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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. – English, Northwestern University (Evanston, Illinois), 2004
Dissertation: “The Common Class of Men: Law and the Lay Reader in the Eighteenth-Century English Novel”
Winner, Northwestern University English Department Hagstrum Prize for Distinguished Dissertation, 2003-04
- M.A. – English, Northwestern University (Evanston, Illinois), 1996
- B.A. – English, Reed College (Portland, Oregon), 1994
Phi Beta Kappa

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Associate Professor of English, Eastern Connecticut State University, 2010-present
Assistant Professor of English, Eastern Connecticut State University, 2004-2010
Visiting Instructor of English, Oberlin College, 2001-2004

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- British and American literature of the long eighteenth-century
Eighteenth-century social and cultural history in transatlantic and global contexts
Bibliography, book history, and textual studies
Digital approaches to literary and bibliographical study

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- “‘This Monstrous City’: Imagining London in Defoe’s *A Tour Thro’ the Whole Island of Great Britain*,” in *Positioning Daniel Defoe’s Non-fiction: Form, Function, Genre*, Aino Mäkikalli and Andreas K. E. Mueller, eds. (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2011).
- “On Teaching Another Defoe,” *Digital Defoe* 1 (Spring 2009) <<http://english.illinoisstate.edu/digitaldefoe/archive/spring09/teaching/index.shtml>>.
- “‘Far from a consummate Lawyer’: William Godwin’s *Caleb Williams* and the Treason Trials of the 1790s,” in *Reactions to Revolution: The 1790s and its Aftermath*, eds. H. T. Dickinson, Ulrich Broich, and Martin Schmidt, eds. (Berlin: LIT Verlag, 2007).

DIGITAL PROJECTS

- Editor and Site Administrator, *Eighteenth-Century Book Tracker*
<<http://nutmeg.easternct.edu/~pauleyb/c18booktracker>>.
- Co-Principal Investigator, with Brian Geiger (Director, Center for Bibliographical Studies and Research, University of California-Riverside) “Early Modern Books Metadata in Google Books”
Google Digital Humanities Research Award, 2010-2011, 2011-12

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book Review: "Leon Guilhamet, *Defoe and the Whig Novel: A Reading of the Major Fiction*," *Eighteenth-Century Fiction* 24.4 (2012): 718-20.

Encyclopedia Article: "A New Voyage round the World by a Course Never Sailed Before." *The Literary Encyclopedia*. First published October 2011 < <http://www.litencyc.com/php/sworks.php?rec=true&UID=28805>>.

"Eighteenth-Century Book Tracker, the ESTC, and Google Books: Some Updates and an Announcement," *Eighteenth-Century Intelligencer* 25.1 (January, 2011).

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"'To give laws to both oceans': Imagining Scottish Commerce in Darien, 1695-1710"
Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Annual Meeting
(Middletown, CT), October 11-14, 2012

"'The very Navel of the Trading World': Darien in British Commercial Fantasy, 1685-1710"
The Commerce of Literature. The Literature of Commerce: Anglo-French Perspectives in
the Long Eighteenth Century (Cambridge, UK), July 2-3, 2012

Digital Humanities Plenary Session
Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing, Annual Meeting
(Washington, DC), July 17, 2011

"'The Center of the Whole Trade of England': London and Atlantic Circulation in Defoe's
Commercial Treatises"
Defoe Society Biennial Conference (Worcester, UK), July 14-16, 2011

Roundtable Participant, "Scholarship and Digital Humanities: Authoritative Sources"
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Annual Meeting (Vancouver, British
Columbia), November 21-22, 2010

"The Bibliography of Surrogacy: Identifying Early Modern Books at Google Books"
Chicago Digital Humanities Colloquium (Evanston, Illinois), November 21-22, 2010

"Teaching the History of the Eighteenth-Century Book ... When You Don't Have *ECCO*"
Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Annual Meeting (Buffalo,
New York), October 21-23, 2010

"Re-membering the Eighteenth-Century Book"
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Annual Meeting (Albuquerque, New
Mexico), March 18-21, 2010

"Teaching (Virtual) Book History: or, Bibliography 1.75"
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Annual Meeting (Albuquerque, New
Mexico), March 18-21, 2010

Roundtable Participant, "Bibliography, the ESTC, and 18th-Century Electronic Databases"
East-Central American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Annual Meeting
(Bethlehem, Pennsylvania), October 8-11, 2009

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

“Defoe’s New Worlds of Commerce”

First Biennial Meeting of the Defoe Society (Tulsa, Oklahoma), September 25-26, 2009

Participant, Scholar’s Roundtable

International Governing Board of the English Short Title Catalogue, Annual Board Meeting (San Marino, California), September 19, 2009

“Placing London in *A Tour Thro’ the Whole Island of Great Britain*”

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Annual Meeting (Richmond, Virginia), March 26-29, 2009.

“‘Meer Property’ and No Man’s Land: Revisiting Crusoe’s Island in *The Farther Adventures of Robinson Crusoe*”

Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Annual Meeting (Geneva, New York), October 30-November 2, 2008.

“Mere Lawyers and Men of No Profession: Gentlemen, English Law, and the Anxieties of Professionalism”

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Annual Meeting, (Portland, Oregon), March 27-30, 2008

“The Whole World is in Motion: Defoe on the Edges of Empires”

Midwestern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Annual Meeting (Kansas City, Missouri), October 12-13, 2007.

“Coming to Council Learned in the Law: Lawyers and Legal Learning in Scriblerian Satire”

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Annual Meeting (Atlanta, Georgia), March 22-25, 2007.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Secretary and Member of the Executive Board, The Defoe Society (2008-present)

Member, Planning Committee, “Transforming the English Short Title Catalogue into a 21st-Century Research Tool”

Member, Editorial Board for Technological Review, *18thConnect*

Member of the Program Committee, Second Biennial Meeting of the Defoe Society (Worcester, UK), July 14-16, 2011

Member of the Program Committee, First Biennial Meeting of the Defoe Society (Tulsa, Oklahoma), September 25-26, 2009

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Sabbatic Leave, Eastern Connecticut State University, 2011-12

Northwestern University Department of English Jean H. Hagstrum Prize for Distinguished Dissertation, 2003-04

Northwestern University Dissertation Year Fellowship, 1999-2000

Northwestern University Department of English, Teaching Assistant Mentor, 1998-99

Fellow, Andrew W. Mellon Summer Seminar; with T. H. Breen, William Smith Mason

Professor of American History, Northwestern University, Summer 1997

University Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 1995-96

Phi Beta Kappa, Reed College, 1994