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### **EDUCATION**

PhD, 2015	American Literature, Department of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University
MA, 2008	American Literature, Department of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University
BA, 2007	European Literary Traditions, Department of Comparative Literature and Literary Theory, University of Belgrade, Serbia

#### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2016-Present	Lecturer, Department of English, University at Albany, SUNY
2022-24	Lecturer, Department of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University
2012-2014	Instructor of Record: Literature Humanities, Columbia University
2010-2012	Writing Coach and Writing Center Consultant, Columbia University

### **PUBLICATIONS**

**Book** (manuscript completed)

How Islands Remember in American Regionalism

# **Edited Collection**

Dispersion: Thoreau and Vegetal Thought, assistant editor, with Branka Arsić (Bloomsbury Press, 2021)

# Articles

- "Chance Encounters: Thoreau's Pomontology in 'Wild Apples,'" in *Dispersion: Thoreau and Vegetal Thought*, eds. Branka Arsić and Vesna Kuiken (New York: Bloomsbury, 2021), pp. 189-204.
- "Foreign Before 'The Foreigner': Jewett's Conjure Aesthetics" Special issue on women and medicine in nineteenth-century American literature, *Arizona Quarterly*, 74.4 (2018): 115-144.
- "Idiorrhythmic Regionality, or How to Live Together in Jewett's *Country of the Pointed Firs*," *Arizona Quarterly*, 74.3 (2018): 87-118.
- "1884: *The Princess Casamassima*, Anarchy, and Henry James's Materialist Poetics," *The Henry James Review* 38.2 (2017): 113-133, recipient of the 2016 Leon Edel Prize.
- "'Fit to Be Free': From Race to Capacity in Jewett's 'The Mistress of Sydenham Plantation,'" *J19: The Journal of Nineteenth-Century Americanists* 5.2 (2017): 239-266.

- "The Impersonal Lives of Margaret Fuller: A Problem of Biography," *Nineteenth-Century Prose* 42.1 (2015): 95-112.
- "On the Matter of Thinking: Margaret Fuller's Beautiful Work," in *American Impersonal*, ed. Branka Arsić (New York: Bloomsbury, 2014), pp. 99-129.

# In progress

- "Memory Lanes in Celia Thaxter," invited contribution for the collection *Speculative Materialisms* in the Nineteenth Century, ed. Renée Bergland, Christian Haines, and Mark Noble
- "Submarine Histories: Stowe's Cuban Communities"

# **Translations** (English to Serbian)

Edward Said, *Culture and Imperialism*, Judith Butler, *Psychic Life of Power* (co-translation), Gil Anidjar, *The Jew, the Arab: A History of the Enemy*, David Wills, *Prosthesis* (co-translation)

# INVITED LECTURES AND SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Melville and Thaxter: Two Models of Outlandishness," Melville Society Annual Conference, Paris, France, June 27-30, 2022, panel organizer and presenter
- "Life on the Rocks: Celia Thaxter on Ecological Memory," University of Utah, February 26, 2022 (invited lecture)
- "Geology and Memory of Celia Thaxter's Isles of Shoals," Princeton University, November 30, 2021 (invited lecture)
- "Chance Encounters: Thoreau on Wild Apples," MLA, January 9-12, 2021 (panel organizer)
- "Life on the Rocks: Celia Thaxter's Driftwood Aesthetics," October 18-25, 2020, C19, virtual.
- "Idiorrhythmic Temporalities in American Literature," symposium *Anthropocene Now: Ecology, Ethics, Politics, April* 20, 2018, SUNY-Albany, symposium organizer.
- "Geology, History, and Native Americans in Sarah Orne Jewett's Fiction," Columbia University, EPIC Seminars, February 2, 2017 (invited lecture)
- "The Intimate Narration of Shell-Heaps: Jewett and the Native Americans," SUNY-Albany, November 17, 2016 (invited lecture)
- "The Aesthetics of Vegetal Healing: Jewett and the Caribbean," Seton Hall University, February 11, 2016 (invited lecture)
- "1884: *The Princess Casamassima* and James's Materialist Poetics," The Henry James Society Conference, Brandeis University, June 9-11, 2016, panel organizer.
- "Fit to be Free': On Being a Person in Jewett's 'Mistress of Sydenham Plantation,'" The Society of American Women Writers, Philadelphia, PA, November 4-8, 2015.

# AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS

2017-19, 2021	Individual Development Award, Program of the New York State/United University Professions Professional Development Committee,
2019-20	Strategic Allocation of Resources (StAR) grant for English Department's Humanities Labs project
2020	Maine Women Writers Collection Research Support Grant, Josephine S. Abplanalp Library, University of New England
2018	Council on Research Award, SUNY-Albany
2017	The Leon Edel Prize for the best essay on Henry James
2012-13	Dissertation Fellowship, Columbia University
2010-11	Global Supplementary Grant, Open Society Institute
2012, 2013	Mellon Summer Research Fellowship, Columbia University,
2008	Bunner Award for the best Americanist MA thesis, Department of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University, 2008
2007-14	Marjorie Hope Nicolson Fellowship, Columbia University

### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2016-Present Department of English, University at Albany, SUNY

Honors Committee Member Awards Committee Member

Development Committee Member

Symposium and Events Organizer

2019-Present Reviewer for Textual Practice and Arizona Quarterly

2014-2016 Senior Research Associate and Grant Writer, El Museo del Barrio, NYC

### LANGUAGES

Serbian (native), Latin (basic reading), Russian (basic reading and comprehension)

### REFERENCES

Academic Research

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