# Alexander J. Ashland

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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Iowa, College of Arts and Sciences

Fall 2014-present

Ph.D. American Literature

Certificate in the Digital Humanities

Marquette University, College of Arts and Sciences

Magna cum laude, May 2013

M.A. British and American Literature

Marquette University, College of Arts and Sciences

Magna cum laude, Dec. 2010

B.A. English, Writing-intensive

# ACADEMIC AWARDS, HONORS & MEMBERSHIPS

## Marquette University

Dean's List (six semesters)

Rev. Dennis M. Burke Award

John F Kennedy Scholarship

Rev. Gassert Scholarship

MU Ignatius Scholarship – Distinction

## Sigma Tau Delta

International English Honor Society

#### Phi Beta Kappa

International Arts and Sciences Honor Society

## Association of Graduate Students in English

University of Iowa Graduate Student Organization

#### TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

Research Assistant, University of Iowa

Walt Whitman Archive

Fall 2014-Spring 2016

Post Reconstruction Correspondence (1877-1887) The Walt Whitman Encyclopedia

Pictures and Sound, "Gallery of Images"

Teaching Assistant, University of Iowa

Writing Center

Spring 2016

Teaching Assistant, University of Iowa

Foundations of the English Major

August 2014-May 2015

Adjunct Professor, Marquette University

Rhetoric and Composition 1

Rhetoric and Composition 2

January 2014-May 2014

Teaching Assistant, Marquette University

Rhetoric and Composition 1

Rhetoric and Composition 2

August 2012-December 2012 January 2013-May 2013

August 2013-December 2013

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"Postwar Appendage: Paratext and Reconstruction in Herman Melville's Battle-Pieces and Aspects of the War," American Studies Association (ASA), Denver, CO, Nov. 17-20, 2016.

"Aestheticizing the Archive: Documentary Poetics in Charles Reznikoff's *Holocaust*," *American Literature Association* (ALA), The Holocaust in Contemporary American Jewish Literature organized by the Society for American Jewish Literature," San Francisco, CA, May 26-29, 2016.

"Off the Grid: Hurston's Racial Geography in *Their Eyes Were Watching God*," *Craft Critique Culture* (CCC) Conference, University of Iowa, April 8-9, 2016.

"Pedagogies of Pain: An Exploration of Violence and Modernity in David Fincher's Se7en and Zodiac," Madlit 2014 "Texts and Violence," Remediating Violence: Film, Photography, and the Aesthetics of Pain. Helen C. White, Room 7191, February 21, 2014.

"Towards a More Perfect Union: Anti-Revolutionary Sentiment in Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*," Midwest Modern Language Association annual conference, *Ekphrasis in American Poetry I*. Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Milwaukee, November 8, 2013.

Co-chair: Midwest Modern Language Association annual conference, Ekphrasis in American Poetry II. Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Milwaukee, November 8, 2013.

"Crystalizing Knowledge: When To Do Small Group Work," The 19th Annual UWM-Marquette 1st-Year English Graduate Student Conference, December 3, 2012.

#### **CAMPUS TALKS**

"DH Salon: Whitman's Letters—The Collaboration of the Walt Whitman Archive Correspondence Team," Digital Scholarship and Publishing Studio, Presented in collaboration with Ed Folsom, Stephanie Blalock, Stefan Schoeberlein, and Ryan Furlong, February 12, 2016.

"Exhibiting Correspondence: Gallery Space and the Postal Relay System," *The Avant-Garde as Media Cultures*, "Actor Networks, (Un-)Intelligible Objects," University of Iowa, December 8, 2015.

"(Re)mediating the Civil War: Poetics of Reconstruction in Herman Melville's *Battle-Pieces*," *Civil War Cultures:* Roundtables, "After Appomattox: A National Imaginary," University of Iowa, April 29, 2015.

"Visualizing Race in Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*", American Literature Colloquium, Marquette University, August 9, 2012.

"Speaking from the Margins: Parodic Discourse, Subversion and Postmodernism," Twentieth-Century American Literature Colloquium, Marquette University, December 15, 2011.

## **PUBLISHING**

"Toward a More Perfect Union: Whitman, Ekphrasis, and the Daguerreotype," *Ekphrasis in American Poetry: The Colonial Period to the 21st Century*, Cambridge Scholars Press, October 2015.

"DH Salon Recap: 'Whitman's Letters—The Collaboration of the Walt Whitman Archive Correspondence Team," *Digital Scholarship & Publishing Studio*, University of Iowa, in collaboration with Ed Folsom, Stephanie Blalock, Stefan Schoeberlein, and Ryan Furlong.

"Night Unfolding Ever into Night," ZO Magazine, 2015.

"Flux Year Box 2," Fluxus Collection, University of Iowa. (Forthcoming)

## **EDITING**

Freelance editing for Chima J. Korieh, PhD, Department of History, Marquette University. Publications include Igho Studies Review (Journal of the Igho Studies Association); Ofo: Journal of Transatlantic Studies; 'Life Not Worth Living': Nigerian Petitions Reflecting an African Society's Experiences During World War II.

Dec. 2009-May 2010

General Editor of Marquette University's Online Literary Journal, the Marquette Literary Review.

- Recruit poetry and fiction editors
- Establish deadlines for submissions
- Promote Review to student body
- Publish online version of the Review

# **DIGITAL HUMANITIES**

Mapping Whitman: The Civil War Correspondence, project lead.

Additional Digital and Technical Skills:

- Web Design
- TEI
- CSS
- JavaScript
- Iquery
- XML (Oxygen software)
- HTML
- Javascript
- Subversion/PuTTy
- Interactive Web Design
- Thematic Cartographic Mapping
- Topic Modeling
- Spreadsheet and data entry
- Transcription and Encoding