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EDUCATION

- PhD, English Literature, University of Colorado Boulder, Expected 2025
 Dissertation: "Living Knots: Ties to Matter, Kin, and Place and the Log Cabin in American Literature" (in progress)
 Director: Dr. Maria A. Windell
- MS, Environmental Studies, Green Mountain College, 2014 Concentration in Writing and Communications, Summa Cum Laude
- BA, Environmental Studies (Social and Cultural Perspectives), Skidmore College, 2010
 Minor in Expository Writing, Magna Cum Laude, Departmental Honors, Honors Forum

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLE IN PROGRESS

"Breathing Difference: Indoor Atmospheres at Walden Pond, in the Appalachian Mountains, and on the Plantation," under review, *American Literature*.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- "Returning Home: Reinhabiting a Life-Place in Hermann Hesse's *Peter Camenzind* and *Knulp*," *Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment*, vol. 29, no. 4, 2022, pp. 1249-1266.
- "Climate Change as 'Evidence of Upheaval': Insights from Barry Lopez's *Arctic Dreams*," *Kudzu House Quarterly*, vol. 6, no. 3-4, 2016–2017.

OTHER ACADEMIC WRITING

- Review of Sand, Water, Salt: Managing the Elements in Literature of the American West, 1880-1925 by Jada Ach, Western American Literature, vol. 57, no. 4, 2023, pp. 427-428.
- Review of *Quiet Desperation, Savage Delight: Sheltering with Thoreau in the Age of Crisis* by David Gessner, *Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment*, vol. 29, no. 2, 2022, pp. 533-534.
- Review of *A History of My Brief Body* by Billy-Ray Belcourt, *Transmotion*, vol. 7, no. 1, 2021, pp. 238-240.
- "The Year in Conferences—2019," co-authored with Gianina M. Coturri Sorenson, Allison Fulton, and Kacey Stewart. *ESQ: A Journal of Nineteenth-Century American Literature and Culture*, vol. 66, no. 1, 2020, pp. 190-213.

Interview: April Anson, The Hopper, vol. 5, no. 1, 2020.

Interview: Sarah Heady, The Hopper, vol. 4, no. 1, 2019.

Review of Sawbill: A Search for Place by Jennifer Case, The Hopper, vol. 4, no. 1, 2019.

Review of The Secret Lives of Glaciers by M Jackson, The Hopper, vol. 4, no. 1, 2019.

Review of *Mourning Nature* edited by Ashlee Cunsolo and Karen Landman, *The Goose*, vol. 17, no. 1, 2018.

Review of *Deep Salt Water* by Marianne Apostolides, *The Goose*, vol. 16, no. 1, 2017. Review of *The Green and the Red* by Armand Chauvel, *The Goose*, vol. 14, no. 2, 2016.

FICTION

"Sea Nettle," *Swim Press*, vol. 4, 2023. "Ablation," *The Fourth River*, vol. 0, no. 11, 2021. "Freetown," *About Place Journal*, vol. 5, no. 3, 2019.

CREATIVE NONFICTION "Frond," *The Journal of Wild Culture*, February 2021. "Moments with Barred Owls," *Zoomorphic*, May 2017. "Guyibera," *The Curlew*, Spring 2017. "Wantage, New Jersey," The Place Where You Live, *Orion*, January/February 2016.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American literature (nineteenth century to the present), American environmental literature, climate change literature, Native American and Indigenous studies, material ecocriticism, bioregionalism, posthumanism, animal studies, humanities approaches to addressing climate crisis, digital environmental humanities, experiential education.

HONORS AND AWARDS

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

George F. Reynolds Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, 2024–2025 Summer Fellowship, Graduate School, 2024 Summer University Recognition Fellowship Grant, English Department, 2024 Collegiality and Scholarship Excellence Award, Graduate and Professional Student Government, 2024 Futures Family Fellowship, Graduate School, 2024 Graduate Research Award Demonstrating Excellence, Center for Humanities and the Arts, 2024 English Department Conference Grant, 2024 Digital Pedagogy Graduate Instructorship, Department of English and the Division of Continuing Education's Online Learning Program, 2023–2024 Donna Robinson Meckley Graduate Fellowship, English Department, 2023 Graduate School Domestic Travel Grant, 2023 English Department Conference Grant, 2023 Summer University Recognition Fellowship Grant, English Department, 2023 Consortium of Doctoral Studies in Literature and Culture Fellowship, 2022-2023 Donna Robinson Meckley Graduate Fellowship, English Department, 2022 Summer University Recognition Fellowship Grant, English Department, 2022 English Department Conference Registration and Membership Fee Grant, 2021 Harper Fellowship at the Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization, 2020–2021 Graduate and Professional Student Government Travel Grant, 2020

Frederick C. and Eleanor Ruth Hager Graduate Fellowship in English, English Department, 2020
Preston Summer Research Fellowship, English Department, 2020
English Department Travel Grant, 2020
Rebecca V. Knoettge Memorial Scholarship Endowment, English Department, 2019
Graduate School Domestic Travel Grant, 2019
United Government of Graduate Students Travel Grant, 2019
William B. Markward Scholarship, English Department, 2018

OTHER AWARDS

Thoreau Country Conservation Alliance Graduate Student Fellowship, 2021–2022 Vermont Studio Center Merit Grant and Work-Exchange Award, Vermont Studio Center Residency for Fiction Writing, 2018

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Alexa—Shall I not have intelligence with the earth?: Sustainability, Surveillance, and
Nineteenth-Century Smart Homes," C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century
Americanists Biennial Conference, Pasadena, CA, March 2024.
"Log/log: The Log Cabin as (Site of) Inscription," RMMLA 76th Annual Convention (panel
chair), Denver, CO, October 2023.
"Making Home: Claiming Place in Indigenous and Black Log Cabins," ASLE + AESS 2023
Conference (panel chair), Portland, OR, July 2023.
"Women hain't fitten for sech jobs': Agency and Timber Cutting in <i>The Glass Window</i> by Lucy
Furman," Society for the Study of American Women Writers Triennial Conference
(virtual), November 2021.
"A Mother's Log Cabin: Zitkala-Ša's Kinship Connections," RMMLA 74th Annual Convention
(virtual; panel chair), October 2021.
"The Log Cabin as Site of Resistance in The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates," American
Studies Association Annual Meeting (virtual), October 2021.
"My Childhood in a Log Cabin: W. D. Howells and Reflections on Kinship," ASLE Virtual
Conference (panel chair), July-August 2021.
"Log Cabin Aesthetics," WLA 55 th Conference (virtual), October 2020.
"Cabin as Living: The Agency of Wood in Thoreau's Walden," NeMLA 51st Annual
Convention, Boston, MA, March 2020.
"Exploring Kinship through Solitary Acts of Mourning," ASLE Thirteenth Biennial Conference,
University of California Davis, Davis, CA, June 2019.
"Shelley's Prophetic Diet: Climate Change and the Environmental Ethics of Vegetarianism,"
Where Literary Fields Meet: Graduate Ecocriticism in Practice, University of Colorado
Boulder, Boulder, CO, April 2019.
"Editors' Roundtable: Publishing Truth in a Post-Truth World," ASLE Twelfth Biennial
Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, June 2017.
"Arctic Nightmares: An Ecocritical Reading of Barry Lopez's Arctic Dreams in the Context of

Climate Change in 2016," John Burroughs Nature Writing Conference: Sharp Eyes IX, SUNY Oneonta, Oneonta, NY, June 2016.

"Returning Home: The Novels of Hermann Hesse and Reinhabiting a LifePlace," ASLE Eleventh Biennial Conference, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID, June 2015.

INVITED TALKS

- "The Log Cabin as a Site of Kinship." Invited talk at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Graduate Student Research Showcase, Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, December 2021.
- "Knots of Wood: Materiality of the Log Cabin." Invited talk at the Bruce D. Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization, University of Colorado Boulder, March 2021.
- "A New Materialist Reading of Log Cabins." Invited talk in Dr. Diane Freedman's English Major Seminar "The Cabin in the Woods," University of New Hampshire, March 2021.
- "Creative *El Diario*." Invited talk at the Center for Research Data and Digital Scholarship, University of Colorado Boulder, December 2019.

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER (BOULDER, CO) JANUARY 2019–JULY 2024
Lead Graduate Teaching Instructor, Fall 2020–Spring 2022
English Graduate Pedagogy Seminar, two sections, (Fall 2020, remote; Fall 2021)
ENGL3767: Feminist Fictions: Anthropocene Feminisms, one section (Summer 2024, online)
ENGL3060: Modern and Contemporary Literature: Climate Change Literature,
three sections (Fall 2020, online; Spring 2021, online)
ENGL1270: Introduction to American Women's Literature: Women and the Environment,
one section (Spring 2020)
ENGL1250: Introduction to Global Women's Literature: Gender and Climate Change, one
section (Fall 2021, online)
ENGL1230: Environmental Literature, two sections (Fall 2019; Fall 2023, online)
ENGL1001: Writing, Reading, Culture, four sections (Fall 2023, online; Spring 2024, online;
Summer 2024, online)
SUSSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (NEWTON, NJ) AUGUST–DECEMBER 2017
ENGL101: English Composition I, two sections (Fall 2017)
THE ISLAND SCHOOL (ELEUTHERA, THE BAHAMAS)AUGUST 2016–JUNE 2017

Caribbean Literature and Place-Based Writing, four sections (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

NONTRADITIONAL TEACHING

- Trip Leader: Thailand: Community Service, National Geographic Student Expeditions, Chiang Rai, Thailand, two sections (Summer 2018, Summer 2019).
- Trip Leader: Jordan: History, Politics, and Arabic Language, The Experiment in International Living, Amman, Jordan, one section (Summer 2017).

Student Affairs Manager: Center for Rainforest Studies, The School for Field Studies,

Yungaburra, Australia, three sections (Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Summer 2014). Environmental Educator, Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Quechee, VT, 2012–2013. Environmental Educator, New Jersey School of Conservation, Branchville, NJ, 2011–2012.

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

Member, Graduate Careers and Professional Development Committee, 2020–2022 English Graduate Student Peer Mentor, 2020–2021 Graduate Student Peer Mentor, 2020–2021 Elected PhD Representative, English Graduate Student Council, 2019–2020 Creative Writing Association Events Committee, 2019–2020 Supervising Instructor, MA Guest Teaching Program, 2019 Member, Environmental Literary Studies Reading Group, 2018–Present

OTHER SERVICE

Liaison, Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association and the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment, 2021–2023

Graduate Student Liaison, Association for the Study of Literature and Environment, 2020–2021 Reviewer, *Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment (ISLE)*, 2020 Senior Division Prose Contest Judge, Bowseat Ocean Awareness Programs, 2019–2021 Member, Alice Rowan Swanson Fellowship Committee, SIT Study Abroad, 2015–2016

CERTIFICATES

Graduate Certificate in Native American and Indigenous Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, 2021
Certificate in College Teaching, University of Colorado Boulder, 2021
Digital Humanities Graduate Certificate, University of Colorado Boulder, 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Digital Humanities Research Assistant to Julie Carr, English Department, University of Colorado Boulder, 2021–2022
Environmental Literature Course Development Research Assistant, English Department, University of Colorado Boulder, 2020
Managing Editor, *The Hopper*, 2014–2024
Copyeditor, *The Goose*, 2014–2020
Program Associate: Middle East, North Africa, and Europe, SIT Study Abroad, Brattleboro, VT, 2014–2016

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Course Design Workshop, ASSETT, University of Colorado Boulder, 2020
Graduate Teacher Program Workshops, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Colorado Boulder, 2019–2020
Environmental Literature Institute, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH, 2018
Bread Loaf *Orion* Environmental Writers' Conference, Ripton, VT, 2015
Wildbranch Writing Workshop, Sterling College, Craftsbury Common, VT, 2010

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

ASLE (Association for the Study of Literature and Environment) C19 (Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists)

REFERENCES

Dr. Maria A. Windell Associate Professor of English University of Colorado Boulder maria.windell@colorado.edu

Dr. Bonnie Etherington Lecturer, Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington <u>bonnie.etherington@vuw.ac.nz</u>

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Dr. Teresa Nugent Associate Teaching Professor of English University of Colorado Boulder teresa.nugent@colorado.edu

Dr. Hunter Vaughan Assistant Professor, Visual and Media Arts Emerson College hunter.vaughan@emerson.edu