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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Associate Professor of English/Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Boston University, 2012-present
Assistant Professor, 2006-2012

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Literatures in English, Women's Studies Certification, Rutgers University, 2006; M. A., 2003
B.A. English and Dance, Michigan State University, 2000

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Modernism's Mythic Pose: Gender, Genre, Solo Performance (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011); a study of modernist solos in modern dance, film, and poetic recitation and the subjectivities they construct, with case studies of Isadora Duncan and H.D.

Winner of the 2011 De La Torre Bueno Award in Dance Studies.

Learning to Kneel: Noh, Modernism, and the Pedagogies of Transnational Performance (under contract); considers the influence of Japanese *noh* theater on transnational modernism with chapters on W. B. Yeats, Ito Michio, Ezra Pound, Paul Claudel, Bertolt Brecht, Benjamin Britten, and Samuel Beckett.

Articles

"Ozu's *A Story of Floating Weeds* and the Art of Being Behind," in *A Modernist Cinema*, eds. Scott Klein & Michael Valdez Moses (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2014).

"Modernism's Dancing Marionettes: Oskar Schlemmer, Mikhail Fokine, and Ito Michio," *Modernist Cultures* (forthcoming May 2014).

"Chapter 4. Dance," in *Cambridge Companion to Modernist Cultures*, ed. Celia Marshik (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2014).

"Ezra Pound as *Noh* Student: The Lessons of *Hagoromo's* Angel," *Approaches to Teaching Pound*, eds. Ira Nadel & Demetres Tryphonopoulos (Modern Language Association, forthcoming 2014).

"Michio Ito's Shadow: Searching for the Transnational in Solo Dance," in *On Stage Alone: Soloists and the Formation of the Modern Dance Canon*, eds. Claudia Gitelman & Barbara Palfy (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2012): 7-30.

"Taking Direction from Beckett: *Noh/No, Footfalls/Pas*," in *Back to the Beckett Text*, ed. Tomasz Wiśniewski (Gdansk: University of Gdansk Press, 2012): 155-78.

"Joyce's Reading Bodies and the Kinesthetics of the Modernist Novel," *Twentieth-Century Literature* 55.2 (2009): 232-254.

"Posing Modernism: Delsartism in Modern Dance and Silent Film," *Theatre Journal* 61.2 (2009): 213-233.

"The Motor in the Soul: Isadora Duncan and Modernist Performance," *Modernism/modernity* 12:2 (2005): 273-289.

Guest Editing

Special Issue, "Modernism and Dance," *Modernist Cultures* (forthcoming 2014). Seven essays including my "Modernism's Dancing Marionettes: Oskar Schlemmer, Mikhail Fokine, and Ito Michio" and "Introduction" will be published to coincide with the centenary of *Le Sacre du Printemps*.

Review Essays

"You! hypocrite lecteur!: New Readings of T. S. Eliot, New Modernisms," *Twentieth-Century Literature* 53:3 (2007): 414-420.

Reviews and Short Pieces

"Review of *Modernist Writings and Religio-scientific Discourse: H.D., Loy, and Toomer* by Lara Vetter, forthcoming in *Twentieth-Century Literature*.

"Isadora Duncan" and "François Delsarte," forthcoming in the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Modernism*.

"Yvonne Rainer: Posing Feeling in Film and Dance," *tanz [dance]* (April 2012): 60-61.

"Theatre Nohgaku at Boston University," *In the Noh* 6.1-2 (2011): 4-5.

"Beckett at MLA 2011," *The Beckett Circle* 34.1 (2011): 5-6.

"Forrest Coggan's *ToYoZa, Theatre of the Far East*," *In the Noh* 5.3-4 (2010): 10-12.

"Isadora...no apologies," *Theatre Journal*. 55.3 (2003): 511-513.

Interviews

"Interview with Jim Harrison," *Conversations with Jim Harrison*, ed. Robert DeMott (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2002), 221-240.

"Interview with Diane Wakoski," *Red Cedar Review* 35.1 (1999): 14-28.

SELECTED CREATIVE PUBLICATIONS AND PERFORMANCES

"Having given you so little (draft #12)," awarded the Scene Metrospace poetry prize and publication in *City Pulse*, December 5, 2012.

Choreographer, *Where Heaven and Earth Meet*, directed by Ron Richardson, Boston University College of Fine Arts, December 8-12, 2010.

The Origins of the Nodo and Other Postcards from Japan, performance of original poetry with a score composed and performed by David Crandall at Scene Metrospace, East Lansing, Michigan, September 23, 2010.

"Baking Bread One Morning of my Country's Dying," Finalist and Publication in the 2008 War Poetry Contest. http://www.winningwriters.com/contests/war/2008/wa08_preston.php.

"Diane Wakoski and the Sapphos," poetry reading at Scene Metrospace, East Lansing, Michigan, November 22, 2008.

War and Quiet Flowers, performance of original poetry in Challenge Theatre's program at 6th at Penn Theater, San Diego, CA, January 7-24, 2007. Reviewed by NPR Theater Critic, Pat Launer.

"I Also Married the War," "The camis come out," and "War Paperwork," Third Place and Publication in the 2006 War Poetry Contest. http://www.winningwriters.com/contests/war/2006/wa06_preston.php.

"Just Before I Marry, My Mother Teaches me to Eat Grapefruit," "Fly Fishing with a man who is not my Fiancé," "Anniversary," "Moss," and "Matryoshka Doll," poems in *LOCUSPOINT*, Sept. 2006.

"slice," poem in *Red Cedar Review* 40.1, 2005.

Lake Effect 8, a chapbook of original poems published by Paper Airplane Press, March 2004.

"In the Waiting Room, NJ Cancer Institute," poem in *Ellipsis...Literature and Art*, 2004.

"Dear Sheba," poem in *Solomon and Sheba Midrash with Alicia Ostriker*, May 2004.

"Coloring the Shells," poem in *Red Cedar Review* 39.1, 2004.

Writing Ground Zero: The 9/11 Theater Project, a full-length play co-written, directed, and performed by Carrie J. Preston, Jody P. Persons, and Alex S. DeFazio at Dixon Place (NY), The Raw Space (NY), and Mason Gross (NJ). Awarded a 2002 Puffin Grant, September 2002.

"The Black Egg," a performance piece co-written, choreographed, and directed by Carrie J. Preston, Jody P. Persons, and Alex Defazio at Dixon Place (NY) and Mason Gross (NJ), September 2001.

"Two Sidewalks Out of Eden," a performance piece co-written, choreographed, and performed by Carrie J. Preston and Jody P. Persons at The Raw Space, New York City, June 2001.
 "To the Stomping Ground," poem in *Red Cedar Review* 35.2. Winner of 2000 Swarthout Literary Prize.
 "Caduceus," poem in *Red Cedar Review* 34.2. Winner of the 1999 Jim Cash Poetry Prize.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

National and International

2013 Breeden Eminent Scholar Chair in the Arts and Humanities, Auburn University (declined)
 2012 De La Torre Bueno Award for a book in dance studies
 2012 Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship, Alternate (not funded)
 2009 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Postdoctoral Research Grant, Co-Principal Investigator, "Noh and Euro-American Performance: Possibilities for New Perspectives" with partners at Nogami Memorial Noh Research Institute of Hosei University, Tokyo
 2007 National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar Participant, *Ulysses: Texts and Contexts*, Dublin, Ireland, June 25-August 4, 2007
 2005 Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Research Grant
 2003 Cavanaugh Award, National Society of Arts and Letters Poetry Competition
 2000 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies
 1996 National Merit Scholar

At Boston University

2013 The Frank and Lynne Wisneski Award for Excellence in Teaching
 2010-2011 Boston University Humanities Foundation, Junior Faculty Fellowship
 2007-2010 Peter Paul Career Development Professorship
 2008 Excellence in Student Advising Award

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

"Noh Echoes, No Conductor: Benjamin Britten's *Curlew River* and the Measures of Intercultural Performance": DramaNet 2013, Institut für Romanische Philologie/Peter Szondi-Institut, Freie Universität Berlin, November 28, 2013.
 "Isadora Duncan's Modernist Pose: Looking Back and to the *Rite*" and "What's modernist about modern dance?": University of North Carolina, April 9, 2012.
 "Learning to Kneel for *Hagoromo*: Ezra Pound as *Noh* Student": University of Georgia's Modernism Seminar, Athens, GA, October 8, 2012.
 "Yeats, *Noh* Lessons, and Haunting Nationalism": Harvard Drama Colloquium, Cambridge, MA, September 25, 2012.
 "Yeats's Irish Theater, Japanese *Noh* Drama, and the Play of Undead Nations": Keynote at the New England Branch American Conference for Irish Studies, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA, October 14-15, 2011.
 "Orientalism[s]: Ito Michio 伊藤, W.B. Yeats, and *Noh* 能 Performance": Hosei University, Tokyo, Japan, June 3, 2009.
 "Noh and Euro-American Performance: Possibilities for New Perspectives": Performance/presentation sponsored by the Nogami Memorial Noh Research Institute, Hosei University, Tokyo, Japan, May 18, 2009.
 "Posed Performance and the Kinaesthetics of Modernism": Modernism Seminar, Harvard Humanities Center, May 1, 2007.
 "Gesture and Pose: Nineteenth Century Solo Performances and the Advent of Modernism": Twentieth-Century Studies Colloquium, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, December 14, 2005.

Conference Papers

- “Bertolt Brecht’s Failed Teachings: *Der Jasager* and the *Lehrstück*”: Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, January 9-12, 2014.
- “Dancing Submission: A Movement Pedagogy for Feminist and Gender Theory”: Congress on Research in Dance Annual Conference, Riverside, CA, November 14-17, 2013.
- “Ozu’s *A Story of Floating Weeds* and the Art of Being Behind”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Sussex, UK, August 28-September 1, 2013.
- “Queer Christian Submission in Drag: Benjamin Britten and William Plomer’s *Curlew River*”: Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Boston, MA, January 3-6, 2013.
- “Dancing with Moonlight: Cinema and Modern Dance”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 14), Las Vegas, NV, Oct. 17-21, 2012.
- “Performance of Erick Hawkins’s *Early Floating* and Roundtable on Modernism and Dance” (organizer and moderator): Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 14), Las Vegas, NV, Oct. 17-21, 2012.
- “NEH Summer Seminar: *Ulysses, Texts and Contexts*”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 14), Las Vegas, NV, Oct. 17-21, 2012.
- “Pound’s *Noh* Pedagogies: Lessons on the Transnational Image”: Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Seattle, WA, January 5-8, 2012.
- “Yeats’s Dance-Plays and the Ghostly Pedagogies of Nationhood”: Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Seattle, WA, January 5-8, 2012.
- “Taking Direction from Beckett and the Problem of Agency”: New England Branch, American Conference for Irish Studies, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA, October 14-15, 2011.
- “Dancing Marionettes and other Machines in Avant-garde, Ballet, and Modern Dance”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 13), Buffalo, NY, Oct. 6-9, 2011.
- “tangled in this coarse cloth”: *Nishikigi* and the Transnational”: Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Los Angeles, CA, January 5-9, 2011.
- “Amy Lowell Out Loud and the Discipline of Expression”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 12), Victoria, B.C., Canada, November 11-14, 2010.
- “*Noh/no, Footfalls/Pas*: The Art of Stepping Forward and Back”: Back to the Beckett Text, University of Gdansk Samuel Beckett Seminar, Sopot, Poland, May 10-15, 2010.
- “Training to be a Silent Film Star: Griffith and Kuleshov’s Delsartean Semiology of Gesture”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 11), Montreal, Quebec, November 5-8, 2009.
- “Performing Orientalisms: W.B. Yeats, Michio Ito, and *Noh* Performance Techniques”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 10), Nashville, TN, November 13-16, 2008.
- “Beyond Primitivism: Yeats, the *Noh*, and World Modernism in Dance”: Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, December 27-30, 2007.
- “Reading Bodies in James Joyce: The Kinaesthetics of the Text”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 9), Long Beach, CA, November 1-4, 2007.
- “Yeats’s Dance Plays: Irish Folklore and Japanese *Noh*”: Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA, December 28-31, 2006.
- “Confessional Poetry and the Dramatic Monologue”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 8), Tulsa, OK, October 19-22, 2006.
- "A Foot in Pop: Isadora Duncan's 'high religious art' and Modernist Performance": Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Annual Conference, San Diego, March 23-26, 2005.
- "'-what name? I do not know': E.B.B. and the Origins of the Dramatic Monologue": "Culture/Politics" Conference on British Studies at the Center for British Studies, University of California, Berkeley, CA, January 28-29, 2005.
- "Sarah Kane's Postmortem Internet Advertisement and the Communities of Performance": "Performing Communities," 12th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference, Center for the Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, February 15, 2002.

Seminars and Roundtables

- “Interpretation as Translation: A Provisional Defense of the Visual and Textual Tropes in Dance Studies,” Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 14), Las Vegas, NV, Oct. 17-21, 2012.
- “The Feminist Classroom,” facilitator for a seminar on syllabus design: Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 30, 2012.
- “Fidelity and Intimacy in Pound’s *Noh* ‘Translations’”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 13), Buffalo, NY, Oct. 6-9, 2011.
- “Ezra Pound and Ito Michio’s Transnational Studies of the *Noh* Play *Hagoromo*”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 12), Victoria, B.C., Canada, November 11-14, 2010.
- “*Noh* Modernisms: Yeats, Ito, and Transnational Pedagogies of Performance”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 11), Montreal, Quebec, November 5-8, 2009.
- “Pacific Modernisms”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 9), Long Beach, CA, November 1-4, 2007.
- “Yeats and the Play of Dance”: Irish Studies Colloquium, Boston College, April 7, 2007.
- “Women’s Solo Performance”: Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 8), Tulsa, OK, October 19-22, 2006.

Conference Organizing

- Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA, Nov. 19-22, 2015. Host and chair of the organizing committee.
- “Modernism and Interdisciplinarity,” Roundtable organizer and chair, Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Sussex, UK, August 28-September 1, 2013.
- “Movements, Incantations, and Parables of Queer Performance,” Special Session organizer, Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Boston, MA, January 3-6, 2013.
- “The Eve Sedgwick Memorial Lecture” featuring Professor Andrew Parker. Event organizer and introduction, Boston University, October 27, 2011.
- “Modernist Transnationalism and Japanese *Noh*: Reconsidering the Possibility of Intercultural Performance through W. B. Yeats, Ezra Pound, Konishi Jin’ichi, and Akira Matsui”: Special session organizer and chair, Modern Language Association Annual Convention, Los Angeles, CA, January 5-9, 2011.
- “Honoring Eve: A Symposium Celebrating the Work of Eve Sedgwick”: Conference Organizing Committee, Boston University, October 31, 2009.
- “Dancing with Danger in 19th and 20th Century Literature”: Special session organizer and chair, Modern Language Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, December 27-30, 2008.
- “The Media of Modernist Performance”: Panel organizer and chair, Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 10), Nashville, TN, November 13-16, 2008.
- “Modernism and the Moving Body”: Panel organizer, Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference (MSA 9), Long Beach, CA, November 1-4, 2007.

LECTURES AND PANELS AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

- The Invisible War*, organizer of screening and panel participant, October 24, 2012.
- New Faculty Orientation, panel participant, August 20, 2012.
- “Learning to Kneel: W. B. Yeats’s Irish National Theater and Japanese *Noh* Performance,” invited talk for the Boston University Center for the Humanities, Arts, Culture, and Ideas Series, November 10, 2011.
- “Kneeling Before Gender and Culture, or the Ache of Transnational Studies,” invited talk for the Women’s Resource Center, Boston University, December 2, 2010.
- “Performance Theory,” a guest lecture for EN 792, *Seminar in Theory and Criticism*, Boston University, October 23, 2007; repeated December 11, 2009, December 6, 2010, December 12, 2011, November 5, 2012.

“Japanese Noh and Transnational Performance, a Lecture-Demonstration”: Boston University, November 2, 2010.

“The Professor, the Sensei, and Learning to Feel Culture in the Knees,” invited lecture for the College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Leadership Advisory Board, October 15, 2009.

“Gender and Performance,” a guest lecture for EN 752, *Gender on the Early Modern Stage*, Boston University, September 18, 2006; repeated September 15, 2009.

“Gender Studies, Literature, and Food,” a yearly guest lecture for MET ML 701, *Introduction to the Liberal Arts: Theory, Methodology, and Readings*, Boston University, October 2006-2009.

“Feminist Theory,” a guest lecture for EN 792, *Seminar in Theory and Criticism*, Boston University, November 3, 2008.

“Women Trailblazers,” Student Discovery Seminars, Gottlieb Archival Research Center, Boston University, October 29, 2008.

“Who’s in a Cage? Ethnicity and Performance Art,” a lecture for the College of Arts and Sciences Open House, Boston University, April 11, 2008.

“Nietzsche, Isadora Duncan, and Modern Dance,” a guest lecture for EN 772, *Nietzsche and Modern Drama*, Boston University, March 31, 2008.

“The History of Women’s Studies at BU,” a panel presentation for the Genderfest Conference, Boston University, March 26, 2008.

“Poetry and Global Feminisms,” a guest lecture for WS 305, *Global Feminisms*, Boston University, November 26, 2007.

“Peace, War, Poetry,” a reading and lecture with Alicia Ostriker, September 24, 2007.

“My Feminisms,” a panel presentation, *The F Word: De-mystifying Feminism Today*: Boston University, November 1, 2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boston University

EN 476: Queer Theater and Performance (Spring 2013)

EN 476: Feminist and Gender Theories and Movements (Spring 2008, Spring 2012)

WS 101: An Interdisciplinary Introduction to Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Fall 2012, 2011)

EN 855: Modernist Exoticisms: Transnational Exchanges, Collaborations, Appropriations, Graduate Seminar (Fall 2010)

EN 446/666: (Post?)Feminisms, the Sacred, and the Secular (Fall 2009)

EN 776: Performing Gender in the Twentieth Century, Graduate Seminar (Fall 2008)

Directed Study: The Gendering of Libraries (Fall 2008)

Directed Study: Filming Rape (Spring 2008)

EN 544: The Modern British Novel (Spring 2008, Spring 2007)

Directed Study (2 students): The Female Voice and Activism (Fall 2007)

EN 220: Sex and Gender in Literature (Fall 2012, Fall 2011, Fall 2008, Spring 2007, Fall 2006)

Directed Study (2 students): Text, Intertext, and Literary Tradition (Spring 2007)

EN 326/WS 305: Performing Gender: Drama, Dance, Film, Feminisms (Fall 2006-2013)

SERVICE

National

Mellon School for Drama & Performance Research, Harvard University, Faculty/Advisory Board (2013-)

Chair of Interdisciplinary Approaches, Modernist Studies Executive Board (2012-2015)

Chair, Modernist Studies Association Conference Organizing Committee (2015)

Executive Board for the Graduate Consortium in Women’s Studies (2012-2013)

College

Peter Paul Career Development Professorship, Selection Committee (2012-)
Humanities Curriculum Review Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (2012-2013)
Chair of the Task Force on Graduate Education in Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (2011-2012)
Member of the Task Force on the Future of Women's Studies at Boston University (2009-2010)
Presentations for Admitted Students: San Juan, Puerto Rico (2012), Vienna, VA and Bethesda, MD (2011), Denver, CO (2010)

Department

Search Committees: Contemporary Drama and Performance (2012-2013), Film and Literature (2011-2012), Victorian (2006-2007)
Merit Review Committee (2012, 2011)
Curriculum Review Committee (2007-2012), Chair (2010-2011)
Graduate Admissions Committee (2006-2013)

Dissertation Defenses

Patricia Stuelke (2013), Holly Schaaf (2013), Sheila Cordner (2012), Stephanie Byttiebier (2012), Sara Pearson (2008), Timothy Jackson (2008), Sarah Sullivan (2007), Alex Bove (2006)

Orals Examination Committees

Rachel Greenough (2013), Claire Kervin (2012), Heather Barrett (2012), Christian Engley (2011), Cara McClintock-Walsh (2008), Holly Schaaf (2008), Stephanie Byttebier (2007)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

2000-present	Modern Language Association
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2006-present	Modernism Seminar, Harvard Humanities Center
2008-present	American Conference for Irish Studies
2008-present	Noh Training Project Participant, Bloomsburg, PA and Tokyo, Japan
2003-2005	Isadora Duncan Dance Foundation's Summer and Fall Intensive Workshops
2000	Labanotation Certification, Dance Notation Bureau, New York City

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