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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2017–present**      **University of London, School of Advanced Study**  
**Institute of English Studies**  
Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Digital Approaches to Literature
- 2014–2017**      **University of California, Berkeley**  
**Mark Twain Papers & Project**  
Associate Editor
- 2012–2013**      **University of Maine**  
**Maine Humanities Initiative and Department of English**  
Postdoctoral Fellow in Digital Humanities
- 2012**              **Boston University**  
**Center for Interdisciplinary Teaching & Learning**  
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow
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**EDUCATION**

- 2008–2012**      **Boston University**, Ph.D., M.A., English Literature and Editorial Studies.  
Supervised by Professor Sir Christopher Ricks.
- 2004–2008**      **Boise State University**, B.A. Philosophy and English Literature. Summa  
Cum Laude, Top Ten Scholar Award (College of Arts and Sciences).
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**ACADEMIC SPECIALISMS**

Primary: Nineteenth- and twentieth-century American and British literature; textual scholarship; digital humanities theories and methods; XML technologies for publishing scholarly data; R programming language (for text analysis); bibliography.

Secondary: History of the book; prosody; creative writing; data science and machine learning; spatial analysis; new media theory.

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**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books and Scholarly Editions**

*Inventions of Scholarly Editing: An Essay on Texts, Technology, and Experience* (forthcoming, Cambridge University Press, 2020). [Monograph]

*Versions of Billy-Budd, Sailor*, *Melville Electronic Library*, co-ed. with John Bryant and Wyn Kelley (2019) < <https://melville.electroniclibrary.org/versions-of-billy-budd.html> >. [Digital edition]

*Mark Twain: April Fool, 1884*, co-ed. with Leslie Myrick, *Scholarly Editing* 38 (2017). <<http://scholarlyediting.org/2017/editions/aprilfools/intro.html>> [Digital edition]

*Autobiography of Mark Twain, Volume 3*, as associate editor (University of California Press, 2015). E-text at [marktwainproject.org](http://marktwainproject.org). [Print and digital edition]

“‘Lest we get too transcendental’: Christopher Pearse Cranch’s Changes of Mind in ‘Journal. 1839.’” *Scholarly Editing* 35 (2014). <<http://www.scholarlyediting.org/2014/editions/intro.cranjournal.html>> [Digital edition]

“Melville’s Marginalia in Arthur Schopenhauer’s *Studies in Pessimism*.” *Melville’s Marginalia Online* (2012). <<http://melvillemarginalia.org/PreviewMode.aspx?DocumentID=42>>. [Digital edition]

#### **Refereed Articles and Book Chapters**

“‘It was a Mistake’: Abolition and Revision in Mark Twain’s ‘A Scrap of Curious History,’” *Mark Twain Annual* (forthcoming, 2020).

“Encoding and Analysis, and Encoding as Analysis, in Textual Editing,” with Charlotte Tupman, in the *Routledge Handbook of Digital Humanities Research Methods*, edited by Stuart Dunn and Kristen Schuster (forthcoming, 2020).

“Melville’s Historical Imagination in ‘The House-top,’” in “*This Mighty Convulsion*”: *Melville and Whitman Write the Civil War*, edited by Christopher Sten and Tyler Hoffman (University of Iowa Press, 2019).

“Melville Incomplete,” *American Literary History* 31.1 (March 2019): 139–50.

“Computation and Digital Text Analysis at *Melville’s Marginalia Online*,” with Steven Olsen-Smith, *Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies* 20.2 (June 2018): 1–16.

“At the Axis of Reality: Melville’s Marginalia in *The Dramatic Works of William Shakespeare*,” with Steven Olsen-Smith, and Elisa Barney Smith et al., *Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies* 20.2 (June 2018): 37–67.

“Melville’s Late Readings and the Revisions in the *Billy Budd* Manuscript,” in *Critical Insights: Billy Budd* (Salem Press, 2017), 93–111.

“The Authorship of [Beckett’s] ‘F—’ Story, Re-examined,” *Notes & Queries* 61.1 (March 2014).

“A Transcription of Melville’s Marginalia in Christopher Marlowe’s *Works and Selections* from Charles Lamb’s *Specimens of English Dramatic Poets who Lived about the Time of Shakspeare*,” with Steven Olsen-Smith and Dennis C. Marnon, *Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies* 10.3 (October 2008).

#### **Select Reviews and Online Articles**

“The Making of an Anti-slavery Anthology: Mary-Anne Rawson and *The Bow in the Cloud*,” John Rylands Research Institute Blog (April 2019). <<https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/jrri-blog/2019/04/24/the-making-of-an-anti-slavery-anthology-mary-anne-rawson-and-the-bow-in-the-cloud-part-1/>>

Review of *American Literature and the New Puritan Studies*, edited by Bryce Traister. *The Library: Transactions of the Bibliographical Society* 7.20.1 (March 2019).

“Digital Text Analysis of Herman Melville’s Marginalia in Shakespeare: A Progress Report” (September 2018). <<https://christopherohge.com/digital-text-analysis-of-herman-melvilles-marginalia-in-shakespeare-a-progress-report/>>

“Orhan Pamuk’s Museum of Innocence Opens,” *Arts Fuse*, 3 May 2012. <<https://artsfuse.org/58302/fuse-book-review-orhan-pamuks-museum-of-innocence-opens/>>

#### **Under Review and In Progress**

*Mary Anne Rawson’s The Bow in the Cloud and the Networks of Anti-Slavery Print Culture in Great Britain, 1833–1865* [Digital archive and article, in progress].

*A Companion to Herman Melville*, second edition, co-edited with Wyn Kelley (under contract, Wiley-Blackwell, expected 2021).

“Nashe among the Modernists,” in the *Oxford Handbook to Thomas Nashe* (under contract, Oxford UP) [Invited chapter].

“In Between Words and Editions: Hidden and Visionary Punctuation in Mark Twain,” in *Punctuation in Modern English Literature*, ed. Elizabeth M. Bonapfel, Jeffrey Gutierrez and John Lennard (under contract, Cambridge UP) [Invited chapter].

*The Innocents Abroad; or, the New Pilgrim’s Progress*, by Mark Twain, as associate editor (University of California Press) [Scholarly edition; in progress].

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#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

(Select teaching materials are available at <https://christopherohge.com/teaching/pedagogical-materials-in-progress/>)

**2019–present**

**Riga Technical University, Faculty of E-Learning and Applied Linguistics  
(as Visiting Professor)**

Introduction to Digital Humanities (MA seminar, schedule for spring 2020).  
Introduction to Text Analysis with R (MA seminar).

**2017–present**

**University of London, School of Advanced Study**

Textual Scholarship and Contemporary Editorial Theory (MA seminar, IES).  
Introduction to Digital Scholarly Editing (London Rare Books School; three sections).  
Digital Scholarly Editing: Advanced Methods (London Rare Books School; two sections).  
Introduction to Programming through R (Sunoikisis Digital Classics seminar).  
Introduction to Digital Humanities (London Arts and Humanities PhD training seminar).  
Hacking *Moby-Dick* (research seminar series, IES).

**2015**

**University of California, Berkeley (Extension), Division of the Humanities**

The Philosophy of Mark Twain.

**2013–2014**

**University of Maine, Department of English**

Introduction to Digital Humanities.  
Lives and Letters (special topic senior seminar on biography and epistolary writing).

**2011–2013**

**Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Liberal Arts Department**

Freshman Seminar: American Writers Assess the Arab World.  
Literary Traditions (three sections).  
Jazz and Art (two sections).

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**DIGITAL HUMANITIES WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS**

“Editing Manuscripts in TEI,” University of Washington Textual Studies (scheduled for April 2020).

“Introduction to Text Analysis with R,” University of Exeter (22 November 2019).

“Computation and Digital Text Analysis of Herman Melville’s Reading,” King’s College London (April 2019).

“Textual Editing in the Digital Age,” a 5-day TEI workshop at Newcastle University, with James Cummings and Tiago Sousa Garcia (April 2019).

“Digital Approaches to Book History,” Research Methodology Seminar, Institute of English Studies (February 2019).

“Digital Literary Studies,” *techné* AHRC Student Congress, Royal Holloway, University of London (January 2019).

“Encoding and Analysis, and Encoding as Analysis, in Textual Editing,” Loughborough University (December 2018).

“Digital Text Analysis for Historical Research: Principles, Tools, and New Modes of Reading,” Durham University (November 2018).

“Editing Manuscripts with TextLab” (multiple half-day workshops in London and Manchester, 2018).

“Re-Mixing Digital Archives,” University of Exeter (February 2018).

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#### **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONOURS**

[Submitted October 2019, currently under evaluation] Standard Research Grant, Early Career Researcher strand (£247,000 requested), Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK), “Mary-Anne Rawson, *The Bow in the Cloud*, and the Networks of Anti-slavery Print Culture in Great Britain, 1833–1863.”

Digital Humanities Start-up Grant (£4795), John Rylands Research Institute, University of Manchester, ‘Mary-Anne Rawson and the Making of *The Bow in the Cloud*’ (2018).

Scholarship (\$300 CAN), Digital Humanities Summer Institute, University of Victoria (2018).

Full Fellowship, Summer 2017 NEH Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities (Pittsburgh, July 2017).

Harry Ransom Center Research Fellowship (\$1200) in the Humanities, University of Texas at Austin (March 2015).

Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship, New Bedford Whaling Museum, Massachusetts (July 2013).

SHARP Full Tuition Scholarship (\$900 CAN), Digital Humanities Summer Institute, University of Victoria (January 2013).

Full Tuition Scholarship, Rare Book School, University of Virginia (2012).

Research Start-up Grant (\$2000), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Maine (2012).

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship, Center for Interdisciplinary Teaching & Learning, Boston University (2012).

Travel Grant, Northeast Modern Language Association (February 2012).

Lawrence G. Blackmon Prize (\$1200), Howard Gotlieb Archival Research Center, Boston University (April 2011).

Research Fellowship, Boston University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (2010–2011; spring 2012).

Teaching Fellowship, Boston University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (2009–2010).

Student Commencement Speaker, Boise State University Spring Commencement (2008).

Top Ten Scholar Award, Boise State University (2008).

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#### SELECT TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**(Invited)** “The Nineteenth Century Novel, Reading, and Computation,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology (scheduled for April 2020).

“Melville’s Bits of Wisdom; or, Reading Melville’s Philosophy with Computers,” Melville Society International Conference, New York University (June 2019).

**(Invited)** “Digital Marginalia,” History of the Book-Digital Humanities Seminar, Open University (January 2019).

**(Invited)** “Encoding and Analysis, and Encoding as Analyses, in Textual Editing,” University College London Centre for Digital Humanities (November 2018).

**(Invited)** “Reading Melville, and Melville’s Reading, with Computers,” Ernest Hemingway Literary Center, Boise, Idaho (November 2018). Recording available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZHO\\_2xI8t4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZHO_2xI8t4)

“Digital Text Analysis of Melville’s Marginalia in Shakespeare,” Digital Humanities Congress, Sheffield (September 2018).

“Mary Anne Rawson’s *The Bow in the Cloud* and the Network of Anti-Slavery Literature in Britain,” Textual Histories Conference, University of Leeds (April 2018).

“Navigating Readability and Reliability in Mark Twain’s Notebooks,” Digital Editions as Interfaces International Symposium, University of Graz (September 2016).

“Editions Inside of Archives: Literary Letters at the Mark Twain Project,” English Literary Heritage Conference, University of London (September 2015).

“Modeling Melville’s Reading: Editing Marginalia in TEI, Topic Modeling the Author’s Library,” Digital Humanities Annual Convention, Lausanne, Switzerland (July 2014).

“Paul Bowles’s Sources, Analogues, and Private Library: A Case Study in Building a Virtual Library,” Writers and their Libraries: An International Conference, University of London (March 2013).

“The *Digital* Critical Edition: Some Fissures Between Content and Design,” Annual Conference of the Association of Literary Critics, Scholars, and Writers, Claremont-McKenna College, California (March 2012).

“Edith Wharton and Paul Bowles on Authorial and Imperial Presences in 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Morocco,” Northeast Modern Language Association Convention, Rochester, New York (March 2012).

“Wordsworth’s *The Excursion* and Melville’s ‘The House-top,’” Annual Conference of the American Literature Association, Boston (May 2011).

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#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Organiser, Work in Progress seminar, Institute of English Studies (2019–present).

Advisory Board member, University of London Press (2019–present).

IES representative, University of London Research Strategic Planning Workshops (2019).

Peer reviewer: *Digital Humanities Quarterly* (2019–present).

Peer reviewer: *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Association* (2019).

Guest-editor for a special issue on digital approaches to “Melville’s Hand,” *Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies* (2018).

Peer reviewer: Palgrave Macmillan book series, “New Directions in Book History” (2018).

Committee Member, Charlene Conrad Liebau Library Prize for Undergraduate Research, UC Berkeley (2016–2017).

Conference organizer: “Digital Humanities Week / THATCamp Maine,” University of Maine (October 2013).

Symposium organizer: “Bibliopoetics: The Art and Future of the Book,” University of Maine (April 2013).

Committee Member, University of Maine Humanities Initiative (2012–2013).

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#### TECHNOLOGIES

Editorial: Jekyll, WordPress, Adobe Creative Suite, Juxta, Omeka, Gephi.

Programming/markup languages: Unix shell scripting, Markdown, HTML, CSS, XML technologies (TEI, XPath, XSLT), R.

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Society for Textual Scholarship.  
Text Encoding Initiative.  
Melville Society.  
Association for Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers.

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**REFERENCES**

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Jane Winters, Professor of Digital Humanities, University of London, School of Advanced Study. <jane.winters@sas.ac.uk>. +44 (0)20 7862 8789.

Steven Olsen-Smith, Associate Professor of English, Boise State University; General Editor, *Melville's Marginalia Online*. <sosmith@boisestate.edu>. +1 208-426-7085.