodgers, New York, 2 December 2012
- "Spelling, Grammar, and Other Superstitions: The Battle Over 'Proper' English," Whitman and Forbes Colleges, Princeton University, 11 November 2010
- "Sabotage in Springfield; or, How a Dictionary Lost the Cold War," Salisbury University Writers-on-the-Shore series, 1 April 2010
- "The Dean Is Dead: Jonathan Swift on the Art of Satire," South Orange–Maplewood Adult School College for a Day, 25 April 2009
- Reading from *Twelfth Night*, for Authors of Mischief: Banned Books Week, Celebrating the Freedom to Read, Rosenbach Museum & Library, Philadelphia, 5 October 2008
- "The Politics of Shakespeare, the Shakespeare of Politics," the English Speaking Union of Red Bank, New Jersey, 17 February 2008
- "The Second Coolest Man in the World," conference to Honor John Richetti, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 21 September 2007
- "Becoming Shakespeare," Rosenbach Museum & Library, Philadelphia, 19 September 2007
- "Becoming Shakespeare," University at Buffalo, State University of New York Meet the Author Series, 18 June 2007
- "Disgraced by Miscarriage: Four and a Half Centuries of Lexicographical Belligerence," opening reception to the exhibition "Everything from A to Z: The Edward J. Bloustein Dictionary Collection," Alexander Library, New Brunswick, 6 February 2007

- "The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Anything but the Truth: What Can You Say about William Henry Ireland?" first annual David Hosford Lecture, Rutgers University–Newark, 11 April 2005. Repeated at the English Speaking Union of Princeton, 17 April 2005; the English Speaking Union of Naples, Florida, 17 January 2006; the English Speaking Union of New Brunswick, New Jersey, 4 February 2006; and the English Speaking Union of Greenwich, Connecticut, 15 February 2008
- "Making Shakespeare," U.S. Military Academy, West Point, 8 April 2005
- "Reading Johnson's Unreadable Dictionary," Boston Athenæum, 15 January 2004
- "Johnson's Dictionary Lays Down the Law," the Athenæum of Philadelphia, 12 April 2004. Repeated at the National Archives, Washington, D.C., 29 April 2004; the English Speaking Union of New Brunswick, New Jersey, 4 November 2006; and the English Speaking Union of Princeton, 5 October 2008
- "What's in a Name? Shakespeare's Strange Afterlife," Rosenbach Museum & Library, Philadelphia, 13 December 2002
- "Shakespeare, Shylock, and the Spectacle of Anti-Semitism," address to the American Jewish Committee, Rosenbach Museum & Library, Philadelphia, 13 October 2002
- "Splendide Mendax: Fakes and Fakers in the Age of Johnson," The Eighteenth-Century Semester, Providence College, 16 March 1999
- "Brave New Worlds: A Brief History of Twenty-First-Century Literature," address to the Cum Laude Society assembly at Chestnut Hill Academy, Philadelphia, 11 April 1996

Selected Conference Papers

- "Editing the Hebrides Narratives in the Twenty-First Century" (written with Celia Barnes, delivered by Celia Barnes), ASECS, Orlando, Florida, 23 March 2018
- "Some Little Account of the Man Himself: Eighteenth-Century Beginnings," Shakespeare and the Problem of Biography conference, Folger Institute, Washington, D.C., 4 April 2014
- "England's Ireland, Ireland's England: William Henry Ireland's National Offense," Literary Forgery and Patriotic Mythology in Europe, 1450–1800, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, 10 November 2012
- "So Help Me God: William Henry Ireland and the Truth," Memory/Reason/Imagination: A Symposium in Honor of Daniel Traister, 31 March 2012
- "A Disposition to Write: Johnson as Correspondent," Samuel Johnson: New Contexts for a New Century conference, Huntington Library, San Marino, 9 September 2011
- "Generous Liberal-Minded Men: Booksellers and Poetic Production in Johnson's *Lives of the Poets*," ASECS, Vancouver, 18 March 2011
- "Johnson Writing Lives; Writing Johnson's Lives; Writing Lives with Johnson," Johnson at 300 conference, Pembroke College, Oxford, 14 September 2009
- "Tristram Shandy and the Rise of the Novel," ASECS, Portland, Oregon, 30 March 2008

- "A Just History of Fact," Congrès de la Société Internationale d'Étude du XVIIIème siècle, Montpellier, 9 July 2007
- "The Ignorance of That Editor: The Squabbles over Johnson's Shakespeare," Johnson and the Theatre conference, Pembroke College, Oxford, 21 June 2007
- "The Life of Johnson, the Life of Johnson, the Lives of Johnson," BSECS, Oxford, 4 January 2007
- "Butterfly-Breaking 101," Reading Alexander Pope: From "Fatal Sheers" to "Unwilling Ears" conference, University of Pennsylvania, 17 November 2006
- "Shakespeare Their Contemporary? The Case of Macbeth, 1660–1818," British Literature & Culture, 1660–1800: A Symposium in Honor of Eric Rothstein, Madison, Wisconsin, 7 April 2006
- "The Age of Korshin: A Scholarly Perennial," ASECS, Montreal, 1 April 2006
- "Symbolism, Schymbolism: Reading Authors Who Say What They Mean," ASECS, Montreal, 31 March 2006
- "The Picaresque Biography: William Henry Ireland," Maskerade und Entlarvung: Das Paradigma des Pikaresken conference, Würzburg, 10 September 2005
- "The First English Dictionary," Celebrating Johnson's Dictionary conference, Pembroke College, Oxford, 26 August 2005
- "How Johnson's Dictionary Became the First English Dictionary," Johnson and the English Language conference, Birmingham, 25 August 2005
- "The Dignity of an Ancient: Johnson Edits the Editors," Johnson's Shakespeare, Shakespeare's Johnson conference, University of Nevada, Reno, 29 April 2005
- "Cyberization and Its Discontents," ASECS, Las Vegas, 2 April 2005
- "Johnson and the Least Disagreeable Noise," EC/ASECS, Cape May, N.J., 23 October 2004
- "Johnson's London and Johnson's London," Literary London conference, University of London, 15 July 2004
- "Johnson's Encyclopedia," ASECS, Boston, 27 March 2004
- "William Henry Ireland: Anything but the Truth," NEASECS, Providence, 8 November 2003
- "Packaging Johnson and His Age," CSECS, Vancouver, 25 October 2003
- "Judging Web Sites by Their Covers: Seeking Authority in Cyberspace," MLA, New York City, 29 December 2002
- "Samuel Johnson and the Majesty of History," NEASECS, New York City, 17 October 2002
- "Frankenstein: The Pennsylvania Electronic Edition," New Technology and the Future of Publishing Colloquium, Clemson University, 4 April 2002
- "Samuel Johnson, Unbeliever," Johnson Society of the Central Region, Milwaukee, 26 April 2001
- "Patrick Hume on *Paradise Lost* and the Creation of the Classic," ASECS, New Orleans, April 2001

- "Betwixt Two Ages Cast; or, Just How Long Is the Long Eighteenth Century?" ASECS, Philadelphia, 13 April 2000
- "Pyrrhonism and Paranoia: Recognizing a Fake When You See One," Princeton Eighteenth-Century Society Conference, 18 March 2000
- "The Search for Respectability: Cutting-Edge Anxieties in a Digital Age," MLA, Chicago, 28 December 1999
- "The Love of Truth: Johnson and Literary Fraud," ASECS, Milwaukee, 25 April 1999
- "The Web of Disorderly Erudition: Electrifying the Eighteenth-Century Classroom," ASECS, Notre Dame, 3 April 1998
- "Johnson and the Revival of Learning," EC/EASECS, Ursinus College, 25 October 1997
- "False Refinement and Declension: Johnson on the History of the Language," the Inaugural Conference of the Johnson Centre, Birmingham and Lichfield, UK, 12 September 1997
- "Hideous Progeny, Version 0.4 Beta," MLA, Washington, D.C., 28 December 1996
- "Workshop of Filthy Creation, Cyberspace Division," NASSR, Boston, 15 November 1996
- "The Ground-Work of Style: Use, Elegance, and National Identity in Johnson's *Dictionary*," NEASECS, Worcester, Mass., 29 September 1996
- "Authorizing Ossian," MWASECS, Minneapolis, 5 October 1995
- "Studied Barbarity: Johnson, Spenser, and Literary Progress," ASECS, Tucson, 8 April 1995
- "Babel and Empire in *Paradise Lost*," Contextualizing the Renaissance conference, Center for Medieval and Early Renaissance Studies, Binghamton University, 22 October 1994
- "Preventing Play: Annotating the Battle of the Books," EC/EASECS, Penn State University, 13 October 1994

Seminar Presentations

- "Webster's Patriotic Exertion," MetroLex: Politics and Ideology in the History of Dictionary Making meeting, New York City, 3 February 2017
- "William Henry Ireland's National Offence," Visiting Fellows' Colloquium, All Souls College, Oxford, 2 December 2014
- "Shakespeare Forger and Cretan Liar: Puzzling over William Henry Ireland," Restoration to Reform Seminar, St. Peter's College, Oxford, 17 November 2014; repeated at Ghent University, 10 December 2015
- "Generous Liberal-Minded Men: Booksellers and Poetic Production in Johnson's *Lives of the Poets*," Ghent University, 14 January 2014
- "Authentic Accounts: William Henry Ireland Comes Clean," Columbia University Libraries Book History Colloquium, New York City, 1 February 2012
- Discussion of Deception and Detection in Eighteenth-Century Britain, NYU Eighteenth-Century Colloquium, New York City, 17 November 2009
- "William Henry Ireland and His Doubles," Columbia Seminar on Eighteenth-Century Europe, New York City, 19 October 2006

- "What Was James Macpherson's Crime?" Princeton University, 17 November 2004
- "Sov'reign Truth: Puzzling over William Henry Ireland," CUNY Eighteenth-Century Seminar, New York City, 12 March 2004
- "Unexplored Regions: The Pennsylvania Electronic *Frankenstein*," Department of English, Kingston University, UK, 1 May 2002
- "I Believe Hardly a Word of It: Fact, Fiction, and Forgery in Eighteenth-Century Narratives," CUNY Eighteenth-Century Seminar, New York City, 10 March 2000
- "Horry, the Ruffian, and the Whelp: Three Fakers of the 1760s," Columbia Seminar on Eighteenth-Century Europe, New York City, 20 May 1999
- "England's Golden Age: The Eighteenth Century's Age of Elizabeth," NYU Eighteenth-Century Seminar, New York City, 8 April 1999
- Response to Robert J. Griffin, "Fact, Fiction, and Anonymity: The Case of Love and Madness: A Story Too True (1780)," CUNY Eighteenth-Century Seminar, New York City, 9 March 2001
- "Orientalism as Performance Art: The Strange Case of George Psalmanazar," CUNY Eighteenth-Century Seminar, New York City, 29 January 1999
- "Bestowing Animation upon Lifeless Matter: The Pennsylvania Electronic *Frankenstein*," NYU/NEACH Talks on Humanities Computing Series, New York City, 8 May 1998
- "The Pre-History of the Post-Book," University of Pennsylvania History of the Book Seminar, 27 February 1995
- "An Introduction to Hypertext," Kings Court-English House Lecture Series, University of Pennsylvania, 5 December 1994

Roundtable Sessions

- "Departmental Review and the Role of Department Chairs," AAUP-AFT Promotion and Tenure Workshop, Rutgers University–Newark, 27 March 2017
- "Leaders Inspiring Change," Chancellor's Conference on the New Professoriate: Tenure, Diversity, Engagement, Rutgers University–Newark, 29 October 2016
- "Challenges of the Humanities," Rutgers 250th Anniversary Presidential Symposium on Higher Education: Why the Humanities Matter, New Brunswick, N.J., 26 October 2016
- "The Doctor Is IN: Help Desk and Mentoring," ASECS, Pittsburgh, 1 April 2016
- Closing roundtable, BSECS, Oxford, 10 January 2014
- "What's the Good Word?" Empire State Book Festival, Albany, 10 April 2010
- "When Does It End?; or, How Long is the Eighteenth Century?" ASECS, Richmond, Virginia, 28 March 2009
- "Old-Fashioned Archives in a High-Tech Age: A Roundtable on Research Methods," ASECS, Richmond, Virginia, 27 March 2009
- "Sustaining the Eighteenth Century: The Disciplinary Impact of AMS Press," ASECS, Richmond, Virginia, 26 March 2009

- "Academic Perspectives on Publishing the Long Eighteenth Century Online," BSECS, 7 January 2009
- "Approaches to Eighteenth-Century 'Lives' and Lives," BSECS, 6 January 2009
- "Satire," CUNY Eighteenth-Century Seminar, New York City, 13 April 2007
- "Awkwardness," ASECS, Atlanta, 25 March 2007
- "Publishing" (ASECS Graduate Student Caucus roundtable), ASECS, Atlanta, 25 March 2007
- "The English Short Title Catalogue: A Relaunch and Roundtable Discussion," BSECS, Oxford, 4 January 2007
- Symposium on Classical, Hellenistic, and Late Antique Texts in the Eighteenth Century, New York City, 20 September 2003
- "Publishing on the Web: Differing Approaches," ISECS, Los Angeles, 3–10 August 2003
- "Publishing on the Web: Differing Approaches and Experiences," EC/ASECS, Rosemont, Penna., 18 October 2002
- "Teaching the Electronic Eighteenth Century," NEASECS, New York City, 17 October 2002
- "Justifying a Third Edition of the Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature: What's New, What's Needed, What's Not?" ASECS, New Orleans, April 2001
- "Getting New Tricks out of Old Dogs: Approaches to Teaching the Eighteenth Century," NEASECS, Boston, 12 December 1997

Selected Panels Chaired

- "Chaucer and Shakespeare in the Eighteenth Century," BSECS, 7 January 2009
- "The Languages of Literature," ASECS, Portland, Oregon, 30 March 2008
- "Johnson's *Dictionary*," ISECS, Los Angeles, 3–10 August 2003
- "Improving Opinion into Knowledge: Literary Criticism in the Eighteenth Century," ASECS, Philadelphia, 15 April 2000
- "Slow Rises Worth: Johnson and Poverty," ASECS, Milwaukee, 25 April 1999
- "The Internet, Electronic Resources, and Electronic Publishing in Eighteenth-Century Studies," ASECS, Notre Dame, 3 April 1998

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Television

- Samuel Johnson: The Dictionary Man, BBC Four, 26–27 June 2006. Brief interview in one-hour documentary
- "Reading Johnson's Unreadable Dictionary," Book TV, C-SPAN 2, 31 Jan. 2004, repeated 8 and 22 Feb. and 22 March 2004. One-hour lecture

Radio

- Saturday Extra* with Geraldine Doogue, ABC Radio, Australia, 3 December 2016. Fifteen-minute live segment on *You Could Look It Up*
- Newstalk* with Moncrieff, Dublin, 4 May 2016. Fifteen-minute live segment on *You Could Look It Up*
- Talk of the Town* with Larry Rifkin, WATR-AM, 28 April 2016. Fifteen-minute live segment on *You Could Look It Up*
- Think* with Krys Boyd, KERA-FM, 29 November 2016. One-hour live call-in segment on *You Could Look It Up*
- Now It's the News* with Derrick Blair, 27 November 2010. Fifteen-minute recorded segment on *The Lexicographer's Dilemma*
- NewsRadio880, WCBS-AM, 16 February 2010. Twenty-minute recorded segment on *The Lexicographer's Dilemma*
- The Peter Laufer Show*, KOWS-FM, 17 January 2010. Forty-minute live segment on *The Lexicographer's Dilemma*
- Wordmaster*, Voice of America Radio, 14 January 2010. On *The Lexicographer's Dilemma*
- Moncrieff* with Sean Moncrieff, NewsTalk, Ireland, 7 January 2010. Twenty-minute live segment on *The Lexicographer's Dilemma*
- The Joy Cardin Show*, Wisconsin Public Radio, 14 December 2009. Twenty-minute live segment on *The Lexicographer's Dilemma*
- A Way with Words* with Martha Barnette and Grant Barrett, NPR, 2 December 2009. Twenty-minute recorded segment on *The Lexicographer's Dilemma*
- These Days* with Maureen Cavanaugh, KPBS-FM, San Diego, 1 December 2009. Forty-minute live segment on *The Lexicographer's Dilemma*
- I Hear America Talking* with Ralph Collier, WRDV-FM, Philadelphia, December 2009. Half-hour recorded segment on *The Lexicographer's Dilemma*
- The Morning Show* with Errol Louis, WWRL-AM, New York City, 27 August 2009. Half-hour live segment on the English language
- Talking History* with Patrick Geoghegan and Lindsey Earner-Byrne, NewsTalk, Ireland, 25 May 2008. Ten-minute recorded segment on Samuel Johnson
- The Afternoon Magazine* with Celeste Quinn, WILL-AM, Urbana, Ill., 24 August 2007. Ten-minute live segment on *Becoming Shakespeare*
- Think* with Krys Boyd, kera-fm, Dallas, 18 June 2007. One-hour live broadcast on *Becoming Shakespeare*
- Holder Tonight* with Peter Anthony Holder, CJAD-FM, Montreal, 3 July 2007. Half-hour live broadcast on *Becoming Shakespeare*
- Meet the Author* with Bert Gambini, WBFO, Buffalo, 18 June 2007. One-hour live broadcast on *Becoming Shakespeare*

- Midnight Bookworm* with Vin Smith, CRN Digital Talk and National Radio Network, 20 May 2006. One-hour recorded program on Shakespeare
- These Days* with Tom Fudge, KPBS, San Diego, 14 April 2005. Twenty-minute live segment
- A Way with Words* with Martha Barnette, NPR, 9 April 2005. Twenty-minute recorded segment
- The Brad Davis Show*, WDRC-AM, Hartford, 29 Sept. 2004. Ten-minute live segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- The Tom Pope Show*, Powernomics Radio, Washington, D.C., 29 Sept. 2004. Ten-minute live segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- The Larry George Show*, KUIK-AM, Portland, Ore., 20 Sept. 2004. Ten-minute live segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- The Jerry Bowyer Show*, WPTT-AM, Pittsburgh, 16 Sept. 2004. Fifteen-minute live segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- The Kevin McCarthy Show*, KMSR-AM, Dallas, 15 Sept. 2004. Twenty-minute live segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- The Alex Bennett Show*, Sirius Satellite Radio, 10 Sept. 2004. Twenty-minute live segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- Total Information AM* with Doug McElvin and Debbie Monterey, KMOX-AM, St. Louis, 10 Sept. 2004. Five-minute live segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- Morning Report* with Don Lancer, KYW-AM, Philadelphia, 9 Sept. 2004. Five-minute recorded segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- AM 920 Magazine* with Dan Skinner, WBAA-FM, West Lafayette, Ind., 8 Sept. 2004. Ten-minute recorded segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- The Right Balance* with Greg Allen, Accent Radio National Network, 8 Sept. 2004. Twenty-minute live segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- Midday Show* with McGraw Milhaven, KTRS-AM, St. Louis, 3 Sept. 2004. Fifteen-minute live segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- Daybreak USA* with Richard Stevens, usa Network, 3 Sept. 2004. Ten-minute live segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- At Your Service* with Bill Darwin, WTRC-AM, South Bend, Ind., 1 Sept. 2004. Half-hour live program on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- Cable Talk* with Jack Roberts, Cable Radio Network, 1 Sept. 2004. Five-minute live segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- America in the Morning* with Jim Bohannon, Westwood One, 1 Sept. 2004. Ten-minute recorded segment on *Samuel Johnson's Insults*
- Wordmaster*, Voice of America Radio, 11 March 2004. Five-minute recorded segment on *Samuel Johnson's Dictionary*
- The Glenn Mitchell Show*, KERA-FM, Dallas, 1 March 2004. One-hour live call-in program on *Samuel Johnson's Dictionary*

Spoken Arts with Mary Van Vorst, WBFO-FM, Buffalo, 21 Dec. 2003. Five-minute recorded segment on *Samuel Johnson's Dictionary*

Weekday with Steve Scher, KUOW-FM, Seattle, 5 Dec. 2003. One-hour live call-in program on *Samuel Johnson's Dictionary*

Talk of the Nation with Neal Conan, NPR, 6 Oct. 2003. Twenty-minute live call-in segment on *Samuel Johnson's Dictionary*

"Fakes!," on *Ideas* with Nora Young, CBC radio, Canada, 23 June 2003. Brief recorded interview in hour-long documentary on forgery and fraud

Other

Lexicon Valley with John McWhorter, Slate, 2 August 2016. Half-hour podcast interview on Shakespeare translation

Past and Present with Harmony Hunter, Colonial Williamsburg, 7 September 2012. Fifteen-minute podcast interview on the U.S. presidential election of 1796

Lexicon Valley with Bob Garfield, Slate, 7 February 2012. Half-hour podcast interview on preposition-stranding

Between the Covers with John J. Miller, National Review Online, 3 November 2009. Ten-minute podcast interview on *The Lexicographer's Dilemma*

HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015–** Elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, London
- 2015–16** National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, twelve months, \$50,400
- 2014–15** American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant, \$6,000
- 2014–15** Donald and Mary Hyde Fellowship for the Study of Dr. Samuel Johnson and His Circle, Houghton Library, Harvard University, \$3,600
- 2014–15** O. B. Hardison, Jr. Fellowship, Folger Institute, \$2,500
- 2014–15** Bibliographical Society of America General Fellowship, \$2,000
- 2014** Visiting Fellowship, All Souls College, Oxford, Michaelmas term
- 2014** National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, \$6,000
- 2007–8** Faculty Scholar–Teacher Award, Rutgers University, \$1,000
- 2004–5** Board of Trustees Research Fellowship for Scholarly Excellence, Rutgers University, \$2,000
- 2004–5** David Hosford Scholarship, Rutgers University–Newark, \$2,500
- 2002** Monroe Kirk Spears Award, Studies in English Literature, for "Samuel Johnson's 'Love of Truth' and Literary Fraud"
- 2002** Raymond K. Denworth Fellowship, Rosenbach Museum & Library, Philadelphia, \$10,000

- 2002 Richard H. Popkin Travel Fund Award, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, \$700
- 1999 Diane Hunter Dissertation Prize, Department of English, University of Pennsylvania, for the best dissertation submitted in 1998, \$2,000
- 1997–98 Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 1996–97 University Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

TEACHING

Rutgers University–Newark

- English 231, "The Art of Satire" (general education)
- English 232, "The Gothic"
- English 233, "Whose English?"
- English 313, "The Art of Satire" (upper level)
- English 317, "English Pre-Romantics"
- English 318, "English Biography and Autobiography in the Eighteenth Century"
- English 325, "English Literature, 1660–1745" (College of Arts & Sciences and Honors College)
- English 326, "English Literature, 1745–1800" (College of Arts & Sciences and Honors College)
- English 349, "The Eighteenth-Century English Novel"
- English 355, "The Technique of Poetry"
- English 360, "Topics in Women and Literature: Early Modern Women's Literature"
- English 379, "Computers and Literature"
- English 411, "The Development of the English Language"
- English 419, "Major British Authors: Johnson and Boswell: Advanced Method & Theory"
- English 457, "Seminar in English Literature: The Interdisciplinary Eighteenth Century"
- English 479, "Major British Authors: Johnson and Boswell"
- English 503, "Introduction to Graduate Literary Studies"
- English 513, "History of the English Language"
- English 556, "Studies in Satire"
- English 560, "The Idea of the Classic in Eighteenth-Century Britain"
- English 560, "British Literature, 1660–1745"
- English 560, "The Gothic"
- English 565, "The English Novel to Jane Austen"
- English 698, "Literary Afterlives: Odysseys"
- Journalism 401, "Web Page Design"
- Liberal Studies 503, "Revolutions & Counter-Revolutions"

University of Pennsylvania

English 3, "Writing about Literature & Society: The Age of Reason?"

English 3, "Writing about Literature & Society: Women, Sex, & Violence in Medieval Culture"

English 9, "Writing About Narrative: From Epic to Hypertext"

English 135, "Writing the Essay"

English 204, "Cybertheory"

DISSERTATIONS AND THESES SUPERVISED

- 2012** David Harper, "Curb'd Enthusiasms: Critical Interventions in the Reception of *Paradise Lost*, 1667–1732" (PhD dissertation, University of Texas, external reader)
- 2011** Jody Cooper, "Scaffold Fiction: Execution and Eighteenth-Century British Literature" (PhD thesis, University of Ottawa, external examiner)
- 2009** Ceren Akis, "Jane Austen and Women's Struggle against the Social System" (M.A. thesis, primary adviser)
- 2009** John Giarratana, "Consumerism and Conformity: Anti-Corporatism in the Popular Culture of the 1920s, 1950s and 1980s" (M.A. project in Liberal Studies, primary adviser)
- 2006** Anne Carson, "Rescuing the 'Living Spirit' from the 'Dead Letter': How the Eighteenth-Century's Literary Ladies Re-Invented Shakespeare" (PhD dissertation, Temple University, external examiner)
- 2005** Kevin Nelson (M.A. thesis, primary adviser)
- 2004** Jacqueline Bush (M.A. thesis, primary advisor)
- 2003** Lisa Katramados, "Butch vs. FTM: Living Manly or Living as a Man" (M.A. project in Liberal Studies, primary advisor)
- 2003** Lynnette Wilson (M.A. project in Liberal Studies, primary advisor)
- 2003** Karen Finn, "The Peckman River: Revival of an Urban Stream" (M.A. project in Liberal Studies, primary advisor)
- 2003** Maria Dos Santos, "Monstrosity: The Female Culture of Digression and Assertion" (M.A. thesis, primary advisor)
- 2003** Keith O'Shaughnessy, "My Apologies for Poetry" (M.A. portfolio, reader)
- 2001** Sean Doyle, "John Steinbeck's Radical Politics: A Proletarian Author of the Great Depression" (M.A. thesis, primary advisor)
- 2000** Diane Rizzo, "What Women Reimagine: Parthenogenesis and the Politics of the Reproductive Female Body in a Trilogy of Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Feminist Science Fictions" (M.A. thesis, reader)
- 1999** Jeremy Manjorin, "Evolution" (M.A. portfolio, reader)

SERVICE

The Profession

- 2017 External program reviewer, Department of English and Language Arts undergraduate program, Morgan State University, 13 November 2017
- 2017 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship Peer Review Panel for British Literature
- 2012– Corresponding Secretary, The Johnsonians
- 2011–12 Consulting Editor to the Digital Edition of the Yale Johnson
- 2008–10 ASECS Clifford Prize Committee (Chair, 2009–10)
- 1998–2005 Editorial Board, c18
- 1997 Co-founder, ASECS Caucus for Electronic Resources
- 1996–99 Conference Section Editor, *Romantic Circles: Byron, The Shelleys, Keats, and Their Contemporaries*, ed. Neil Fraistat, Don Reiman, and Steven E. Jones
- 1995–98 Founding editor, Calls for Papers mailing list and archive (cfp@english.upenn.edu)
- 1994–2007 Editor and compiler, “Literary Resources on the Net” and “Eighteenth-Century Resources”

Rutgers University

- 2017–18 NJ-STEP College in Prison (CIP) Committee
- 2015–18 Committee on Academic Planning and Review (CAPR)
- 2016–17 CAPR Subcommittee for the review of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
- 2017 Teaching Evaluation Task Force
- 2017 Working Group on Learning Management Systems
- 2016 Ad-Hoc Personnel Committee, Rutgers University Libraries
- 2016 Selection Committee for the Rutgers Medal
- 2015–16 Task Force on the Humanities
- 2012–15 Editorial Committee, *Rutgers 250 Commemorative Book*
- 2012–13 Rutgers University Senate, administrative senator for the Newark College of Arts and Sciences
- 2010–12 Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Research and for the Faculty Scholar–Teacher Award Committee
- 2008–11 Rutgers University Senate, faculty senator for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences–Newark
- 2008–13 Rutgers University Senate Committee on Instruction, Curricula, and Advisement
- 2008–11 Faculty Committee on Honorary Degrees
- 2007 Rutgers University Foundation Priorities Committee

2006–7 Graduate & Professional Education and Research Committee for Middle States Accreditation

Rutgers University–Newark

2017–18 Teaching Evaluation Council
2017– Academic Integrity Hearing Board
2016–17 Honors Living-Learning Community Curriculum Team
2008–9 Instructional Facilities Committee
2006–11 Academic Programs and Policies Committee
1999–2001 Newark Information Technology Advisory Committee

Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers University–Newark

2017–18 Ad-Hoc Search Committee for Islamic Humanities Cluster Hire
2017–18 Teaching Evaluation Committee
2017 Ad-Hoc Search Committee for Interdisciplinary Humanities (Co-Chair)
2017 Ad-Hoc Personnel Committee, Writing Program (Chair)
2016–19 General Education Committee
2016–19 Committee on Governance, Bylaws, and Nominations (Chair)
2016–17 Enrollment Patterns & Instructional Personnel Committee
2016–17 Executive Committee, FASN Website Redesign Project
2016 Ad-Hoc Personnel Committee, Department of Urban Education
2015 Committee on Governance, Bylaws, and Nominations (Chair)
2013–14 Humanities Appointments & Promotions Committee
2012–13 Ex-officio member of the Courses of Study Committee, the General Education Committee, and the Scholastic Standing Committee
2008–9 Liberal Studies Program Committee
2008– Writing Advisory Group
2008 Writing Center Director Search Committee
2005–7 Humanities Appointments & Promotions Committee
2004– Honors College Faculty Council
2000–2011 Scholastic Standing Committee
1999–2004 Library Committee (Chair, 2000–2002)

Department of English, Rutgers University–Newark

2016– Chair
2015–16 Peer Evaluation Committee (PEC)
2010–11 Associate Chair
2010–11 Curriculum Committee (Chair)

- 2008–11 Graduate Advisory Board
- 2008–9 Faculty Compensation Program (FCP) Committee (Chair)
- 2006 Acting Director of Graduate Studies
- 2005 Faculty Academic Service Increment Program (FASIP) Committee
- 1999–2011 M.A. Comprehensive Exam Committee (Chair)

University of Pennsylvania

- 1994–98 Assistant to the Undergraduate Chair for Computing and Electronic Advising
- 1994–98 Electronic Texts and Computing Committee

Reader and referee for *Bulletin for the History of Chemistry*, *Dictionaries*, *Eighteenth-Century Fiction*, *The Eighteenth-Century Novel*, *The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation*, *The Journal for Early Modern Cultural Studies*, *The Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Mosaic: A Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Literature*, *Philological Quarterly*, *Studies in English Literature 1500–1900*, *Studies in the Novel*, *Studies in Romanticism*, Addison Wesley Longman, AMS Press, Ashgate Publishing, Blackwell Publishers, Broadview Press, Bucknell University Press, Cambridge University Press, Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, Focus Publishing, Harvard University Press, Houghton-Mifflin, Manchester University Press, Multilingual Matters, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Princeton University Press, Routledge, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, SUNY Press, University of Delaware Press, University of London's Institute of Education, and the University of Rochester Press