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New York University  
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**EDUCATION**

Brown University

Ph.D., English, 2002

A.M., English, 1999

Yale University

Exchange Scholar, 1998-1999

Princeton University

A.B. English, 1997

Certificate, Applied and Computational Mathematics

Certificate, American Studies

Certificate, African American Studies

Oxford University

Study Abroad in English Literature, Exeter College, Summer 1996

Stuyvesant High School, New York City, 1993

**MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

New York University

Seryl Kushner Dean of the College of Arts & Science, 2017-

Boston University

Associate Dean of the Faculty, Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, 2014-2017

Co-Chair, Task Force on Faculty Diversity and Inclusion, 2015-2016

Chair, Department of English, College of Arts and Sciences, 2011-2014

Acting Director, Program in African American Studies, 2009-2010

**FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

New York University

Professor of English, Faculty of Arts and Science, 2018-

Visiting Professor of English, Fall 2017

## Boston University

Professor of English and African American Studies, 2012-2017

Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of English and African American Studies,  
2007-2012

## University of Maryland, College Park

Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of English, 2007

Assistant Professor, Department of English, 2002-2007

**HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS**

Phi Beta Kappa (Honorary Inductee), Epsilon of Massachusetts, Boston University, 2014

ACLS Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2014

Jeffrey Henderson Senior Research Fellowship in the Humanities, Boston University Center for the  
Humanities (declined), 2014

Walter Jackson Bate Fellowship in English Literature, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study,  
Harvard University, 2010

Publication Production Award for *Representing the Race*, Boston University Humanities Foundation,  
2010

Jeffrey Henderson Senior Research Fellowship in the Humanities, Boston University Humanities  
Foundation (declined), 2009

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Grant, Boston University (Summer; Directed student  
on the project, "The Letters of Paul Laurence Dunbar"), 2009

Third Annual Peter Connelly Lecturer in English, Grinnell College, 2009

American Library Association "Best of the Best from the University Presses" for *The Complete  
Stories of Paul Laurence Dunbar*, 2007

Career Enhancement Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 2005

GRB Research Support Award, Graduate School University of Maryland at College Park (Summer),  
2005

GRB Research Support Award, Graduate School, University of Maryland, College Park, 2004

Woodrow Wilson Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of  
Washington, Seattle (declined), 2002

Postdoctoral Fellowship, David C. Driskell Center for the Study of the African Diaspora, University  
of Maryland, College Park, 2002

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship  
Foundation, 1997

**PUBLICATIONS**

## AUTHORED BOOKS

*Paul Laurence Dunbar: The Life and Times of a Caged Bird* (completed; under review with  
publisher)

*Representing the Race: A New Political History of African American Literature* (New York  
University Press, 2011)

*Deans and Truants: Race and Realism in African American Literature* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007)

#### EDITED BOOKS

- The Complete Charles Chesnutt* (advance contract, Oxford University Press); co-editor with Stephanie Browner, Kenneth Price, Tess Chakkalakal, Werner Sollors, and Sarah Wagner-McCoy
- The Wiley-Blackwell Anthology of African American Literature, Volume 1: 1746-1920* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2014)
- The Wiley-Blackwell Anthology of African American Literature, Volume 2: 1920 to the Present* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2014)
- A Companion to African American Literature* (Blackwell Companions to Literature and Culture Series; Wiley-Blackwell, 2012, 2013)
- The Collected Novels of Paul Laurence Dunbar* (Ohio University Press, 2009, 2012); co-edited with Herbert Woodward Martin and Ronald Primeau
- The New Negro: Readings on Race, Representation, and African American Culture* (Princeton University Press, 2007); co-edited with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.
- A Long Way from Home*, by Claude McKay (Rutgers University Press, 2007); for the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the Americas Series
- African American Literature beyond Race: An Alternative Reader* (New York University Press, 2006)
- The Complete Stories of Paul Laurence Dunbar* (Ohio University Press, 2005, 2006); Co-edited with Thomas Lewis Morgan; foreword by Shelley Fisher Fishkin

#### MODULES

*Oxford Bibliographies in African American Studies*, ed. Jarrett (New York: Oxford University Press), 2016-. Cross-disciplinary publication of peer-reviewed bibliographical articles (each from 5,000-10,000 words) on African American culture, politics, law, history, society, religion, and economics. Articles combine the best features of an annotated bibliography with those of a high-level encyclopedia, all with the online-only capabilities of enhanced cross-referencing, full-text searches, and direct links to the sources cited.

#### ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND REVIEW ESSAYS

- “Victim’s Guilt: Frank Yerby’s *Speak Now* and the ‘Politics’ of Miscegenation,” *Frank Yerby: Critical Insights*, ed. Matthew Teutsch (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, forthcoming)
- “Sincere Art and Honest Science: Richard Wright and the Chicago School of Sociology,” *The Cambridge Companion to Richard Wright*, ed. Glenda Carpio (New York and Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019)
- “‘Come, Let Us Reason Together’: New Research and the Public Good,” *PMLA: Publication of the Modern Language Association* 133.3 (2018): 673-77
- “Reconstruction in Literature and Intellectual Culture,” *Oxford Bibliographies in African American Studies*, ed. Jarrett (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016)

- “Paul Laurence Dunbar,” Oxford Bibliographies in American Literature, eds. Jackson Bryer, Richard Kopley, and Paul Lauter (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016)
- “What is Jim Crow?,” *PMLA: Publication of the Modern Language Association* 128.2 (March 2013): 388-90
- “The Harlem Renaissance and Its Indignant Aftermath: Rethinking Literary History and Political Action after Black Studies,” *American Literary History* 24.4 (Winter 2012): 775-795
- “Loosening the Straightjacket: Rethinking Racial Representation in African American Anthologies,” *Publishing Blackness: Textual Constructions of Race since 1850*, eds. John K. Young and George Hutchinson (The University of Michigan Press, 2012)
- “‘To Refute Mr. Jefferson’s Arguments Respecting Us’: Thomas Jefferson, David Walker, and the Politics of Early African American Literature,” *Early American Literature* 46.2 (June 2011): 291-319; selected for special issue, “New Essays on ‘Race,’ Writing, and Representation in Early American Literature.”
- “The Dialect of New Negro Literature,” *A Companion to African American Literature*, ed. Gene Andrew Jarrett (Blackwell Companions to Literature and Culture Series; Wiley-Blackwell, 2010)
- “Law, Parody, and the Politics of African American Literary History,” *Novel: A Forum on Fiction* 42.3 (Fall 2009): 437-442.
- “Douglass, Ideological Slavery, and Postbellum Racial Politics,” *The Cambridge Companion to Frederick Douglass*, ed. Maurice S. Lee (Cambridge University Press, 2009), 160-72
- “Racial Uplift and the Politics of African American Fiction,” *The Blackwell Concise Companion to American Fiction, 1900-1950*, eds. Peter Stoneley and Cindy Weinstein (Blackwell, 2008), 205-227
- “Second-Generation Realist; or, Dunbar the Naturalist,” *African American Review* 41.2 (2007): 289-94.
- “Addition by Subtraction: Toward a Literary History of Racial Representation,” *Legacy: Journal of the Society for the Study of American Women Writers* 24.2 (Winter 2007): 315-21.
- “New Negro Politics,” *American Literary History* 18.4 (Winter 2006): 836-46
- “‘For Endless Generations’: Myth, Dynasty, and Frank Yerby’s *The Foxes of Harrow*,” *Southern Literary Journal* 39.1 (Fall 2006): 54-70.
- “African American Noms de Plume,” and reprint of Ann Petry’s “Marie of the Cabin Club,” Little-Known Documents Series, *PMLA: Publication of the Modern Language Association* 121.1 (January 2006): 245-54.
- “The Black Arts Movement and Its Scholars,” *American Quarterly* 57.4 (December 2005): 1243-51
- “Entirely *Black* Verse from Him Would Succeed: Minstrel Realism and William Dean Howells,” *Nineteenth-Century Literature* 59.4 (March 2005): 494-535
- “‘We Must Write Like the White Men’: Race, Realism, and Dunbar’s Anomalous First Novel,” *Novel: A Forum on Fiction* 37.3 (Summer 2004): 303-25
- “‘This Expression Shall Not Be Changed’: Irrelevant Episodes, Jim’s Humanity Revisited, and Retracing Mark Twain’s Evasion in *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*,” *American Literary Realism* 35.1 (Fall 2002): 1-28

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- “[Review of Derrick R. Spires’s *The Practice of Citizenship: Black Politics and Print Culture in the Early United States* (2019)],” *Early American Literature* (forthcoming)

- “[Review of Eve Dunbar’s *Black Regions of the Imagination: African American Writers between the Nation and the World* (2013)],” *Journal of American History* 100.3 (December 2013): 872
- “[Review of David A. Hollinger’s *The Humanities and the Dynamics of Inclusion since World War II* (2006) and Mary Jo Bona and Irma Maini’s (eds.) *Multiethnic Literature and Canon Debates* (2006)],” *American Literature* 81.3 (September 2009): 637-39
- “Anomalies and the Fictions of Race,” *Novel: A Forum on Fiction* 36.2 (Spring 2003): 273-76

#### INTRODUCTIONS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- The Wiley-Blackwell Anthology of African American Literature, Volume 1: 1746-1920* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2014): “Preface,” “Introduction [to Volume 1],” “Principles of Selection and Editorial Procedures,” “Introduction [to Part 1: The Literatures of Africa, Middle Passage, and Slavery],” “Introduction [to Part 2: The Literatures of Slavery and Freedom],” “Introduction [to Part 3: The Literatures of Reconstruction, Racial Uplift, and the New Negro],” “Glossary,” “Timeline,” plus biographical and critical introductions to 22 authors
- The Wiley-Blackwell Anthology of African American Literature, Volume 2: 1920 to the Present* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2014): “Preface,” “Introduction [to Volume 2],” “Principles of Selection and Editorial Procedures,” “Introduction [to Part 1: The Literatures of the New Negro Renaissance],” “Introduction [to Part 2: The Literatures of Modernism, Modernity, and Civil Rights],” “Introduction [to Part 3: The Literatures of Nationalism, Militancy, and the Black Aesthetic],” “Introduction [to Part 4: The Literatures of the Contemporary Period],” “Glossary,” “Timeline,” plus biographical and critical introductions to 49 authors
- “Introduction,” *The Blackwell Companion to African American Literature*, ed. Jarrett (2012, 2013)
- “Introduction [to Paul Laurence Dunbar section],” Volume C (1865-1910) of *Heath Anthology of American Literature* (Houghton Mifflin, 2009)
- “Introduction [to *The Uncalled*],” *The Collected Novels of Paul Laurence Dunbar*, eds. Martin, Primeau, and Jarrett (2009, 2012)
- “Introduction” (co-written with Gates), *The New Negro*, eds. Gates and Jarrett, 1-20 (2007)
- “Introduction,” *A Long Way from Home*, by McKay, ed. Jarrett, xvii-xxxvii (2007)
- “Introduction” (co-written with Morgan), *The Complete Stories of Paul Laurence Dunbar*, eds. Jarrett and Morgan (2006)
- “Introduction,” “Paul Laurence Dunbar,” “Frank Yerby,” and “Toni Morrison,” in *African American Literature beyond Race*, ed. Jarrett (2006)
- “Tanner, Henry Ossawa,” *Encyclopedia of the Harlem Renaissance: Volume 2*, eds. Cary Wintz and Paul Finkelman (Routledge, 2004), pp. 1160-63 (2004)

#### MISCELLANEOUS

- “Father and Son, Inspired: Joshua and Paul Laurence Dunbar,” OUPblog: Oxford University Press’s *Academic Insights for the Thinking World* (May 16, 2016): <http://blog.oup.com/2016/05/paul-laurence-joshua-dunbar-biography/>
- “African-American Literature Lives On, Even as Black Politics Expire,” *The Chronicle Review of The Chronicle of Higher Education* (April 1, 2011): B12.

- “He Speaks in Your Voice, American,” interview/story in *BU Research Magazine* (2009): [http://www.bu.edu/research/highlights/magazine/2009/snapshots/he\\_speaks\\_in\\_your\\_voice\\_american.shtml](http://www.bu.edu/research/highlights/magazine/2009/snapshots/he_speaks_in_your_voice_american.shtml)
- “Who Was the ‘New Negro’? Questions for Black History Month,” interview in *BU Today* (February 21, 2008): <http://www.bu.edu/today/node/6257>
- “Judging a Book by Its Writer’s Color,” *The Chronicle Review of The Chronicle of Higher Education* (July 28, 2006): B12
- “Misreading Authors by Their Skins: Blacks Don’t Always Write about Blacks,” *San Francisco Chronicle* (February 5, 2006): E4.

#### INVITED LECTURES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Perfect is the Enemy of Good,” Unequal Colleges in the Age of Disparity Colloquium, the Steinhardt Institute for Higher Education Policy, New York University (October 5, 2018)
- “‘I Am Entirely White’: The Life and Times of Paul Laurence Dunbar in Late Victorian England,” English Department Faculty Lecture, New York University (September 26, 2018)
- “‘Bend Down and Measure Him’: Frederick Douglass on Racial Civilization at the World’s Columbian Exposition in Chicago, 1893,” Madame CJ Walker/Frederick Douglass 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium, Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis (October 20, 2016)
- “Of Poetry and Planes: The Friendship of Paul Laurence Dunbar and Orville Wright,” Multi-Cultural Weekend, Boston University Open House for Admitted Students (April 10, 2015)
- “Slavery, Literacy, Agency: The Limits of African American Literary Studies,” American Literature and Culture Seminar, Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University (February 18, 2015)
- “An African American Anthology for the New Century,” Keynote Address, Ethnic Literature and Ethnic Perspectives on Literature: The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Ethnic Literature, Central China Normal University, Wuhan, China (October 31, 2014)
- “Mentoring: The Career Enhancement Fellowship Year” and “Publishing the First Book,” Career Enhancement Fellowship Retreat, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (June 23, 2014)
- “The Life of the Mind,” Honorary Inductee and Speaker, Boston University Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, Boston University (May 16, 2014)
- “MMUF at Twenty-Five: A Tradition of Transformations,” Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Northeast Regional Mellon Conference (October 5, 2013)
- “Beyond Literacy and Literature: Rethinking Political Histories of Slavery, Agency, and Freedom,” Mellon Workshop, English Department, Brown University (April 1, 2013)
- “‘No Name, No Banner’: Slave Agency beyond Literacy and Literature,” W. E. B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (March 12, 2013)
- “Henry Ossawa Tanner and Winold Reiss: New Negro Painters in Black and White,” *Winold Reiss: Visualizing the Harlem Renaissance: A Symposium*, Harvard University (October 23, 2012)
- “The Life of the Mind in the Age of Recession,” Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Summer Conference, Bryn Mawr University (June 13, 2012)
- “In Search of Paul Laurence Dunbar’s Father: New Literary Histories of Slavery, Agency, and Freedom,” English Department Colloquium, Stanford University (May 22, 2012)

- “Copyright Law and the Politics of African American Literary History,” Colloquium at the Program in African and African American Studies at the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Stanford University (May 22, 2012)
- “Racial Authenticity in a Post-Racial World,” Literature Colloquium of “Authenticity,” Florida State University (April 13, 2012)
- “Editing at the Margins,” Second Annual Center for American Literary Studies Spring Symposium,” Pennsylvania State University, University Park (March 30, 2012)
- “Literary Agency and Its Discontents: Rethinking Historiographies of Slavery and Freedom,” Americanist Colloquium, Departments of English and African American Studies, Yale University (October 27, 2011)
- “The Life of the Mind in the Age of Recession,” Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives, Boston (October 13, 2011)
- “In Search of Paul Laurence Dunbar’s Parents: Rethinking African American Genealogy, History, and Biography,” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University (March 2, 2011)
- “The State of African American Literary History,” American Literature Colloquium, Harvard University (April 7, 2010)
- “Proofs of Genius: Thomas Jefferson, David Walker, and the Politics of Early African American Literature,” The Third Annual Connelly Lecture in English, Grinnell College (October 9, 2009)
- “Inside History: Barack Obama and the Politics of African American Literary History,” The Third Annual Connelly Lecture in English, Grinnell College (October 8, 2009)
- “The African American Archive: Theory and Historiography,” Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center at Boston University (January 21, 2009)
- “Black History Month and the Racial Politics of Historiography,” Barnes and Noble at Boston University (February 2008)
- “The Conventional Blindness of the Caucasian Eye: Harlem Renaissance and the Problem of Henry Ossawa Tanner,” W.E.B. Du Bois Institute Colloquium, Harvard University (November 28, 2007)
- “‘The Race Problem Was Not a Theme for Me’: Frank Yerby and the Problem of African American Literature,” New Directions in African American Studies, Jonathan Jasper Wright Institute for the Study of Southern African American History, Culture and Policy, Claflin University (April 14, 2007)
- “Dunbar’s Fiction,” Assessing Paul Laurence Dunbar Centennial Symposium, University of Massachusetts at Amherst (October 27, 2006)

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED

- “Editing Charles Chesnutt’s Novels,” Fourth Biennial Conference of C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists (March 2016)
- “Beyond Ethnicity: Editing African American Anthologies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Ethnic Literature and Ethnic Perspectives on Literature: The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Ethnic Literature, Central China Normal University, Wuhan, China (November 1, 2014)
- “Aesthetics and Agency in the Works Progress Administration’s Slave Narrative Collection,” Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association, Chicago, IL (January 2014)
- “James/Baldwin Abroad: Expatriation and Cosmopolitanism in the African American Canon,” Annual Convention of the American Literature Association, Boston MA (May 2013)

- “The Repugnance of Political Office: Douglass, Obama, and the Limits of Statesmanship,” Annual Convention of the American Studies Association, Boston, MA (October 2011)
- “African American Studies in the Posttrace Era,” Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association, Los Angeles, CA (January 2011)
- “Teaching African American Literature from an Anthology,” Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association, Philadelphia, PA (Dec. 2009)
- “In Search of Dunbar’s Father: Rethinking Genealogy, History, and Biography,” American Literature Association Conference, Boston, MA (May 2009)
- “African American Modernism,” “Heterogeneous Modernisms: Black, Irish, and Southern Writing at/as the Margins,” at Modernist Studies Association Conference, Nashville, TN (November 2008)
- “Color around the Globe: McKay, Hughes, and the Politics of Transnational Black Autobiography,” Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association, Chicago (Dec. 2007)
- “Unauthorized Parody: Margaret Mitchell, Alice Randall, and the Racial Politics of Transformative Fiction,” *Theories of the Novel Now*, Providence, RI (November 9-10, 2007)
- “Reading and Writing Against the Grain: African American Literature beyond Race,” Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association, Philadelphia (Dec. 27, 2006)
- “The Paratext of Blackness: The Problem of Judging a Book by Its Author’s Skin,” *Variations on Blackness: Race-Making in the Americas and the World*, Indiana University (March-April 2006)
- “‘Second-Generation Realist’; or, Dunbar the Naturalist,” Paul Laurence Dunbar Centennial Conference, Stanford University (March 2006)
- “Black (Novel) No More: George Schuyler, Racial Identity, and the Taxonomy of African American Literature,” *Celebrating the African American Novel: Critical Visions and Revisions of Its Past and Present*, Penn State University (April 2005)
- “Frank Yerby and William Faulkner: (Re)historicizing Race Relations, the African Diaspora, and the Antebellum American South,” Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association, Philadelphia (December 2004)
- “Recovering Paul Laurence Dunbar” (roundtable), Annual Conference of the American Literature Association, San Francisco, California (May 2004)
- “‘The Conventional Blindness of the Caucasian Eye’: New Negro Modernism and Alain Locke’s Critique of Henry Ossawa Tanner’s Cosmopolitanism,” *Temples for Tomorrow: The Harlem Renaissance—New Readings and Contexts*, Rhode Island College (May 2004)
- “‘Entirely Black Verse from Him Would Succeed’: Minstrel Realism, the Dean of American Letters, and the Lore Cycle of African American Literary Criticism,” Faculty Seminar Series, Department of English, University of Maryland at College Park (April 2004)
- “The Conventional Blindness of the Caucasian Eye: New Negro Realism and the Problem of Henry Ossawa Tanner,” David Driskell Center for the Study of the African Diaspora, University of Maryland at College Park (April 2003)
- “The Conventional Blindness of the Caucasian Eye: New Negro Realism and the Problem of Henry Ossawa Tanner,” *Race, Globalization, and the New Ethnic Studies*, Three-Day Conference, Brown University (March 2003)
- “By, for, and about the People: The Politics of Blackness in African-American Literary and Critical Theory,” *Representing Blackness: From the Black Arts Movement of the Sixties to the Present*, Three-Day Conference, African-American Studies Program, Macalester College (February 2003)

## PANEL CHAIR/RESPONDENT

- Plenary Session on Modernism, the American South, and Dance Rituals in African American Literature, Ethnic Literature and Ethnic Perspectives on Literature: The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Ethnic Literature, Central China Normal University, Wuhan, China (November 2, 2014) (moderator)
- “Inconvenient Lives, Uncommon Knowledge: Re-Reading the Progressive Era Social Problem,” Third Biennial Conference of C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists (March 2014) (chair/respondent)
- “James Weldon Johnson’s *The Autobiography of an Ex-Coloured Man: A Century Later*,” Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association, Seattle, Washington (January 2012) (convener/chair)
- “The Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.,” Boston University (November 2009) (chair)
- “Dunbar Beyond Race,” American Literature Association Conference, Boston, MA (May 2009) (chair)
- “Figures of Race and Nation in the Fiction of Sutton Griggs,” American Literature Association Conference, Boston, MA (May 2009) (chair)
- “Diasporic Modernism, (Post)Modernisms, Afro-Futurism: Positioning African American Writers and Artists in the Global Diaspora,” Modernist Studies Association Conference, Nashville, TN (November 2008) (chair)
- “The Political Value of African American Literature,” Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association, Chicago (Dec. 2007) (chair)
- “New Perspectives on the New Negro: Current Work on the Harlem Renaissance,” Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association, Washington, D.C. (Dec. 2005) (respondent)
- “Paul Laurence Dunbar: New Century, New Approaches,” Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association, Washington, D.C. (December 2005) (chair)
- “Commentary: The Cultural ‘Politics’ of Racial Representation,” African American Identity Travels: A Conference (September 2004) (respondent)
- “The Black Aesthetic Movement: Past, Present, and Future,” Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association, San Diego, California (December 2003) (chair)
- “Real? Representations of Racial Violence: Surreal, Fantastic, and Popular Alternatives to Social Realism,” Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, Hartford, Connecticut (October 2003) (respondent)
- “The Problem of Race in Late-19<sup>th</sup> and Early-20<sup>th</sup> Century American Literature and Newspapers,” The Problem of Race Conference, W. E. B. Du Bois Graduate Society, Harvard University (April 2002) (chair)

## EDITORIAL POSITIONS

- Contributing Editor, “Paul Laurence Dunbar” section, Volume C (1865-1910) of *Heath Anthology of American Literature* (Houghton Mifflin), 2007

## TEACHING

## GENERAL

- African-American Literature: 1945 - present (undergraduate)
- American Literature: 1855 – 1918 (undergraduate/graduate)
- American Literature: 1865 until the present (undergraduate lecture/survey)
- Introduction to the English Major (undergraduate)

#### SPECIALIZED

- African American Literature beyond Race (undergraduate)
- African-American Literature of the Folk (undergraduate)
- From New World to New Negro: Major African American Writers of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries (undergraduate/graduate)
- From New Negro to Postmodernism: Major African American Writers of the Twentieth Century (undergraduate/graduate)
- Literacy and African American Literature (undergraduate/graduate)
- Political Activism and African American Literature (undergraduate/graduate)
- Political Aesthetics of African American Literature (undergraduate)
- Higher Education and African American Literature (undergraduate/graduate)
- African-American Literary Theory (graduate)
- The Black Arts Movement (graduate)
- Interracial Literature: Theory and Practice (graduate)
- Transnational African American Literature (graduate)
- Transnational American Literature (graduate)
- Racial Uplift and African American Literature (undergraduate/graduate)
- New Negro Literature (graduate)
- Social Difference, Consumer Culture, and American Literature (graduate)
- Race and Cosmopolitanism in American literature (graduate)

#### NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SERVICE

#### COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

##### *University-wide*

- Council of Deans (Elected Vice Chair, 2019-2020)
- Senior Leadership Team: Offices of the President, Provost, and Council of Deans
- Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee
- Undergraduate Deans
- University Senate: Organization and Governance Committee (2017-2018); Financial Affairs Committee (2018-)

##### *College of Arts and Science*

- Dean's Advisory Council (Presiding)
- Directors of Undergraduate Studies (Presiding)

*Arts and Science (Ex Officio)*

- Advisory Committee on Policy and Planning
- Advisory Committee on Promotion and Tenure
- Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum
- Committee on Undergraduate Academic Standards
- Arts and Science Leadership Team

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

## COMMITTEES

- Advisory Committee, Search for Dean of the School of Education, 2016
- Task Force on Faculty Diversity and Inclusion (Co-Chair), 2015-2016
- Provost's Senior Faculty Hiring Initiative Advisory Committee, 2012-2014
- Faculty Advisory Committee for Selecting Student Commencement Speaker, 2012
- College of Arts and Sciences Humanities Curriculum Committee, 2008-2011

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIPS

- Provost Arts Council, Office of the Provost, 2016-
- Research Council, Office of the Vice President and Associate Provost for Research, 2015-
- Faculty Affairs Council, Office of the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, 2015-

## LEADERSHIP

- Co-Chair, University-wide Task Force on Faculty Diversity and Inclusion, 2015-2016
- Associate Dean of the Faculty, Humanities, 2014-2017
- Chair, Department of English, 2011-2014
- Acting Director, Program in African American Studies, 2009-2010
- Chair, Search Committee, African American Studies and Sociology/Political Science, 2009-2010
- Chair, Admissions to M.A. in African American Studies, 2008-2010
- Chair, Humanities Curriculum Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, 2008-2009
- Chair, Curriculum Review Committee, Department of English, 2008-2009

**ADMINISTRATIVE FIELD**

- External Review Committee, English Department, Duke University, 2015
- External Review Committee, English Department, American University, 2015
- External Review Committee, Emory College of Arts and Sciences, Emory University, 2015
- Massachusetts Delegate, National Humanities Alliance, 2015-2017

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Founding Editor-in-Chief, Oxford Bibliographies in African American Studies, 2015
- Editorial Board, *Early American Literature*, 2015-
- Visiting Faculty, “Paul Laurence Dunbar and American Literary History,” Summer Seminars and Institutes for College and University Teachers, National Endowment for the Humanities (July 13-31, 2015)
- Editorial Board, *American Literature*, 2014-2016
- Chair, American Literature Section, Modern Language Association (elected), 2013-2014
- American Literature Section Advisory Council of the Modern Language Association (elected), 2012-2014
- Executive Committee of the Division on Late-Nineteenth- and Early-Twentieth-Century American Literature (elected, 2011-2016); secretary in 2013, chair in 2014

#### REVIEWER: FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES

- Applications for “Paul Laurence Dunbar and American Literary History,” Summer Seminars and Institutes for College and University Teachers, National Endowment for the Humanities (July 13-31, 2015)
- William Sanders Scarborough Prize Selection Committee, Modern Language Association (to select the best book on African American literature) (2013-2015); Chair in 2013
- Foerster Prize Committee, American Literature Section, Modern Language Association (to select best essay published in the journal *American Literature*) (2012-2013); Chair in 2013
- Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University (Application Reviewer), 2011-
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Woodrow Wilson Foundation (Reviewer of Dissertation Fellowships), 2009-
- Ford Foundation Fellowships (Reviewer of Pre-doctoral, Dissertation, and Post-Doctoral Applications), 2007-2009

#### LITERARY AGENCY

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