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EDUCATION

Ph.D., English, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 2003

M.A., English, UNC-CH, May 1999

B.A., English and Philosophy, Saint Olaf College, Northfield, MN, May 1997

EMPLOYMENT

2007- Assistant Professor of English, University of Kansas

2003-2007 Assistant Professor of English, Iowa State University

1999-2002 Teaching Fellow in the Department of English, UNC-CH

COURSES TAUGHT

KU: Freshman Honors English; American Literature I; Literature of Transcendentalism

ISU: Intro to Literary Study; American Literature to 1830; American Literature: 1830 to 1914;

American Indian Encounters and American Literature; Juxtaposing 19th- and 20th-Century

American Literature; Sentimentalism and Cynicism in 19th-Century American Literature;

19th-Century American Women's Literature (grad); American Literature to 1865: Critical

Controversies and Canon Revision (grad); 19th-Century American Novels (grad)

UNC-CH: Writing in Discourse Communities; Writing across the Curriculum; Intro to Film

Criticism; Major American Authors

BOOK

Moving Encounters: Sympathy and the Indian Question in Antebellum Literature. Native
Americans of the Northeast series. Amherst: U of Massachusetts P, 2008.

ARTICLES

“‘The Saga of Third World Belle’: Resurrecting the Ethnic Woman in Ishmael Reed’s Flight to
Canada.” MELUS 31.2 (Spring 2007): 3-27.

“Sentiment and Space in Lydia Maria Child’s Native American Writings, 1824-1870.” Legacy:
A Journal of American Women Writers 21.2 (Winter 2004): 172-192.

“‘*native to the question*’: William Apess, Black Hawk, and the Sentimental Context of Early
Native American Autobiography.” American Indian Quarterly 26 (Spring 2002): 246-270.

“Domesticity and Dispossession: Removal as a Family Act in Cooper’s The Wept of Wish-ton-
Wish and The Pathfinder.” ATQ: 19th Century American Literature and Culture 16 (March
2002): 9-30.

REVIEWS AND SHORT ESSAYS

- Rev. of One Nation, One Blood: Interracial Marriage in American Fiction, Scandal, and Law, 1820-1870, by Karen Woods Weierman. Nineteenth-Century Contexts: An Interdisciplinary Journal (forthcoming).
- “A Tale both Old and New: Jamestown at 400.” Rev. of The Jamestown Project, by Karen Ordahl Kupperman; A Land as God Made It, by James Horn; Love and Hate in Jamestown, by David A. Price; Pocahontas, by Paula Gunn Allen; Pocahontas and the Powhatan Dilemma, by Camilla Townsend; and Pocahontas, Powhatan, Opechancanough, by Helen C. Rountree. American Quarterly 60.1 (March 2008): 173-182.
- “William Apess.” The Encyclopedia of American Indian Literature. Eds. Alan R. Velie and Jennifer McClinton-Temple. New York: Facts on File, 2007. 39-41.
- Rev. of Sovereign Selves: American Indian Autobiography and the Law, by David J. Carlson. Biography: an interdisciplinary quarterly 29.4 (Fall 2006): 740-742.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “Doomed Indians, Doomed Sympathy: Forrest, Simms, and the Antebellum Staging of Indian-White Encounter.” Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. 28 Apr. 2006. Invited Presentation.
- “‘The Saga of Third World Belle’: Ishmael Reed’s Flight to Canada and the Performance of Pocahontas.” Modern Language Association. Washington, DC. 29 Dec. 2005.
- “Ham, Shem, and Japheth: Indians and Racial Hierarchy in Southern Pro-Slavery Literature.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta GA. 11 Nov. 2004. Panel co-organizer.
- “Staging Encounters: Indian Dramas and the Sentimental Impulse.” The McNeil Center for Early American Studies. Philadelphia PA. 17 Mar. 2004. Invited Presentation.

SELECTED HONORS

- New Faculty General Research Fund Grant, KU Center for Research (2008)
- ISU Foundation and Cassling Family Awards for Early Achievement in Teaching (2006)
- Summer Fellowship, ISU Center for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities (2005)
- William Dougald McMillan III Award for Best Dissertation, UNC-CH English Dept. (2003)
- American Dissertation Fellowship, American Association of University Women (2002-2003)
- Sequoyah Dissertation Fellowship, UNC-CH Royster Society of Fellows (2002-2003)

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