

# *Robin Bernstein*

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## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### **EDUCATION**

#### *Degrees*

- 2004 Ph.D., American Studies, Yale University  
1999 M.A., American Studies, George Washington University  
1995 M.A., History, Theory, and Criticism of Theatre, University of Maryland, College Park  
1991 A.B., Creative Writing, Honors in major, Bryn Mawr College

#### *Certificates*

- 1999 Certificate in Women's Studies, University of Maryland, College Park  
1998 Uriel Weinreich Program in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture, Columbia University and the YIVO Institute

### **EMPLOYMENT**

- 2016- Dillon Professor of American History and Professor of African and African American Studies and of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Harvard University  
2016- Chair, Program of Studies in Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Harvard University  
2013-2016 Professor of African and African American Studies and of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Harvard University  
2011-2013 Associate Professor of African and African American Studies and of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Harvard University  
2006-2010 Assistant Professor of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality and of History and Literature, Harvard University  
2004-2006 Assistant Director of Studies/Lecturer, Program of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Harvard University

### **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS**

#### *External Recognition*

- 2015 Children's Literature Article Award Honor, given by the Children's Literature Association for "Forum: Manifestos from the 2013 Children's Literature Association Conference," by Robin Bernstein, Marah Gubar, Sara Schwebel, and Karin Westman, *Children's Literature Association Quarterly* 38.4 (Winter 2013): 449-475.  
2014 Darwin T. Turner Award, given by the *African American Review* for "the best essay representing any period in African American or pan-African literature and culture," awarded for "Utopian Movements: Nikki Giovanni

- and the Convocation Following the Virginia Tech Massacre,” *African American Review* 45.3 (Fall 2012): 341-353.
- 2013 IRSCL Award, International Research Society for Children’s Literature, for *Racial Innocence: Performing American Childhood from Slavery to Civil Rights*
- 2013 Grace Abbott Best Book Award, Society for the History of Children and Youth, for *Racial Innocence: Performing American Childhood from Slavery to Civil Rights*
- 2013 Book Award, Children’s Literature Association, for *Racial Innocence: Performing American Childhood from Slavery to Civil Rights*
- 2012 Outstanding Book Award, Association for Theatre in Higher Education, for *Racial Innocence: Performing American Childhood from Slavery to Civil Rights* (co-winner)
- 2012 Lois P. Rudnick Book Prize, New England American Studies Association, for *Racial Innocence: Performing American Childhood from Slavery to Civil Rights*
- 2012 Runner-up, John Hope Franklin Publication Prize, American Studies Association, for *Racial Innocence: Performing American Childhood from Slavery to Civil Rights*
- 2012 Honorable Mention, Book Award, Society for the Study of American Women Writers, for *Racial Innocence: Performing American Childhood from Slavery to Civil Rights*
- 2010-2011 Harrington Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Theatre and Dance. A nomination-only, full-year, non-teaching fellowship.
- 2010 Outstanding Article Award, Association for Theatre in Higher Education, for “Dances with Things: Material Culture and the Performance of Race” (*Social Text* 101 [December 2009]).  
ATHE Video Channel interview about the article:  
<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEgGZGpeqs4&lr=1>>
- 2010 Vera Mowry Roberts Award for Research and Publication, American Theatre and Drama Society, for “Dances with Things: Material Culture and the Performance of Race” (*Social Text* 101 [December 2009])
- 2008 Betsy Beinecke Shirley Fellowship in American Children’s Literature, The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University
- 2008 Jay and Deborah Last Fellowship for research on American art or visual culture, American Antiquarian Society
- 2006 David Keller Travel Grant, American Society for Theatre Research
- 2004 Thomas F. Marshall Travel Grant, American Society for Theatre Research
- 2003 Mellon Seminar in Writing Performance History, Yale University
- 2001 Gene Wise-Warren Susman Prize for best paper presented by a graduate student at conference of the American Studies Association.
- 1998 Debut Panels (competitive sessions designed to showcase work of emerging scholars), conference of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education  
Panel sponsored by the American Theatre and Drama Society

- 1997 Panel sponsored by the Theatre History Focus Group  
*Lambda Book Report* Travel Grant to attend Lambda Literary Awards Ceremony
- 1991 Internship, National Yiddish Book Center, Amherst, MA

***Internal Recognition (Selected)***

- 2014-2015 Charles Warren Fellow, “Multimedia History and Literature: New Directions in Scholarly Design,” Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University
- 2014 Open Gate Funding to bring E. Patrick Johnson to Harvard to perform *Sweet Tea: Black Gay Men of the South*
- 2012 Voted a “favorite professor” by Harvard College graduating class
- 2012 Nominee, Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Award, Harvard
- 2009 Open Gate Funding to bring performance artist Tim Miller to perform and speak at Harvard
- 2009 Harvard University Faculty of Arts and Sciences Tenure-Track Faculty Publication Fund to support inclusion of 54 images in *Racial Innocence: Performing American Childhood from Slavery to Civil Rights*
- 2008 Clark Fund for Research Support, Harvard University
- 2007 Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize for Excellence in the Work of Undergraduates and in the Art of Teaching, Harvard University
- 2007 Gordon Gray Faculty Grant for Writing Pedagogy to create Guide for senior thesis-writers in the Program of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Harvard University
- 2007 Course Innovation Funds to fund live performances for students in Gender and Performance (Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality 1133), Harvard University
- 2005 Faculty Ally Award, the Harvard Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Supporters’ Alliance (now QSA)
- 2004 John Perry Miller Fund Award, Yale University
- 2004 Graduate Fellowship, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University (declined)
- 2003-2004 University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University
- 1999-2003 University Fellowship, Yale University
- 2002 Graduate Fellowship, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University
- 2002 John F. Enders Research Grant, Yale University
- 1998 Scholarship, Uriel Weinreich Program in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture, Columbia University and the YIVO Institute
- 1996-1998 Graduate Fellowship, George Washington University
- 1993-1995 University Fellowship, University of Maryland, College Park
- 1987-1991 Dolphin Scholarship, Bryn Mawr College. Full tuition; Bryn Mawr’s only non-need-based grant.

**EDITED BOOK SERIES**

2014- “Performance and American Cultures,” scholarly book series co-edited with Stephanie Batiste and Brian Herrera, New York University Press

**BOOKS**

***Monograph***

2011 *Racial Innocence: Performing American Childhood from Slavery to Civil Rights*. New York University Press (“America and the Long Nineteenth Century” series).  
Winner, five book awards plus two honorable mention/runner-up (see “Awards”)  
Reviewed in *African American Review*, *American Literature*, *American Quarterly*, *Bookbird: A Journal of International Children’s Literature*, *Callaloo*, *Children’s Literature*, *Children’s Literature Association Quarterly*, *Choice*, *Cultural Studies*, *e-misférica*, *Gender and Sexuality (Japan)*, *Genre*, *Girlhood Studies*, H-SHGAPE (Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era), *International Research in Children’s Literature*, *Jeunesse: Young People, Texts, Cultures*, *The Journal of American Culture*, *The Journal of American Studies*, *The Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism*, *The Journal of History and Cultures*, *The Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*, *The Journal of Popular Culture*, *Legacy*, *The Lion and the Unicorn*, *MELUS*, *Modern Drama*, *Nineteenth-Century Contexts*, *Nursing History Review*, *TDR: The Drama Review*, *Theatre Annual*, *Theatre History Studies*, *Theatre Journal*, *Theatre Survey*, and *Women’s Studies Quarterly*.

***Edited Books***

2006 *Cast Out: Queer Lives in Theatre*, edited anthology, foreword by Jill Dolan. University of Michigan Press  
1996 *Generation Q: Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals Born Around 1969’s Stonewall Riots Tell Their Stories of Growing Up in the Age of Information*. Co-edited with Seth Clark Silberman. Alyson Publications  
Finalist, Lambda Literary Award for Nonfiction Anthology.

***Fiction***

1998 *Terrible, Terrible! A Jewish Folktale Retold*. Kar-Ben Books, 1998.  
Children’s book  
Selected by the Grinspoon Foundation in 2010 for inclusion in the PJ Library, a program that provides Jewish children’s books and music for thousands of libraries and families in North America.  
Reading Guide produced by the Grinspoon Foundation to help children and parents discuss *Terrible, Terrible!*:  
<http://www.pjlibrary.org/sites/default/files/terrible%20terrible.pdf>.

**REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- 2017 “‘I’m very happy to be in the reality-based community’: Alison Bechdel’s *Fun Home*, Digital Photography, and George W. Bush,” *American Literature* 89.1 (March 2017): 121-154.
- 2013 “Signposts on the Road Less Taken: John Newton Hyde’s Anti-Racist Illustrations of African American Children,” *J19: The Journal of Nineteenth-Century Americanists* 1.1 (Spring 2013): 97-119. Scheduled to be reprinted in *The Child’s Turn: Childhood in Text and Image in the Nineteenth-Century United States*, ed. Patricia Crain and Caroline F. Sloat (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, under contract).
- 2012 “Utopian Movements: Nikki Giovanni and the Convocation Following the Virginia Tech Massacre,” *African American Review* 45.3 (Fall 2012): 341-353.
- 2012 “Toward the Integration of Theatre History and Affect Studies: Shame and The Rude Mechs’s *The Method Gun*,” *Theatre Journal* 64.2 (May 2012): 213-230.
- 2009 “Dances with Things: Material Culture and the Performance of Race,” *Social Text* 101 (December 2009): 67-94.
- 2007 “‘Never Born’: Angelina Weld Grimké’s *Rachel* as Ironic Response to Topsy.” *The Journal of American Drama and Theatre*, Volume 19, Number 2 (Spring 2007): 61-75.
- 2000/2001 “‘Too Realistic’ and ‘Too Distorted’: The Attack on Louise Fitzhugh’s *Harriet the Spy* and the Gaze of the Queer Child.” *Critical Matrix: The Princeton Journal of Women, Gender, and Culture* 12.1-2 (Fall 2000/Spring 2001): 26-47.
- 2000 “Rodney King, Shifting Modes of Vision, and Anna Deavere Smith’s *Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992*.” *Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism* 14.2 (Spring 2000): 121-134. Reprinted in *Contemporary Literary Criticism* Volume 241 (Detroit, MI: Thomson Gale).
- 1999 “Inventing a Fishbowl: White Supremacy and the Critical Reception of Lorraine Hansberry’s *A Raisin in the Sun*.” *Modern Drama* 42 (1999): 16-27. Reprinted in whole or in part in several Gale/Cengage publications, including *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism*, *Black Literature Criticism*, *Literary Themes for Students: Race and Prejudice*, and *Student Resource Centre*.

**INVITED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- 2017 “Jane Clark: A Newly-Available Slave Narrative,” *Common-Place*, forthcoming in Winter 2017 issue.

- 2016 "The Impact of Two Decades' Queer Theatre Scholarship: A Personal Narrative," *Theatre Topics* 26.1 (March 2016): 38-39.
- 2013 "Toys are Good for Us: Why We Should Embrace the Historical Integration of Children's Literature, Material Culture, and Play," *Children's Literature Association Quarterly* 38.4 (Winter 2013): 458-463. Invited contribution to "Forum: Manifestos from the 2013 Children's Literature Association Conference."
- 2011 "Children's Books, Dolls, and the Performance of Race; Or, The Possibility of Children's Literature," *PMLA* 126.1 (January 2011): 160-169. Invited contribution to "Theories and Methodologies: Children's Literature."

### **INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS**

- n.d. "Teaching, Feeling," accepted for publication in *To Make Their Way in the World: The Peabody Museum's Daguerreotypes*, ed. Ilisa Barbash, Molly Rogers, and Deborah Willis. Book manuscript currently under review.
- 2018 "Performance," in *Keywords for Children's Literature and Culture*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, ed. Philip Nel, Lissa Paul, and Nina Christensen (New York: New York University Press), under contract.
- 2015 "African American Children and Childhood," refereed annotated bibliography, *Oxford Bibliographies in Childhood Studies*, Oxford University Press.
- 2013 "Childhood as Performance," in *The Children's Table: Childhood Studies in the Humanities*, ed. Anna Mae Duane (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2013): 203-212.
- 2011 "The Queerness of Harriet the Spy," in *Over the Rainbow: Queer Children's Literature*, Kenneth B. Kidd and Michelle A. Abate, eds. (University of Michigan Press, 2011): 111-120.
- 2010 "Staging Lesbian and Gay New York," in *The Cambridge Companion to the Literature of New York City*, Bryan Waterman and Cyrus R. K. Patell, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 2010): 202-217.

### **OP-ED**

- 2017 "Let Black Kids Just Be Kids." *New York Times*, 26 July 2017, p. A23; also online at <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/26/opinion/black-kids-discrimination.html>.

### **ACADEMIC ADVICE COLUMNS**

- 2017 "How to Talk to Famous Professors." *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 5 July 2017, <http://www.chronicle.com/article/How-to-Talk-to-Famous/240518?cid=wcontentgrid>. Republished in *Chronicle Vitae*, 4

- August 2017, <https://chroniclevitae.com/news/1872-how-to-talk-to-famous-professors>.
- 2017 “Banish the Smarm.” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 30 May 2017, <http://www.chronicle.com/article/Banish-the-Smarm/240166>. Republished in Chronicle Vitae, 30 June 2017, <https://chroniclevitae.com/news/1845-banish-the-smarm> and in print edition of the *Chronicle*, Vol. LXII, no. 40 (7 July 2017), pp. 29-30.
- 2017 “You Are Not a Public Utility.” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 19 April 2017, <http://www.chronicle.com/article/You-Are-Not-a-Public-Utility/239813>. Republished in Chronicle Vitae, 26 May 2017, <https://chroniclevitae.com/news/1810-you-are-not-a-public-utility> and in print edition of the *Chronicle*, Vol. LXIII, no. 36 (12 May 2017).
- 2017 “The Art of ‘No.’” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 19 March 2017, <http://www.chronicle.com/article/The-Art-of-No-/239508/>. Republished in Chronicle Vitae, 7 April 2017, <https://chroniclevitae.com/news/1757-the-art-of-no> and in print edition of the *Chronicle*, Vol. LXIII, no. 32 (14 April 2017), p. 40.

### **OTHER WRITING**

- 2017 “Alison Bechdel’s *Fun Home*,” contribution to John Michael Baglione, “Books on Repeat: Faculty Share the Literature that Keeps Calling them Back,” *Harvard Gazette*, commencement issue, 19 May 2017 <<http://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2017/05/harvard-faculty-share-the-books-that-keep-them-coming-back/>>.
- 2015 “*Borderlands/La Frontera* by Gloria Anzaldúa,” contribution to article, “These 34 Books Make Up the Most Epic Feminist Reading List Ever,” *Teen Vogue*, September 2015. <<http://www.teenvogue.com/gallery/feminist-literature-womens-equality-day#3>>
- 2012 “To My 15-Year-Old Self: Things I Wish I’d Known.” Invited entry for CNN.com, “Leading Women,” special feature for International Day of the Girl, 11 October 2012. <http://us.cnn.com/2012/10/11/world/gallery/international-day-of-the-girl/index.html> (click on 11th thumbnail image)
- 2012 “‘A Wonderful Defense of Slavery’?: Joel Chandler Harris’s Reading of Uncle Tom’s Cabin,” in “Uncle Tom’s Cabin in the National Era.” Invited guest blog entry for the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center in Hartford, CT, 22 April 2012. <http://nationalera.wordpress.com/2012/04/22/a-wonderful-defense-of-slavery/>.

### **BOOK REVIEWS (SELECTED)**

- 2015 *Civil Rights Childhood: Picturing Liberation in African American Photobooks*, by Katharine Capshaw, *Children’s Literature* 43 (2015): 274-278.

- 2013 *Acts of Gaiety: LGBT Performance and the Politics of Pleasure*, by Sara Warner, *Theatre Journal* 65.3 (October 2013): 450-451.
- 2011 *Lady Dicks and Lesbian Brothers: Staging the Unimaginable at the WOW Café Theatre*, by Kate Davy, *Women's Review of Books* 28.4 (July/August 2011): 6-7.
- 2009 *Self-Taught: African American Education in Slavery and Freedom*, by Heather Andrea Williams, *Southern Cultures* 15.1 (Spring 2009): 87-89.
- 2009 *Clinging to Mammy: The Faithful Slave in Twentieth-Century America*, by Micki McElya, *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth* 2.1 (Winter 2009): 151-153.
- 1998 *Staging the Jew: The Performance of an American Ethnicity, 1860-1920*, by Harley Erdman. *Theatre Journal* 50.1 (1998): 129-131.
- 1998 *Stagestruck: Theatre, AIDS, and the Marketing of Gay America* by Sarah Schulman. *The Harvard Gay and Lesbian Review* 5.4 (1998): 58-59.
- 1997 *This Mad Masquerade: Stardom and Masculinity in the Jazz Age*, by Gaylyn Studlar. *American Studies International* 35.3 (1997): 107-108.
- 1995 *Tilting the Tower: Lesbians Teaching Queer Subjects*, edited by Linda Garber. *The Harvard Gay and Lesbian Review* (Summer 1995): 37-38.
- 1995 *Generation Next: Not the Only One: Lesbian and Gay Fiction for Teens* edited by Tony Grima and *School's Out: The Impact of Gay and Lesbian Issues on America's Schools* by Dan Woog. *Lambda Book Report* (July/Aug. 1995): 28.
- 1995 *Out of the Class Closet: Lesbians Speak*, edited by Julia Penelope. *Belles Lettres* (Spring 1995): 90.
- 1995 *Sophia Parnok: The Life and Work of Russia's Sappho*, by Diana Lewis Burgin. *Belles Lettres* (Spring 1995): 90.
- 1994 *Presence and Desire: Essays on Gender, Sexuality, Performance*, by Jill Dolan. *The Harvard Gay and Lesbian Review* (Fall 1994): 39.
- 1994 *She's Always Liked the Girls Best: Lesbian Plays*, by Claudia Allen. *The Lesbian Review of Books* (Summer 1994): 26.
- 1994 *Alias Olympia*, by Eunice Lipton. *The Harvard Gay and Lesbian Review* (Spring 1994): 38.
- 1994 *A Literature of One's Own: Am I Blue? Coming Out from Silence* edited by Marion Dane Bauer and *Growing Up Gay: A Literary Anthology* edited by Bennett L. Singer. *The Harvard Gay and Lesbian Review* (Spring 1994): 23-26.

#### **ENTRIES IN REFERENCE BOOKS**

- 2016 "Angelina Weld Grimké," in *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Modernism*, ed. Penny Farfan.
- 2001 "Louise Fitzhugh's *Harriet the Spy*," in *Censorship: A World Encyclopedia*, Derek Jones, ed. Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 2001.
- 1997 "Sholem Asch," "Alison Bechdel," and "Marijane Meaker," in *Gay and Lesbian Literature*, Tom and Sara Pendergast, eds. Full Circle Publishing, 1997.



- 1993 “Lesléa Newman,” in *Contemporary Lesbian Writers of the United States: A Bio-Bibliographical Critical Sourcebook*, Denise Knight and Sandra Pollack, eds. Greenwood Press, 1993.

**FACULTY SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA, AND WORKING SESSIONS ORGANIZED**

- 2017 “American Studies in Performance,” Exploratory Seminar co-convened with Stephanie Batiste and Brian Herrera, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study
- 2014 “Writing Lesbian Histories,” Advanced Seminar co-organized with Susan Lanser and Valerie Traub, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study
- 2013 “Sexuality Studies Workshop,” co-organized with Nancy Krieger, Afsaneh Najmabadi, and Sarah Richardson, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study
- 2013 & 2012 “Everyday Life: Histories of the Ordinary, Persistent, and Repeated,” Working Session co-organized with Kyla Wazana Tompkins, American Society for Theatre Research
- 2012-2013 “Everyday Life: The Textures and Politics of the Ordinary, Persistent, and Repeated,” Faculty Seminar co-organized with Lizabeth Cohen and co-led with Samuel Zipp, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University.
- 2011 “Performing Lesbian Archives,” a two-day symposium plus live performance at the University of Texas at Austin. Sole curator and convener. Sponsored by the Donald D. Harrington Faculty Fellows Program with support from the University of Texas at Austin Department of Theatre and Dance, the LGBTQ Research Cluster, and the John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies.
- 2008-2010 “Performance in Historical Paradigms Working Group”
- 2010 With Ioana Szeman, curated a series of linked panels and summary discussion at Performance Studies International, Toronto, Canada.
- 2009 With Paige McGinley and Sophie Nield, curated and moderated “On History and Performance,” a double-length “state of the field” panel discussion, at the Performance Studies Focus Group pre-conference to Association for Theatre in Higher Education, New York City.
- 2008 With Ioana Szeman, curated and moderated a series of linked panels and summary discussion at Performance Studies International, Copenhagen, Denmark.

**NAMED LECTURES, KEYNOTES, AND PLENARIES**

- 2018 Title TBD, three-lecture series and Short-Term Residential Fellowship, Humanities Center, University of Pittsburgh, scheduled April-May 2018
- 2017 “Children, Literature, Things: On Going-to-Bed Books,” Keynote, 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Congress of the International Research Society for Children’s Literature, York University, Toronto, Canada

- 2016 “Black Freedom Visions, White Supremacist Nightmares: The Painting Performances of William Wells Brown and George J. Mastin” Plenary Presentation, American Society for Theatre Research, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 “Freedom in the Prison’s Shadow: The Short Life and Hard Times of William Freeman,” University Lecture, Cornell University
- 2015 “Black Childhood on Trial: The Tragedy of William Freeman,” Sidney Kaplan Memorial Lecture, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- 2014 “From Racial Innocence to Racial Guilt: Trayvon Martin and So Many More,” Second Annual Childhood Studies Lecture, Rutgers University, Camden
- 2012 “Psychological Damage or Resistance? Re-Evaluating the Clark Doll Tests through the Lens of Performance Studies,” The Robert M. Gay Memorial Lecture, Simmons College.

### INVITED LECTURES

- 2018 Title TBD, invited presentation at “Writing History through Childhood” conference, Northwestern University, scheduled October 2018
- 2017 “The Tragedy of William Freeman: A Story of Mass Murder, Slavery, and Convict Labor in the North,” American Studies Consortium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2015 “Black Childhood on Trial: The Tragedy of William Freeman,” University of Chicago
- 2015 “Black Childhood on Trial: The Tragedy of William Freeman,” Princeton University
- 2015 “Feelings are Historical: Racial Innocence and the Death of Trayvon Martin,” Bridgewater State University
- 2015 “Resistance, Not Psychological Damage: Re-Evaluating the Clark Doll Tests,” George Washington University
- 2014 “‘I’m very happy to be in the reality-based community’: Alison Bechdel’s *Fun Home*, Digital Photography, and the Presidency of George W. Bush,” Princeton University
- 2014 “‘I’m proud to be part of the reality-based community’: The Stakes of Analogical and Digital Photography in Alison Bechdel’s *Fun Home*,” University of Pennsylvania
- 2014 “Resistance, Not Psychological Damage: Re-Evaluating the Clark Doll Tests,” Bryn Mawr College
- 2014 “Feelings are Historical: Racial Innocence and the Death of Trayvon Martin,” Middlebury College
- 2014 “Paradoxy: Lesbians and the Everyday Art of the Impossible, Institute for Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Columbia University
- 2013 “Trayvon Martin and So Many More: Racial Innocence Today,” Brandeis University
- 2013 “Masculine Things: Lesbian Scripts and the Nonhuman,” at “Perception and the Nonhuman,” Pembroke Roundtable at the Pembroke Center, Brown University

- 2013 “Signposts on a Road Less Taken: John Newton Hyde’s Anti-Racist Images of African American Children,” Kansas State University
- 2013 “Lesbian Performances of Impossibility in Cheryl Dunye’s *The Watermelon Woman* and Phranc’s Cardboard Sculptures,” Brown University
- 2013 “Psychological Damage or Resistance? Re-Evaluating the Clark Doll Tests,” Northwestern University
- 2012 “Psychological Damage or Resistance? Re-Evaluating the Clark Doll Tests,” American Studies Summer Institute, “Knowledge and Power: The Impact of ‘Intelligence’ on American Political Life and Culture, Past and Present,” the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum and the University of Massachusetts Boston
- 2012 “Going Down in Lesbian History: k.d. lang and Cindy Crawford on the Cover of *Vanity Fair*, 1993,” “Resoundingly Queer” conference, Cornell University
- 2011 “Childhood as Performance,” “Spotlight Panel” of Multiple Childhoods/Multidisciplinary Perspectives: Interrogating Normativity in Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, Camden
- 2011 “The Stellar Burdens of Shame,” University of Texas at Austin
- 2011 “Psychological Damage or Resistance? Re-Evaluating the Clark Doll Tests,” Center for Women’s and Gender Studies and the Childhood and Youth Research Cluster, University of Texas at Austin
- 2011 “The Stellar Burdens of Shame,” World Performance Project, Yale University
- 2011 “Inherited Repertoires, Resistant Subjects: Revisiting the Clark Doll Tests as Performance,” Brown University
- 2010 “‘A Tear is an Intellectual Thing’: The Performance of Pain in Kenneth and Mamie Clark’s Doll Experiments,” University of Connecticut at Storrs
- 2010 “The Race of Dolls,” University of Pittsburgh
- 2010 “‘A Tear is an Intellectual Thing’: The Performance of Pain in Kenneth and Mamie Clark’s Doll Experiments,” Cornell University
- 2009 “Black Dolls, Girls, and the Performance of Pain,” Williams College
- 2008 “Dances with Things,” Photographic Memory Workshop, Yale University
- 2007 “Making White Girls into Mistresses: Slavery, Race, and *Raggedy Ann Stories*,” Women and Society University Seminar, Columbia University

**OTHER INVITED UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS**

- 2017 Graduate Workshop Leader, “The Craft of the Article: Writing ‘Dances with Things: Material Culture and the Performance of Race,’” University of Michigan Ann Arbor
- 2017 Roundtable Speaker, “Performance in American Cultures,” University of Michigan Ann Arbor
- 2016 Co-Leader, walking tour of Auburn, New York’s nineteenth-century African American historical sites, sponsored by Cornell University

- 2015 Speaker, “‘I’m very happy to be in the reality-based community’: Alison Bechdel’s *Fun Home*, Digital Photography, and the Presidency of George W. Bush,” Graduate Student Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2013 Speaker, “‘There’s No Outside’: Queer Embodiment under Late Capitalism,” Mellon Graduate Workshop, Brown University
- 2013 Speaker, “The Making of *Racial Innocence*,” Critical American Studies Working Group, Northwestern University
- 2012 Panelist, “State of the Field Symposium: Performing Childhood Studies,” Texas A&M University
- 2012 Public Conversation with Professor William Gleason, Princeton University
- 2012 Panelist, “*The Owls*, produced by Alexandra Juhasz and directed by Cheryl Dunye,” Yale University
- 2010 Panelist, “Archiving Performance/The Performance as Archive,” University of Texas at Austin

**INVITED EXPLORATORY SEMINARS AND ROUNDTABLES AT HARVARD AND RADCLIFFE**

- 2015 & 2012 “Peabody Museum Daguerreotypes: An Interdisciplinary Interrogation,” Exploratory Seminar at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study
- 2012 “Roundtable on *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*,” W. E. B. Du Bois Institute
- 2008 “Performing Marks,” Exploratory Seminar at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study

**CONFERENCE ROUNDTABLES**

- 2017 “Field Conversation: Juggling it All,” American Society for Theatre Research, Chicago, IL, scheduled November 2017
- 2017 “Field Conversation: Publishing Books: From Proposal to Press,” American Society for Theatre Research, Chicago, IL, scheduled November 2017
- 2016 “Surviving the Dissertation,” American Society for Theatre Research, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 “Mentoring Graduate Students for the Job Market,” American Society for Theatre Research, Portland, OR
- 2015 “How to Publish a Book with an Academic Press,” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Montreal, Canada
- 2015 “LGBTQ Historical Scholarship: What Was it Like 20 Years Ago?” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Montreal, Canada
- 2013 “Here and Now: The Critical Possibilities of the Textured Present,” American Studies Association, Washington, DC
- 2013 “Publish, Don’t Perish: Books,” American Society for Theatre Research, Dallas, TX
- 2013 “(‘Black’) American Play: Re-visiting Eric Lott’s *Love and Theft* 20 Years Later,” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Orlando, FL

- 2013 “Critical Possibilities of the Textured Present,” Performance Studies International, Stanford University, CA
- 2013 “Children’s Literature: The Only Genre Defined through Material Culture,” in “Taking a Risk: Manifestos for the Study of Children’s Literature,” Children’s Literature Association, Biloxi, MS
- 2012 “Notable Books of 2011,” panel discussion of co-winners for the Outstanding Book Award, Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Washington, DC
- 2012 “Spotlight on New Works,” panel sponsored by the Black Theatre Association, American Theatre and Drama Society, and Latino Studies Focus Group, Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Washington, DC
- 2012 “Publishing Requirements for Promotion and Tenure: A Roundtable Discussion of Current Problems and Possible Solutions,” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Washington, DC
- 2000 “Re-Placing Women: Is Identity Politics Dead?,” Women and Theatre Program Conference, Washington, DC

#### **FORMAL RESPONSES**

- 2014 “Epistemologies of Childhood in the Golden Age,” C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2012 “Foundational Documents: The Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution,” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Washington, DC
- 2008 “Just Out: New Publications in American Theatre and Drama,” respondent to Kim Marra’s *Strange Duets: Impresarios and Actresses in the American Theatre, 1865-1914*, Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Denver, CO
- 2008 “Photography/Performance,” Photographic Proofs: A Conference on Image, History, and Memory, Yale University
- 2007 “Can Gender Studies be a Discipline?,” talk by Juliet Mitchell, Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program and the Women Faculty Forum, Yale University

#### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

- 2017 “The Tragedy of William Freeman: How a Murder Case Involving No Black Children Became a Referendum on Black Childhood,” Society for the History of Childhood and Youth, Philadelphia, PA
- 2015 “‘I’m very happy to be in the reality-based community’: How Alison Bechdel’s *Fun Home* Stages an Act of Resistance against George W. Bush,” The Stakes of Digital Scholarship of Theatre and Performance Working Group, American Society for Theatre Research, Portland, OR

- 2013 “‘I’m proud to be part of the reality-based community’: Photography and the Stakes of Everyday Reality in Alison Bechdel’s *Fun Home*,” American Literature Association, Boston, MA
- 2013 “The Queer Contest between Modern and Postmodern Modes of Vision in Alison Bechdel’s *Fun Home*,” Modern Language Association, Boston, MA
- 2012 “John Newton Hyde’s Anti-Racist Illustrations of African American Children,” Children’s Literature Association, Boston, MA
- 2011 “Raggedy Ann and the Racial Scripts of Book-Doll Combination,” American Studies Association, Baltimore, MD
- 2011 “Children’s Culture and the Persistence of Blackface Minstrelsy,” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Chicago, IL
- 2011 “How George Aiken Quoted Artist Hammatt Billings--And Why It Matters,” Harriet Beecher Stowe at 200: Home, Nation, and Place in the 21st Century, Bowdoin College
- 2011 “A ‘Wonderful Defense of Slavery’? Joel Chandler Harris’s Reading of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*,” Harriet Beecher Stowe at 200: Home, Nation, and Place in the 21st Century, Bowdoin College
- 2011 “Touching, Feeling, Moving: Performances of Butch Lesbian Affect,” “Performing Lesbian Archives: A Symposium,” University of Texas at Austin
- 2010 “‘Stand Up, Dolly: One African American Girl’s Resistant School Performance, 1891,” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 “Judith Butler and Jocks: Teaching Performance Studies in a General Education Program,” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 “Black Dolls, Blackface: Children’s Domestic Minstrelsy,” Performance Studies International, Toronto, Canada
- 2010 “Children’s Reading, Children’s Playing: A New Perspective on Blackface Performance, C19: The Society of Nineteenth Century Americanists, Pennsylvania State University
- 2009 “Scriptive Books: E. W. Kemble’s *A Coon Alphabet*,” American Literature Association, Boston, MA
- 2008 “Touching Eva, Touching Tom/Touching Eva Touching Tom,” Home, School, Play, Work: The Visual and Textual Worlds of Children, Conference of the Center for Historical American Visual Culture and the Program in the History of the Book in American Culture at the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, MA
- 2008 “Joel Chandler Harris’s Reconstruction of Uncle Tom’s Cabin,” American Studies Association, Albuquerque, NM
- 2008 “Scriptive Things,” Performance Studies International, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2007 “Harnessing the Dramatic Instinct,” American Society for Theatre Research, Phoenix, AZ

- 2006 “Surrogation: The Hinge between ‘Real Children’ and ‘The Child.’”  
American Society for Theatre Research, Chicago, IL
- 2005 “L is for Longing.” Paper in panel, “Photography and Memory:  
Relearning the Critical Alphabet.” Thinking Photography (Again): An  
International Conference on Photography Studies, University of Durham,  
UK
- 2005 “*Raggedy Ann Stories* and Children’s Performances of the Old South.”  
Performing Childhood: The Conference of the Children’s Literature  
Association, Winnipeg, Canada
- 2005 “The Literary Management of Reproduction: *Raggedy Ann Stories* and the  
Training of Child-Consumers.” American Literature Association, Boston,  
MA
- 2004 “The Continuity between Good and Bad Taste: James Whitcomb Riley as  
Hawker of Patent Medicine and Nationalist Poetry.” American Society for  
Theatre Research, Las Vegas, NV
- 2004 “Storytime: Re-Imagining the Civil War through the Space of the  
Nursery.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Toronto, Canada
- 2003 “Using Performance Theory to Analyze Racist Collectibles.” American  
Studies Association, Hartford, CT
- 2001 “Talismans of the Middle Class: Nineteenth-Century Postmortem  
Daguerreotypes of Children.” American Studies Association, Washington,  
DC
- 2000 “Minstrelsy and the Enfreakment of Little Eva.” Association for Theatre  
in Higher Education, Washington, DC
- 1999 “Collecting Exotics: Realism, White Supremacy, and the Critical  
Reception of Lorraine Hansberry’s *A Raisin in the Sun*.” Modern  
Language Association, Chicago, IL
- 1999 “The White Girl on the Minstrel’s Knee: Little Eva, Uncle Tom, and the  
Cross-‘Racial’ Embrace.” American Studies Association, Montreal,  
Canada
- 1999 “Performing America: The Merging of American Studies and Performance  
Studies.” Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Toronto, Canada
- 1999 “‘Too Realistic’ and ‘Too Distorted’: The Attack on Louise Fitzhugh’s  
*Harriet the Spy* and the Gaze of the Queer Child.” American Literature  
Association, Baltimore, MD
- 1999 “‘Awakened by her loving touch’: A Perverse Reading of Popular  
Representations of Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan.” Popular Culture  
Association, San Diego, CA
- 1998 “A Living Museum of a Dead Race: Edwin Forrest in *Metamora*.”  
Association for Theatre in Higher Education, San Antonio, TX
- 1998 “Rodney King, Shifting Modes of Vision, and Anna Deavere Smith’s  
*Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992*.” Association for Theatre in Higher  
Education, San Antonio, TX

**PUBLIC HUMANITIES**

- 2016 Panelist, talkback following *Milk like Sugar*, by Kirsten Greenidge, Huntington Theatre, Boston, MA
- 2015 Featured Speaker, Humanities Forum following performance of the play *Choice*, by Winnie Holzman, Huntington Theatre, Boston, MA
- 2014 Producer, E. Patrick Johnson's one-man show, *Sweet Tea: Black Gay Men of the South*, Adams House Pool Theatre, Harvard University
- 2013 Featured Speaker, Humanities Forum following *Rapture, Blister, Burn*, Huntington Theatre, Boston, MA
- 2013 Panelist, talkback following theatrical adaptation of Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*, Huntington Theatre, Boston, MA
- 2012 Lecturer, "Uncle Tom's Cabin and Nineteenth-Century Material Culture," hour-long public presentation of archival materials, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Hartford, CT
- 2012 Performer, "Disco Dramaturgy," *Kyogen*-style performance during intermission of *The Lily's Revenge*, Oberon/American Repertory Theatre, Cambridge, MA
- 2012 Panelist, "The Brilliance of the American Theatre," book reading sponsored by the American Theatre and Drama Society, the Drama Book Shop, New York, NY
- 2007 Panelist, talkback following *The Veiled Monologues*, by Adelheid Roosen, American Repertory Theatre, Cambridge, MA
- 2006 Panelist, "Queer Theater History: Engaging Archival Evidence," New York Public Library for the Performing Arts
- 2001 Lecturer, "Lorraine Hansberry's Life and Work," presentation accompanying production of *The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window*, The American Century Theater, Washington, DC

**INVITED CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS--EXTERNAL**

- 2013 "Racial Innocence," in "Introduction to American Studies," Boston College
- 2013 "Racial Innocence and Children's Culture," in "Children's Literature," Wheaton College
- 2013 "Racial Innocence," in "Critical Approaches to Children's Literature," Kansas State University

**PRESENTATIONS AT HARVARD AND RADCLIFFE (SELECTED)**

- 2017 Public lecture, "The Tragedy of William Freeman: A Story of Mass Murder, Slavery, and Convict Labor in the North," American Literature and Culture Seminar, Mahindra Humanities Center
- 2017 Panelist, "Graduate Mentorship and Advising," sponsored by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Office for Faculty Affairs
- 2017 Panelist, "Subject and Subjectivity: Navigating Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Classroom," Program of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality



- 2016 Panelist, “So You Want to Be a Professor... Or Not!,” Program in American Studies
- 2016 Invited presentation, “African American Children and Childhood,” in Humanities section of graduate proseminar for African and African American Studies (AAAS 301)
- 2015 Public lecture, “Black Childhood on Trial: The Tragedy of William Freeman,” Drama Colloquium
- 2015 Roundtable Discussion, “What Gets Performed?” The Mellon School of Theater and Performance Research at Harvard University
- 2015 Public lecture, “‘I’m very happy to be in the reality-based community’: Alison Bechdel’s *Fun Home*, Digital Photography, and the Presidency of George W. Bush,” Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History
- 2015 Talkback following student production of the play *Clybourne Park* by Bruce Norris
- 2013 Introduction to Joan E. Biren’s 2003 film *No Secret Anymore*, Radcliffe Institute
- 2013 Invited speaker, Office of BGLTQ Student Life End of Year Dinner
- 2013 “Is Gender ‘Just an Act’? Thoughts on Gender and Performance,” Program of Studies in Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- 2013 Invited presentation, “John Newton Hyde’s Anti-Racist Illustrations of African American Children,” in Social Science section of graduate proseminar for African and African American Studies (AAAS 302)
- 2012 Public lecture, “Harvard Comes to the Harvard Club,” Harvard Club of Boston
- 2012 Opening Remarks and Welcome, The Queerness of Hip Hop/The Hip Hop of Queerness Symposium
- 2012 & 2011 Invited presentation, “Performance Studies: Race, Gender, Sexuality,” in Humanities section of graduate proseminar for African and African American Studies (AAAS 301)
- 2012 Formal response to George Paul Meiu, “‘Beach-Boy Elders’ and ‘Young Big-Men’: Queering the Temporalities of Aging in Kenya’s Ethno-Erotic Economies,” Harvard Africa Workshop.  
Video of event online at <http://vimeo.com/51532733>
- 2012 Public lecture, “‘Elvis is Alive—And She’s Beautiful!’ k.d. lang and the Erotics of Paradox on the Cover of *Vanity Fair*,” Gender and Sexuality Seminar, Mahindra Humanities Center
- 2012 “African and African American Studies Faculty Forum on *Racial Innocence*,” the Du Bois Institute
- 2012 “A Writer Series Event with Professor Robin Bernstein,” sponsored by the Harvard Foundation, the Department of African and African American Studies, and the Committee on Degrees in Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- 2011 Public lecture, “Psychological Damage or Resistance? Re-Evaluating the Clark Doll Tests through the Lens of Performance Studies,” Du Bois Institute Colloquium

- 2009 Public lecture, “Everyone is Impressed: Slavery as a Tender Embrace From Uncle Tom’s to Uncle Remus’s Cabin,” Gender and Sexuality Seminar, Harvard Humanities Center
- 2007 Panelist and formal presenter, “Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii: A Study in Resistance,” Women in Society Dinner for the Harvard-Radcliffe Women’s Leadership Conference
- 2007 Panelist, “GLBTQ Scholarship in Harvard’s Program of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality,” Harvard Gay and Lesbian Caucus
- 2006 Public lecture, “‘Never Born’: Angelina Weld Grimké’s *Rachel* as Ironic Response to Topsy,” Talking Shop: A Conference of the History and Literature Tutorial Board
- 2006 Public lecture, “Making White Girls into Mistresses: Slavery, Race, and *Raggedy Ann Stories*,” Humanities Center New Faculty Lunch Series
- 2006 Introduction to Mae West’s 1933 film, *She Done Him Wrong*, Radcliffe Institute

### **GRADUATE ADVISING**

#### ***Chair, Completed Doctoral Dissertations***

- 2016 Scott Poulson-Bryant (American Studies), “Everybody is a Star: Uplift, Citizenship, and the Cross-Racial Politics of 1970s US Popular Culture”  
Employment upon Graduation: Assistant Professor, Fordham University
- 2015 Rebecca Scofield (American Studies), “Riding Bareback: Imagining Sexuality and Gender in Rodeo”  
Employment upon Graduation: Assistant Professor, University of Idaho

#### ***Committee Member, Completed Doctoral Dissertations***

- 2017 Charrise Barron (African and African American Studies), “Crossover for Christ: Contemporary Gospel since the 1990s”  
Employment upon Graduation: Postdoctoral Fellow, Yale Institute of Sacred Music
- 2017 Lizzy Cooper Davis (African and African American Studies), “We Shall Overcome: A Social and Cultural History”  
Employment upon Graduation: Assistant Professor of Performing Arts, Emerson College
- 2017 Charita Gainey (African and African American Studies), “Strange Longings: Phillis Wheatley and the African American Literary Imagination”  
Employment upon Graduation: Not reported
- 2017 Sandy Placido (American Studies), “Radical Solidarities: The Transnational Life and Activism of Ana Livia Cordero”  
Employment upon Graduation: Postdoctoral Fellow, Oberlin College
- 2015 Emily Owens (African and African American Studies), “Fantasies of Consent: Black Women’s Sexual Labor in Nineteenth-Century New Orleans”  
Current Employment: Assistant Professor of History, Brown University

- Employment upon Graduation: Visiting Scholar, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 2015 Martin Woodside (Childhood Studies, Rutgers-Camden), “Growing West: American Boyhood and the Frontier Narrative”
- Employment upon Graduation: Senior Lecturer, University of the Arts
- 2013 Stephen Vider (American Studies), “No Place Like Home: A Cultural History of Gay Domesticity, 1948-1981”
- Current Employment: Visiting Assistant Professor of Public History, Bryn Mawr College
- Employment upon Graduation: Cassius Marcellus Clay Postdoctoral Fellow in the History of Sexuality, Yale University.
- 2012 Michelle Liu Carriger (Theatre Arts and Performance Studies, Brown University), “Theatricality of the Closet: Clothing Controversies in Victorian Britain and Meiji Japan”
- Current Employment: Assistant Professor, Department of Theater, University of California, Los Angeles
- Employment upon Graduation: Lecturer in Drama, Theatre, and Performance Studies, Queen Mary, University of London

***Chair, Doctoral Dissertations in Progress***

- Amanda “Amy” Fish (American Studies), “Cross-Age Aesthetics: Child-Adult Literary Collaborations in the 1965-1975 United States”
- Michael Sasha King (American Studies), “Melancholic Practices: Mapping a Diasporic Space in the Midst of Recursive Conditions”
- Christofer Rodelo (American Studies, co-chair with Lorgia Garcia-Peña), currently untitled dissertation about Latinx performance history

***Committee Member, Doctoral Dissertations in Progress***

- Bradley Craig (African and African American Studies), “Wild Intimacy: Diaspora, Marronage, and Belonging in the Revolutionary Atlantic World”
- Andrew Donnelly (English), “Race, Sex, Gender, and Labor in U.S. Literature 1850-1896”
- Amy Huang (Theatre Arts and Performance Studies, Brown University), “Nineteenth-Century Spectacular Secrecy”
- Lisa Kelly (JD/Ph.D., Harvard School of Law), “Contested Childhoods: The Law and Politics of Compulsory Schooling”
- Cary Aileen Garcia Yero (History), “Building *Cubinidad*: Race, Nation and the Arts in Cuba, 1938-1963”

***Oral Examinations***

- 2018 Jovonna Jones (African and African American Studies), “Performance Studies”
- 2018 Jonathan Karp (American Studies), “Performance Studies”
- 2017 Mary McNeil (American Studies), “Theories of Race, Gender, and Sexuality”

- 2017 William Pruitt (African and African American Studies), "Performance Studies"
- 2017 Allison Puglisi (American Studies), "Theories of Race, Gender, and Sexuality"
- 2017 Christofer Rodelo (American Studies), "US Theater and Performance Studies"
- 2016 Andrew Block (American Studies), "Performance Studies"
- 2016 Lucie Steinberg (American Studies), "Performance Studies"
- 2015 Bradley Craig (African and African American Studies), "Theorizing Gender, Sexuality, and Race"
- 2015 Andrew Donnelly (Department of English), "Theories of Race, Gender, and Sexuality"
- 2015 Amanda "Amy" Fish (American Studies), "Performance Studies"
- 2015 Kyle Gipson (American Studies), "Performance Studies/Queer Studies"
- 2015 Michael King (American Studies), "Performance Studies"
- 2013 Rebecca Scofield (American Studies), "American Popular Culture"
- 2012 Charrise Barron (African and African American Studies), "Race and Performance"
- 2012 Charita Gainey (African and African American Studies), "The Family in African American Literature"
- 2012 Emily Owens (African and African American Studies), "Theories of Race, Gender, and Sexuality"
- 2012 Sandy Placido (American Studies), "Performing Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Citizenship"
- 2011 Scott Poulson-Bryant (American Studies), "Race, Performance Theory and Theater"
- 2010 Lisa Kelly (JD/PhD, Harvard School of Law), "History of Childhood"
- 2009 Maude "Maggie" Gates (American Studies), "Childhood Studies"
- 2007 Phyllis Thompson (American Studies), "Representations of Gender, Race, the Family, and the Body"

**UNDERGRADUATE THESES ADVISED**

- 2015-2016 Andrea Mirviss (History and Literature and African and African American Studies), "'Is it True then that I Have the Whole Race to Work For?' Developing a Talented Tenth in *Brownies' Book Readers*." Winner, Alain Locke Prize, Department of African and African American Studies.
- 2012-2013 Camille Owens (Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality and History and Literature), "Respectability's Girl: Images of Black Girlhood Innocence, 1920-2013."
- 2009-2010 Andrés Castro Samayoa (Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality), "Que(e)rying Harvard Men, 1941-1951: A Project on Oral Histories."
- 2007-2008 Genevieve Bonadies (Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality and History and Literature), "Viewing Post-War Black Politics through a New Lens: Tracing Changes in Ann Petry's Conception of 'The Child,' 1939-1970."

2006-2007 Tracy Nowski (Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality), “The Inviability of Balance: Performing Female Political Candidacy.” Winner, Hoopes Prize.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### ***Harvard University***

Race, Gender, and Performance (General Education/Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding 26), Spring 2018, Fall 2011, Fall 2009  
Childhood in African America (African and African American Studies 186x), Fall 2017, Spring 2016, Fall 2013  
African American Theatre and Performance (African and African American Studies 120x), Spring 2017, Fall 2012, Fall 2013  
Foundational Concepts and Texts in the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality (Women, Gender, and Sexuality 97, sophomore-level introduction to the major), Spring 2017, Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2010, Spring 2008, Spring 2007, Fall 2005  
Graduate Proseminar in Studies in Women, Gender, and Sexuality (Women, Gender, and Sexuality 2000), Spring 2016, Spring 2014  
Everyday Life: The Textures and Politics of the Ordinary, Persistent, and Repeated (History 2467hf, co-taught with Samuel Zipp), Fall 2012 and Spring 2013  
Queer of Color Theory (African and African American Studies 183x), Fall 2012  
Topics in Advanced Performance Studies: Gender and Sexuality (Women, Gender, and Sexuality 1433), Fall 2011  
American Youth Cultures (History and Literature 97; co-taught with Lauren Brandt), Spring 2010  
Performing America (History and Literature 90q), Fall 2009  
Liberties and Limits: Reading and Writing U.S. Experiences, 1776-1876 (History and Literature 97, co-taught with Katherine Stebbins McCaffrey), Spring 2008.  
The Nadir of Civil Rights: Race in the U.S. at the Turn of the Twentieth Century (History and Literature 90c), Fall 2007  
Gender and Performance (Women, Gender, and Sexuality 1133), Fall 2007 and Fall 2006  
“The American Century”? (History and Literature 97b, co-taught with Amy Kittelstrom), Harvard University, Spring 2007  
Logics and Centers of Gravity in U.S. History and Literature” (History and Literature 97a, co-taught with Amy Kittelstrom), Harvard University, Fall 2006.  
Tomboys, Angels, and Dolls: Girls in American Culture (Women, Gender, and Sexuality 1408), Spring 2006  
Gender and the Cultures of U.S. Imperialism (Women, Gender, and Sexuality 1203), Spring 2005  
Introduction to Transnational Feminist Thought (Women, Gender, and Sexuality 97), Fall 2004

#### ***Yale University***

Youth Cultures in Twentieth-Century America (American Studies S-429), Summer 2003

Gender and Performance in American Culture (American Studies 415b), Spring 2003

*George Washington University*

Performing America (American Studies 198), Spring 1999

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION (SELECTED)**

- 2016-2017 Member, Editorial Board, *Theatre Survey*  
2014-2017 Member, Editorial Board, *Signs*  
2014-2017 Member, Book Review Committee, *Signs*  
2016-2018 Member, Advisory Board, *Keywords for Children's Literature and Culture*, ed. Philip Nel, Lissa Paul, and Nina Christensen (New York: New York University Press)  
2013- Elected member, American Antiquarian Society  
2011- Member, Editorial Advisory Committee, *New England Theatre Journal*  
2012-2015 Elected member, Executive Committee, American Society for Theatre Research  
2013-2015 Elected member, Conference Committee, American Society for Theatre Research  
2014-2015 Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Mentorship, American Society for Theatre Research  
2013-2014 Chair, Task Force on Engagement, American Society for Theatre Research  
2012-2014 Member, Membership Committee, C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists  
2012 Invited nominator (unsolicited nominations are not permitted), Alpert Award in the Arts, theatre division  
2010 "Networking for the Shy," workshop for graduate students, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Theatre and Dance  
2009-2010 Member, Awards and Honors Committee, American Theatre and Drama Society  
2009 Member, Conference Committee, "Destined for Men: Visual Materials for Male Audiences, 1750-1880," conference of the Center for Historic American Visual Culture, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, MA  
2007-2008 "Hardcore Offender" (recognized ally of Theater Offensive, Boston's queer theatre)  
2004-2007 Listserv Manager, Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers Study Group  
2007 Organizer, meeting of the Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers Study Group at the Radcliffe Institute, Cambridge, MA  
2004-2007 Member at Large, Women and Theatre Program  
2002-2004 Co-Coordinator, Photographic Memory Workshop, Yale University  
1998-2003 Graduate Student Representative, Board of the American Theatre and Drama Society

- 2000 Single-time consultant to Kathleen Hulser, Public Historian, New-York Historical Society, regarding NYHS exhibit on *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in American culture
- 1996 Editor, "Report of the Task Force on Achieving Excellence in Undergraduate Education," University of Maryland, College Park

**REVIEWING, REFEREEING, AND JUDGING (EXTERNAL)**

- 2012-2006- Tenure and Promotion Evaluator: confidential list available upon request.  
Referee, The University of Michigan Press, University of Illinois Press, Rutgers University Press, Northwestern University Press, *GLQ*, *The Journal of the History of Sexuality*, *Theatre Journal*, *The Journal of American Drama and Theatre*, *The New England Theatre Journal*, *The Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*, *The Lion and the Unicorn*, *Children's Literature Association Quarterly*, *Girlhood Studies*, *Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy*, *Genre: Forms of Discourse and Culture*
- 2014-2015 Chair, Barnard Hewitt Book Award Committee, American Society for Theatre Research
- 2013-2014 Member, Barnard Hewitt Book Award Committee, American Society for Theatre Research
- 2014 Chair, Committee to Award Fass-Sandin Prize for Best Article, Society for the History of Children and Youth
- 2007-2013 Evaluator, Boston Social Innovation Forum, "Women and Girls" division, 2012-2013, 2009-2010 and 2007-2008 (member of committee charged with awarding \$70,000-\$115,000 in funding and services to a Boston-based nonprofit that serves women or girls)
- 2012-2013 Member, Outstanding Book Award Committee, Association for Theatre in Higher Education
- 2012 Member, Crompton-Noll Award Committee, given by the Modern Language Association for the best essay in LGBTQ Studies
- 2012 & 2011 Judge, Lambda Literary Awards, category of drama
- 2011-2012 Member, Outstanding Article Award Committee, Association for Theatre in Higher Education
- 2011-2012 Member, Collaborative Research Award Committee, American Society for Theatre Research
- 2011-2012 Grant Reviewer, Killam Research Fellowship (Canada)
- 2010-2011 Chair, Vera Mowry Roberts Research and Publication Award Committee, American Theatre and Drama Society
- 2010-2011 Grant Reviewer, American Association of University Women
- 2008-2009 Member, Marshall and Keller Travel Award Committee, American Society for Theatre Research
- 2006 Judge, Jane Chambers Playwriting Award

**SERVICE TO HARVARD (SELECTED)**

- 2016- Chair, Program of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality. Narrative list of accomplishments as Chair available upon request.
- 2006- Member, Standing Committee and Executive Committee in the Program of Studies in Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- 2008- Member, Standing Committee on Higher Degrees in American Studies (formerly History of American Civilization)
- 2013- Member, Standing Committee on Theatre, Dance, and Media (formerly Dramatic Arts), Harvard University
- 2015-2018 Member, Committee to Appoint F. O Matthiessen Visiting Professor of Gender and Sexuality
- 2016-2017 Faculty Advisor, Black C.A.S.T. (African American student theatre group)
- 2016-2017 Faculty Mentor to Vivian Huang, College Fellow, jointly appointed in Theatre, Dance, and Media and in Studies in Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- 2016-2017 Chair, Committee to Hire an Assistant Professor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- 2016-2017 Chair, Committee to Hire a Tenured Full Professor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- 2016-2017 Chair, WGS Nominations Committee, the William Lyon Mackenzie King Visiting Professor of Canadian Studies, Weatherhead Center. The Committee's nomination of Charmaine Nelson succeeded, and Nelson was awarded the position.
- 2016-2017 Co-Producer (with Evelyn Hammonds), staged reading of Jewelle Gomez's play, *Waiting for Giovanni: A Dream Play* (in collaboration with Harry Waters, Jr.), followed by panel discussion and comment by Jewelle Gomez
- 2017 Contributor, "A Master Class on Houghton Library"  
<<http://houghton75.org/?artwork=robin-bernstein>>
- 2015-2016 & 2013-2014 Director of Graduate Studies, Program of Studies in Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- 2015-2016, 2013-2014, & 2007-2008 Co-Chair (with George Paul Meiu, Sophia Roosth, Nancy Cott, and Afsaneh Najmabadi), Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Research Workshop, "Interdisciplinary Gender and Sexuality Workshop" for graduate students
- 2015-2017 & 2013-2014 Member, Administrative Committee, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History
- 2015-2017 & 2011-2013 Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, African and African American Studies
- 2015-2016 Member, Screening Committee, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- 2015-2016 Member and Representative of the Department of African and African American Studies, Second Year Review Committee for Assistant Professor George Paul Meiu
- 2015-2016 Member, Search Committee, position in Theatre and Performance Studies, Department of English
- 2016 Organizer, "Inclusivity and Indie Authors: The Case for Community-Based Publishing," public talk by author Zetta Elliott



- 2015 Member, Search Committee, Curator of the Harvard Theatre Collection
- 2013-2014 Member, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Committee on Student Life
- 2013-2014 Member, Search Committee, joint position in Modern Gender and Culture, Department of History and Program in History and Literature
- 2013-2014 Member, Massey Lecture Committee, Program American Studies
- 2014 Member, Committee to Award Eugene R. Cummings Thesis Prize for GLBTQ Studies
- 2012-2013, 2009-2010, & 2007-2008 Member, Board of Directors, Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies (Representative of Harvard University)
- 2013 & 2012 Member, Senior Honors Ranking Committee, African and African American Studies
- 2011-2013 Member, Curriculum Review Committee, Program of Studies in Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- 2012-2013 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, American Studies
- 2009-2016 Member, Hoopes Prize Committee, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009
- 2011 Faculty supervisor to visiting scholar Xie Jiangnan, Associate Professor of Drama, English Department, Renmin University of China in Beijing
- 2005-2010 Co-Chair, Gender and Sexuality Seminar, Humanities Center (2009-2010 with Joyce Antler of Brandeis University, 2006-2007 with Brad Epps of Harvard University, and 2005-2006 with Afsaneh Najmabadi and Judith Surkis of Harvard University)
- 2006-2010 Member, Committee on Degrees, Committee on Instruction, and Tutorial Board in History and Literature
- 2007-2008 & 2009-2010 Co-Chair, Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies Mother Board Writing Prize
- 2009-2010 Faculty Partner to Professor Ikoma Natsumi (International Christian University, Japan), Harvard-Yenching Institute Visiting Scholar
- 2009-2010 Member, committee to review Director of Studies in History and Literature
- 2008 Chair, Committee to Award Eugene R. Cummings Thesis Prize for GLBTQ Studies
- 2007 Organizer of roundtable discussion, "Legends in Queer Performance: Can Theater Change the World?," featuring founding members of Split Britches Peggy Shaw and Lois Weaver, plus the Five Lesbian Brothers Ladies Auxiliary. Created 16-page program for event.
- 2006-2007 Member, Search Committee for joint position in History and Literature and in English and American Literature and Language
- 2006-2007 Faculty Advisor, The Harvard Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Supporters Alliance
- 2006 Co-Leader (with Judith Surkis), Curriculum Vitae Workshop for Graduate Students in Gender and Sexuality Studies
- 2006 & 2005 Chair, Junior Essay Award Committee, Program of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- 2006 Chair, Senior Thesis Award Committee, Program of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

- 2005 Co-Organizer, "The Weather in Proust," a series of lectures accompanied by an exhibit of fiber art by Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick, Harvard University and the Radcliffe Institute
- 2004-2005 Member, Committee to Organize "Turning Points: Celebrating our Past, Present and Future," Program of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

**RADIO INTERVIEWS UPON PUBLICATION OF *RACIAL INNOCENCE***

- "Is That Your Child? Thought in Full Color" with Michelle McCrary, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural web radio program, <http://www.isthatyourchild.com/2012/10/what-about-children-fantasy-of-racial.html>, 60-minute taped interview, October 10, 2012.
- "Uprising Radio" with Sonali Kolhatkar, progressive radio program, KPFFK Pacifica in Southern California. 15-minute interview, February 2, 2012.
- "Women-Stirred Radio" with Merry Gangemi, feminist radio program, WGDR, Plainfield, VT, 30-minute live interview, January 12, 2012.
- "The Women's Show" with Arly Helm, feminist radio program, KVMR-FM, Grass Valley, CA. 50-minute taped interview, December 12, 2011.
- "Voices of Our World" with Kathy Golden, program run by the Maryknoll, a progressive religious community. Nationally syndicated to over 100 radio stations. 25 minute taped interview, December 12, 2011.
- "The Wimmin's Music Program" with Laura Rinaldi, feminist radio program, KKUP, Santa Cruz. 30-minute live interview, December 4, 2011.
- "The Bob Salter Show," progressive radio show, WFAN/WXRK, New York City. 30-minute taped interview, December 3, 2011.
- "Peace and Social Justice" with Laurel Avalon, KZFR, Chico, CA. 30-minute live interview, December 2, 2011.
- "Northern Spirit Radio" with Mark Judkins Helpsmeet, progressive Christian radio program. Hour-long taped interview, December 1, 2011.
- "Radio with a View" with Marc Stern, progressive radio program, WMBR FM, Cambridge, MA. 40-minute live studio interview, November 27, 2011.
- "Perspectives" with Richard Baker, progressive radio show syndicated on 23 NPR stations. 30-minute taped interview, November 21, 2011.
- "Late Mornings" with Jeff Schechtman, progressive radio show, KVON-AM, Napa, CA. 30-minute taped interview, November 15, 2011.
- "Lambda Radio Report" with Charone Pagett, African American LGBT radio show, WRFG-FM, Atlanta. 30-minute live interview, November 15, 2011.
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### **NON-ACADEMIC EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE**

- 1996-2000 Editor, *Bridges*, journal of Jewish feminist culture and politics
- 1994-1995 Associate Editor/Features, *The Washington Blade*, gay and lesbian weekly newspaper of Washington, D.C.

**THEATRICAL PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE**

***Directing***

1994 “Raid,” performance based on 1923 controversy surrounding Sholem Asch’s *God of Vengeance*, University of Maryland, College Park

***Playwriting***

1996 “Good Food Foot,” produced as part of *Feast or Famine*, directed and adapted by Tina Thuerwachter, Live Bait Theatre, Chicago, IL

1991 “Selected Shorts,” opened evening of one-act plays produced by Avalanche: A Multi-Racial Lesbian and Gay Theatre Troupe, Philadelphia, PA

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Studies Association (lifetime member)

Modern Language Association

American Society for Theatre Research

Association for Theatre in Higher Education (lifetime member)

C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists

Society for the History of Children and Youth

Children’s Literature Association

American Theatre and Drama Society (lifetime member)

Society for the Study of American Women Writers (lifetime member)

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