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2008

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2014-18

2014-18

2011-14

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2008-09

2006-08

2005-09

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Communication, Information, & Media, Rutgers University

Dissertation: This is about the body, the mind, the academy, the clinic, time, and pain. (First

digital dissertation in the program)

M.F.A. in Creative Writing (Concentrations: Fiction, Creative Nonfiction), Columbia University

B.A. in English (Minors: Anthropology, Japanese), Dartmouth College

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, English, Writing & Cultural Studies, Pace - PLV

Clinical Assistant Professor, English, Writing & Cultural Studies, Pace - PLV

Lecturer, English, Writing & Cultural Studies, Pace - PLV

Instructor, Academic Success Programs (ASP) Summer Bridge, Columbia University

Instructor, Communication, Information, and Media, Rutgers University

Instructor, Communication, Baruch College

Teaching Assistant, Communication, Information, and Media, Rutgers University

University Writing Tutor, ASP, Columbia University

Instructor, Writing Studies, Montclair State University

Instructor, English, Yeshiva College

Faculty Tutor, Writing Center, Yeshiva College

Instructor, Undergraduate Writing Program, Columbia University

English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Writing Instructor, University Summer

Immersion Program, City College of Technology

Professional Licensures & Certifications

Mental Health First Aid Certification, NYC Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene

Online & Hybrid Teaching Recertification, Pace (Original certification from Rutgers, 2015)

SELECTED CREATIVE-CRITICAL PUBLICATIONS

Scholarly/Creative Interests

CONTENT/THEMES

chronic pain rhetorics, politics, & poetics; intergenerational trauma; Eelam Tamil genocide; digital media; disability studies; accessibility; decoloniality; geek, hacker, & troll subcultures; interactive narrative; style; writing pedagogy

METHODOLOGY/CRAFT

autoethnography; fictocriticism; discourse analysis; interactive narrative; digital multimodal composition; transgenre writing; creative nonfiction; lyric essay; speculative fiction

Refereed Projects

2025

2017

2017

2014

2012

2011

2011

2022

2015 Mar 13

Manivannan, V. Pain and relief come of themselves. *Peitho*, 27(2). 2020 Manivannan, V. "But you look so well!": The role of dress practices in (un)professionalizing the

expression and experience of chronic pain. *Journal of Multimodal Rhetorics*, 3(2).

Manivannan, V. "A way of life that is not entirely unfortunate": The peripheral cunning of chronic pain. Platform: A Journal of Media and Communication, 8(1), 24-39.

Manivannan, V. What we see when we digitize pain: The risk of valorizing image-based representations of fibromyalgia over body and bodily experience. Digital Health, 3.

Manivannan, V. War without witness: Mobile phone testimony in preserving memory and truths. In Media Res: Cellphone Witness.

Manivannan, V. Tits or GTFO: The logics of misogyny on 4chan's Random - /b/. Fibreculture Journal, 22.

Manivannan, V. Attaining the ninth square: Cybertextuality, gamification, and institutional memory on 4chan. Enculturation, 14.

Manivannan, V. "Interplay amidst the strangeness and the charm": Under-language and the attenuation of meaning in the film adaptation of Watchmen. Image TexT: Interdisciplinary Comics Studies, 6(1).

Manivannan, V. "Later, buddy": The politics of loss and trauma representation in Tengen Toppa Gurren Lagann. Forum for World Literature Studies, 3(1), 3-15.

Invited Projects

2025 Manivannan, V. perimortem (in [theoretical] rigor). Kairos: A Journal of Rhetoric, Technology, and Pedagogy, 29(2).

Manivannan, V. Hollow me, hollow me, until only you remain. Spark: A 4C4Equality Journal, 4.

2019

Adler-Kassner, L., Cox, A., Elston, M., García de Müeller, G., Kumari, A., Manivannan, V., Miller-Cochran, S., Moroski, K., Olejnik, M., O'Neill, P., Poe, M., Powell, A., Reid, S., & Roundtree, S. Building a twenty-first-century feminist ethos: Three dialogues for WPAs (In E. Wardle & M. LaFrance (Eds.), WPA: Writing Program Administration, 42(2), 13-36.

Non-Refereed Projects

2025

Manivannan, V. Chaos itself is an order [Reprint with process reflection and teaching prompts]. Fourth genre: Twenty-five stories from our first twenty-five years.

2024

Borg Collective. BORG.DIEM, 2E [Reprint]. *Including Disability*, 4, 1-78. (Contributor, 2022 disabled word invention contest entry, "misability")

2022

Manivannan, V., Osorio, R., & Male, J. (2022). I tell these stories / living through a pandemic / and / what a gift / the modes of meaning-making / a readied knife / to create what should be / in a logic of care / so far from a singular benefit / the resilience of over one hundred writers / a calibration of shared memory / at a new time / not attempting exorcisms / witnessing other people's pain / unimaginable in academia / this project / the most challenging part / we can't do it alone. *Journal of Multimodal Rhetorics*, 7(1).

2022

Manivannan, V., Osorio, R., & Male, J. (2022). First, an opening: "What counts" as academic writing & disrupting academic norms. *Journal of Multimodal Rhetorics*, 6(2).

2021

Manivannan, V. Chaos itself is an order. Fourth Genre, 23(2), 165-176.

2019

Manivannan, V. Easter in Sri Lanka: Today is loss that isn't loss. The Paris Review.

2014

Manivannan, V. ThisIsMyManifesto.htm. The Fanzine.

2014

Manivannan, V. I am always in transition when disaster strikes. r.kv.ry Quarterly Literary Journal.

2014

Manivannan, V. Numerology. DIAGRAM, 14(3).

2014

Manivannan, V. The meaning of a machete. Consequence Magazine, 6, 111-118.

2013

Manivannan, V. Notes to self. the Newer York.

Manivannan, V. White van fear. Black Clock, 16, 41.

2010 Oct 30

Manivannan, V. I don't know how to end this. Saheli 2 Saheli's *Yoni Ki Baat*. (Performed at Burke Theater, Washington, D.C.)

Books

2004

Manivannan, V. Invictus. Pearl Street Publishing. (Optioned 2006-08, Torn Sky Entertainment)

Refereed Book Chapters

2022

Manivannan, V. The successful text is not always the one that murders me to protect you. In A. Knoblauch & M. Moeller (Eds.), *Bodies of knowledge: Embodied rhetorics in theory and practice* (pp. 183-198). Utah State University Press.

2019

Manivannan, V. "Maybe she can be a feminist and still claim her own opinions?": The story of an accidental counter-troll. In D. Sparby & J. Reyman (Eds.), *Digital ethics: Rhetoric and*

responsibility in online aggression (pp. 104-122). Routledge. (Won 2019 Computers and Composition Distinguished Book Award)

Manivannan, V. "Never give 'em what they expect": The Joker ethos as the zeitgeist of contemporary digital subcultural transgression. In R. Peaslee & R. Weiner (Eds.), *The Joker: A serious study of the clown prince of crime* (pp. 109-128). University of Mississippi Press.

Invited Book Chapters

2015

2022

In press

In press

2016

- Cadman, D., Manivannan, V., & Mundy, R. Interdisciplinary writing instructors teach autoethnographic creativity and social consciousness. In J. Daniel-Wariya (Ed.)., *Who teaches writing?* Open OKState Publishing.
 - Manivannan, V. restoring poetics to scholarship by / rendering it in ancient code-meshed poetry / staves off the தமிழ் thirst / for homeland. In S. Christiansen, Z. Tian, & S. Canagarajah (Eds.), Decolonizing academic writing through translingualism: Walking the talk! Routledge.
- Cedillo, C., Manivannan, V., Hubrig, A., & Olivas, B. Embodying (in)adequacy: "Good enough" as a blow against the meritocratic regime. In T. Oleksiak & J. Barsczewski (Eds.), *Adequate*. University Press of Colorado.

Book Reviews

Manivannan, V. Rev. of Couldry, N. (2012). Media, society, world: Social theory and digital media practice. International Journal of Communication, 9, 178-180.

Grey Literature

- Adams, M., Chen, C., Condis, M., Gelms, B., Gonzales, L., Gruwell, L., Manivannan, V., Osorio, R., Richardson, F., & Sparby, D. TechnoFeminism: (Re)generations and intersectional futures: Resources. *Computers and Composition*, 51.
- Manivannan, V. I see the world through pain goggles, and you refuse me my visual voice. *Graphic Social Science Research Network*.
- Manivannan, V. When "trolling" becomes an umbrella term. The New York Times Room for Debate.
 - Manivannan, V. Uneasy lies the head. (Twine interactive fiction composed for media studies courses)
- Manivannan, V. Selling upon trust. (Twine interactive fiction composed for media studies courses)

Work Under Review

Manivannan, V. Pain disclosures, practices, and pedagogy in the writing classroom. In A. Hubrig & P. Ready (Eds.), *Anti-ableist composition: Writing studies and accessibility in "unprecedented times."* WAC Clearinghouse.

Manivannan, V. REDACTED. In C. Cedillo, A. Hubrig, & M. Brooks-Gillies (Eds.), Rhetorical approaches to critical embodiment: Diverse perspectives on academia, activism, and everyday life. (Book chapter under University of Pittsburgh Press)

Manivannan, V. Selections from && you promised you would live: "terminal," "memorial &," "preparedness paradox," "locate: command not found," "process management," and "a physicist and a writer drive to kansas city airport." (Prose poems under review at *The New Yorker, Harper's, The Paris Review*)

Work in Development

Manivannan, V. ஐในท/AIYO. (Webtext monograph, invited to submit on completion to Computers and Composition Digital Press)

Manivannan, V. This machine is merciless if its sustenance is you. In M. Fernandes & M. McIntyre (Eds.), *Unprompted: Pedagogies, theories, and futures of GenAI refusal in rhetoric and writing studies.* (Proposed book chapter, accepted)

Manivannan, V. Ghosts among us. (Inform 7 creative-critical game)

Manivannan, V. எல்லாம் என் தலைவிதி/Ellaam en thalaivithi. (Ren'py creative-critical game)

Manivannan, V. && you promised you would live. (Prose poetry collection)

Manivannan, V. Black tiger, white van. (Lyric memoir)

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Completed

2024

2014

2012

2005-07

2004

2002

- PLV. (For research and writing support for action of PLV.)

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Learning Community/Civic Engagement Grant (\$450). Dyson Learning Community and Civic Engagement Program, Pace - PLV. (For arranging guest lectures in LIT 275: Disability Studies in Literature and Culture)

Prince the Communication of Purposition Support Grant (\$2,000). Communication Information & Media Rutgers

Dissertation Support Grant (\$2,000). Communication, Information, & Media, Rutgers University. (For research support)

RU@The Shore Hybrid Grant (\$2,500). New Brunswick Office of Summer and Winter Sessions, Rutgers University. (For designing hybrid version of JMS 480: Media Ethics and Law)

Book and Performance Completion Award. (\$5,000). Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Pace

Summer Research Fellowship, Co-PI (\$10,000). Communication, Information, & Media, Rutgers University. (For study of hacktivist collectives, lulz, and affect theory)

Writing Merit Fellowship (\$3,000/year). Columbia University School of the Arts.

Waterhouse Independent Research Grant (\$2,000). PI. English, Dartmouth College.

Pearl Street Publishing Writing Fellowship (\$1,000). Author. Pearl Street Publishing, LLC.

SELECTED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- Keynote: perimortem (in [theoretical] rigor). Computers and Writing (C&W) Conference, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX.
- Aiyo, eylaathu: Composing with chronic pain and fatigue when you just #\$%ing can't. Ph.D. Colloquium, Rutgers University School of Communication and Information.
- Writing (or not) on crip time. Digital Inquiry, Speculation, Collaboration, and Optimism (DISCO) Network.
- ²⁰²² Apr 15 Crip mentoring, access advocacy, and the job market. DISCO Network.
- Intersectional feminism and digital aggression: Research experiences and approaches. Coalition of Feminist Scholars in the History of Rhetoric and Composition (CFSHRC).
- Today is loss that isn't loss. Candlelight vigil for Sri Lanka Easter bombings, New York, NY. (Literary reading)
- Robot coda: Writers on love, race, and technology. Asian American Writers' Workshop (AAWW), New York, NY. (Invited moderator)
- Every comic is Asian American: Vowvaal/வெளவால். (Jul 11). Asian-American Comi-Con, New York, NY.

Refereed Presentations

- Narrating generative AI refusal. C&W, Athens, GA.
- AI and the enshittification of writing. Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC), Baltimore, MD.
- If to move the soul a writer: Writing South Asian diasporic-disabled abundance. CCCC, Spokane, WA.
- Ocularcentrism, intergenerational trauma, and the Euro-American composition of Eelam Tamil pain. CCCC, Chicago, IL.
- Carework and editing during COVID: Reflections on being a disabled guest editor. Modern Language Association (MLA) Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Peyththai and image-making: Cripping chronic pain the Tamil way. Universities Art Association of Canada Conference, Toronto, CAN.
- The successful text is not always the one that murders me to protect you. Rhetoric Society of America (RSA) Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- Soliciting and publishing multimodal mess as digital activism. C&W, Greenville, NC. (Panel co-chair)
- Dismantling architectures of power: On collaboration and implementation in labor and assessment schemas. CCCC, Online.
- Making tangible institutional abstractions: Co-creating labor-based departmental grading policies across teaching lines. CCCC, Spokane, WA. (Canceled due to COVID-19)

- Embodied rhetoric: The body on/in/as text. RSA, Portland, OR. (Canceled due to COVID-19)
- The aesthetics still matter: The ethics of simulating pain in digital scholarship. C&W, Greenville, NC. (Canceled due to COVID-19)
- Poetics, praxis, and social justice: Reconfiguring epistemologies of pain as sites of collaborative invention. CCCC, Milwaukee, WI. (Panel co-organizer, canceled due to COVID-19)
- Empowering inclusive disciplinary online representations and interactions: Strategic approaches for practicing anti-oppressive, hospitable online communication. CCCC, Milwaukee, WI. (Canceled due to COVID-19)
- Are you f*ing kidding me?: Self-care in the face of classroom trauma. Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) Conference, San Antonio, TX. (Canceled due to COVID-19)
- The pedagogical value of pain in anatomies of writing. C&W, East Lansing, MI.
- (In)visible labor: Radical professional participation in fraught digital spaces. C&W, East Lansing, MI.
- The author draws a blank: Negotiating academia with/in "fibro fog." Capacious, Lancaster, PA.
- For high-knowledge threats: A placebo-controlled rhetorical trial to treat aca-trolls. C&W, Fairfax, VA.
- Post-truth, post-Trump: Reflecting on the future of web literacies. C&W, Fairfax, VA.
- "Maybe she can be a feminist & still claim her opinions?" C&W, Findlay, OH. (Town hall talk)
- "I've never heard of that country": Sri Lankan-American writers on shaping an emerging literary identity. AWP, Washington, D.C. (Talk read in absentia due to inclement weather)
- Modding the I: An approach to dis/connected publics.. C&W, Rochester, NY.
- The author is in pain: Encounters in the world of non-belonging. Affect Theory, Lancaster, PA.
- Teaching tattoos: A body(mod)-focused approach to the composition classroom. C&W, Menomonie, WI.
- Autonomy in the hivemind: 4chan's archival economy and archaeology of memory. C&W, Pullman, WA.
- The right to bear cannons: Reevaluating DDoS actions as civic protest. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Washington, D.C.
- Lurk moar: Conducting research in transgressive Internet environments. C&W, Frostburg, MD.
- Mobius double reacharound: The convergence of comics, animation, and gaming in Homestuck. Illustration, Comics, and Animation Conference, Hanover, NH.
- "We do it for the lulz": Graffiti as a metaphor for digital defacement. Critical Information Conference, New York, NY.
- "Meanwhile, in an entirely different thread": Reading 4chan as cybertext. C&W, Raleigh, NC.
- For the lulz?: Bigotry in moral panic discourse on 4chan's Random /b/. Popular Culture Association (PCA), Boston, MA. (Panel chair)
- "We are Sri Lankan civilians plz save our life": Photography and the spectacle of Sri Lanka's civil war. New Narrative IV: Image and Spectacle, Toronto, CAN.
- "I think writing is a pretty cool guy. eh makes meaning and doesnt afraid of anything": Grammatical memes and linguistic practice on 4chan. C&W, Ann Arbor, MI.

^{2010 Sep 4} "Later, buddy": The politics of loss and trauma representation in *Gurren Lagann*. Graphic Engagement Conference, West Lafayette, IN.

Internal Invited Talks

- 5th Annual Pace Online Conference: Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education. (Invited discussant, unable to participate)
- Low tech tips for big problems. Teaching Tips Bicampus Workshop, Faculty Center, Pace. (Co-facilitator)
- ^{2020 May 9} Craft talk: Breaking silence, telling truths, and writing ghosts into being. Saturated Channel: Virtual Creative Arts Festival, Pace PLV.
- Best practices for online teaching. English, Writing & Cultural Studies, Pace PLV.
- Three ways to engage students when discussing scholarly texts. English, Writing & Cultural Studies, Pace PLV.
- English major presentation. Challenge and Achievement at Pace (CAP) Program Information Session, Pace PLV.
- Scholarly incubator: Great ideas for teaching. Communication, Information, and Media, Rutgers University School of Communication and Information.

SELECTED MEDIA MENTIONS

Interviews

- Ilie, M. Interview with Vyshali Manivannan. Campus Clipper.
- Cox, A. & Lynch-Biniek, A. Time, non-tenure-track labor, and the academic knowledge economy in English Studies: Let's break the scholarship machine.
- Keen, F. & Crawford, B. Memetic irony and the promotion of violence within chan cultures.

 International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR).
- Khan, S. Bringing the safety pin to the classroom: How this JMS professor is creating a safe space for students to voice their opinions. *AlumKnights*.
- Krienke, M. Interview with Vyshali Manivannan. r.kv.ry Quarerly Literary Journal.

Press Coverage

- Delfino, A. Hands-on humanities: Experiential learning in unexpected places. *Dyson Digital Digest*.
- Nieman, A. Professor Manivannan honored at Academic Achievement Banquet. Pace Chronicle.
- Candlelight vigil held in NYC for victims of Easter attacks (*Tamil Guardian*); Partsakoulaki, A. Vigil in Union Square sends hope and political messages to Sri Lanka (*NY City Lens*); Seymour, A. Countering violence with community in the Sri Lankan diaspora; and PIX 11.
- This week in essays 113 (featuring "Easter in Sri Lanka: Today is loss that isn't loss"). *The Rumpus*.

- Wilhelm, D. Born to write. *The Dartmouth Life*.
- Mackie, D. A young writer in a hurry. *The Valley News*.

Grey Literature & High-Impact Mentions

- Olinger, A. 2024 Watson Conference CFP. (References "Carework and Writing During COVID")
- Inoue, A. Narratives of joy and failure in antiracist assessment. WAC Clearinghouse.
- ICSR. Extremist chan culture. Global Network on Extremism and Technology (GNET). (Cites "Attaining the ninth square")
- Babb, J. & Blackburn, J. (Eds.). CFP: "Writing Program Administration in the Time of COVID." WPA: Writing Program Administration, 46(3).
- Ruiz, I., Oculta, L., Hendrickson, Grayson, M., Hassel, H., Palmquist, & Olejnik, M. "Help I posted": Race, power, disciplinary shifts, and the #WPAListServFeministRevolution. *Systems shift: Creating and navigating change in rhetoric and composition administration*. WAC Clearinghouse, 73-98. (References contributions to Twitter discourse about racism in the field)
- Keller, A. & Strenk, M. Ep. 116: Accountability worldwide (or "how I learned how to be less of an asshole and appreciate the call-out") [Audio podcast episode]. In *Bored2Life*. (Includes "Later, buddy" in recommended references)
- Ball, C., Sheppard, J., & Arola, K. Writer/designer: A guide to making multimodal projects (3rd ed.).

 Macmillan. (Features an image of "But you look so well!")
- Hsu, J. Long COVID, ME/CFS, and patient-led care: Jo's experience of post-viral chronic illness. *TransGriot*.
- 2020 Oct 1 Keen, F. Online Subcultures and the Challenges of Moderation. GNET.
- Anti-Ableist Composition. "What we see when we digitize pain: The risk of valorizing image-based representations of fibromyalgia over body and bodily experience" by Vyshali Manivannan.
- Hubrig, A. The CCCC is accessible. In *Failure pedagogies: Learning and unlearning what it means to fail*. Peter Lang. (Features photograph of post-it bombed disability sign at CCCC 2019)
- Wilkes, L. The same old racist stuff: White fragility, rhetorical listening, and affect in online writing instruction. In C. E. Ball, C. Chen, K. Purzycki, & L. Wilkes (Eds.), *The Proceedings of the Annual Computers and Writing Conference, Volume 1*, 2016 & 2017, 107-114. (References invisible labor of C&W live-tweeting)
- Nagle, A. Kill all normies: Online culture wars from 4chan and Tumblr to Trump and the alt-right. Zero Books.
- Film Studies for Free. Studies of the Remediation of Films, Comics and Video Games. In *Film Studies for Free*. (Includes "Interplay amidst the strangeness and the charm" in recommended OA texts)
- n.d. Dictionary. Triforce. In *Dictionary.com*.
- n.d. People for Equality and Relief in Lanka (PEARL). Tamil genocide.

Wikipedia. /b/. In Wikipedia.

TEACHING

Courses Taught at Pace University

WIP: 2026 Fall Taught: Pending

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WS 297Y: Creative Writing for Social Justice

Focuses on creative techniques informed by antiracist, anticolonialist, feminist, queer, and trans modes of being, demonstrating their use in unsettling genre boundaries and challenging dominant ideas about objectivity, identity, and power in art, academia, and advocacy.

2024 Fall

Taught: 1 semester

LIT 315A: Postmodern Literature

Surveys postmodern literature with attention paid to the use of formal experimentation, deconstruction, parody, and reader complicity to enact social, cultural, and political critique. Assignments include critical literary analyses that similarly formally enact the argument.

2023 Fall

Taught: 1 semester

ENG 322: The Art of Memoir

Examines creative nonfiction, lyric memoir, and multimodal writing through literary and craft analysis, mindfulness and body mapping, and creative writing. Assignments include thematically linked short stories generated from memories stored in the body.

2023 Spring

Taught: 1 semester

LIT 275: Disability Studies in Literature and Culture

Examines literature by disabled creators alongside theories in writing studies, affect studies, science and technology studies, and other diverse fields to explore the interdisciplinary field of disability studies. Assignments include creative-critical essays and access guides.

2022 Spring

Taught: 3 semesters

ENG 206: Introduction to Writing Studies

Surveys the Rhetoric and Composition, Creative Writing, and Professional Writing disciplines by introducing students to ongoing conversations, keywords, and instructional training in these fields. Assignments include critiquing and expanding disciplinary keywords and reflecting on their experiences as students in Writing Studies courses.

2022 Fall

Taught: 1 semester

ENG 214: Introduction to Rhetorical History and Theory

Engages with foundational texts and concepts from ancient Western and non-Western rhetorical traditions, using classical Greek, Chinese, and Indian theories of rhetoric to critically illuminate contemporary assumptions about writing, with attention paid to the production and dissemination of mis-, dis-, and mal-information. Assignments include collaborative annotations and case study analyses.

2021 Fall

Taught: 3 semesters

LIT 205: Introduction to Literature, Culture, and Media

Explores the intersection of literature and media by surveying electronic literature, introducing students to interdisciplinary theories to help them critically consider the narrative uses of digital media and analyze the persuasive, immersive power of form in digital storytelling. Assignments include narrative and formal analyses of video games.

2021 Fall Taught: 8 semesters

ENG 201: Writing in the Disciplines

Introduces students to writing in the disciplines by emphasizing disciplinary research writing, using principles of qualitative research: primary research using interviews and personal narrative,

and secondary research using scholarly databases to help students learn to assess, summarize, synthesize, and cite peer-reviewed articles. Assignments include a semester-long qualitative research project.

2019 Spring

Taught: 5 semesters

ENG 120: Critical Writing

Introduces students to the principles of composition and conducting basic research, including library and Internet research, in a core composition course designed around research into discourse communities. Assignments include game sessions of *Dialect* with collaborative recordkeeping to demonstrate the evolution of a discourse community, ethnographic participant observation, and critical discourse analysis.

2018 Fall

Taught: 1 semester

ENG 110: Critical Writing

Introduces students to the process-oriented nature of writing in a core composition course, helping them develop strategies for effectively drafting, revising, and editing analytical essays. Assignments include literacy narratives and process reflections.

2018 Fall

Taught: 1 semester

ENG 110 CAP: Critical Writing

Introduces students to the process-oriented nature of writing in a core composition course in the Challenge to Achievement at Pace (CAP) program, themed around critical university studies and designed to help them develop strategies for critical reading and drafting, revising, and editing analytical essays while learning to recognize and articulate "the hidden curriculum" of academia.

COURSES DEVELOPED AT PACE UNIVERSITY

Dev: 2025 Spring
Taught: 1 semester

WS 297V: Feminist Disability Justice

Explores antiracist, feminist, queer, and trans frameworks undergirding disability justice, recuperating *disability* from its politicized, neoliberal, individuating contexts and re-presenting it as a complex medical, social, and cultural construct that is contingent and communal. Assignments include access guides, rhetorical analyses, and "un-essays."

Courses Taught at Columbia University

2013 Summer Taught: 11 semesters

ASP Summer Bridge Program: University Writing

Introduces under-resourced students who will be attending Columbia University in the following academic year to the first two projects of University Writing, themed around identity politics, new media, literacy narratives, multimodal composition, and dominant language ideology.

2006 Spring *Taught*: 3 semesters

ENGL 1010: University Writing

Facilitates students' entry into the intellectual life of the university by teaching them to become more capable and independent academic readers and writers. Assignments include the lens essay, the conversation essay, and the retrospective essay.

Courses Taught at Rutgers University

2017 Summer

Taught: 1 semester

JMS 594: Digital Media Ethics

Explores the theoretical underpinnings of how we come to a given moral philosophy and examines case studies specific to digital media. Assignments include posts on Yellowdig and Flipgrid and case study analyses.

2017 Spring

Taught: 1 semester

JMS 200: Writing for Media

Introduces students to the fundamentals of writing across media platforms, with attention to several journalistic and media-based styles and disciplinary techniques, research, and content development. Assignments include developing and writing news stories in one of the genres being studied.

2015 Spring

Taught: 4 semesters

JMS 274: Consumer Media Culture

Provides a critical understanding of the role of advertising, public relations, and branded space in society by examining the history of advertising, commercial and social aspects of messages in ads, and the industry's influence on social relations and institutions like journalism. Assignments include exams and creation of a product and advertising campaign that exemplifies the techniques being studied.

2015 Spring

Taught: 2 semesters

JMS 275: Social Media and Participatory Culture

Explores critical approaches to new media environments, especially with regard to "social media," situating them in broader social, political, and historical contexts and dimensions of cultural life that make up our selves, including friendship, intimacy, labor, celebrity, power, race, gender, sexuality, class, activism, and privacy.

2014 Fall

Taught: 3 semesters

JMS 201: Media Ethics and Law

Examines legal issues and ethical problems confronting journalists. Assignments include case study analyses, an interactive narrative case study using Twine, and playthrough of and reflection on peers' interactive narratives. (Received internal funding to develop hybrid summer section.)

2013 Summer Taught: 1 semester

JMS 215: Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality in the Media

Analyzes content, treatment, and effects of women and minority group coverage in television, newspapers, magazines, popular music and film.

COURSES DEVELOPED AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

2014 Fall

Taught: 3 semesters

JMS 201: Journalism and Bullshitocracy

Examines legal issues and ethical problems confronting journalists, emphasizing how to be vigilant for, diagnose, and address bullshit across your information diet. Assignments include personal reflection, case study analyses, and an interactive narrative case study and analysis using Twine.

Courses Taught at Baruch College

2015 Fall

Taught: 3 semesters

COM 3062: Studies in Electronic Media

Surveys the past, present, and future of electronic media, the myths of novelty surrounding them, and the social practices, habits, and forms of remediation generated in their uptakes by individual consumers, particularly regarding the development of radio broadcasting in the 1920s, the launch

of commercial television in the 1940s, and the current growth of digital media. Assignments include essays and makerspace activities.

2015 Fall

Taught: 3 semesters

COM 3057: Introduction to Digital Communication and Culture

Introduces students to the major critical methods, policy debates, and creative forms involved in contemporary digital media both domestically and internationally, combining methods from media studies, political economy, cultural studies, and textual and visual culture. Assignments include case study analyses and audits of interfaces and use cases on specific technological platforms.

COURSES DEVELOPED AT BARUCH COLLEGE

2014 Fall

Taught: 3 semesters

COM 4101: Contemporary Issues in Digital Media: The Politics of Transgression and Spectacle

Surveys contemporary issues around digital media with attention to spectacular interventions, particularly the ethics and technical practices of trolling and hacking, to explore privacy, surveillance, data mining, censorship, piracy movements, and trolling and hacktivism as exemplified by WikiLeaks, 4chan, and Anonymous. Assignments include exams, essays, and presentation of hacktivist technique. This redesigned special topics course was integrated into Communication B.A. major requirements.

Courses Taught at Montclair State University

2008 Fall

Taught: 3 semesters

WRIT 105: College Writing I

Develops students' thinking and writing abilities through frequent writing assignments based on critical response to intellectually challenging questions, emphasizing prewriting, drafting, peer review, and revising, themed around identity politics, new media, and monster culture. Assignments include three essays and a portfolio.

2009 Spring

Taught: 2 semesters

WRIT 106: College Writing II

Helps students become effective writers of intellectual arguments in response to genre- and discipline-based works, themed around trauma, war, and graphic novels and focusing on reading and interpreting a diversity of texts across multiple modes and engaging in academic research. Assignments include three essays and a portfolio.

Courses Taught at Yeshiva College

2008 Fall

Taught: 1 semester

FYWR 1001: Writing New York City

Facilitates students' entry into the intellectual life of the university by helping them develop their reading, writing, and critical thinking skills, with a focus on NYC. Assignments include a personal narrative and an annotated NYC map along with an essay reflecting on urban environments and NYC culture.

COURSES DEVELOPED AT YESHIVA COLLEGE

2009 Spring Taught: 1 semester

FYWR 1002: Research Writing

Introduces students to college-level writing and prepares them for all subsequent academic work by deepening reading comprehension and critical thinking skills, encouraging rhetorical flexibility and helping students conduct research and integrate and build on outside ideas in order to consider a topic from different viewpoints and learn how to properly document sources. This course was significantly redesigned to focus on the Batman universe and the graphic novel genre.

Courses Taught at The New School

2009 Spring Taught: 1 semester

Writing the Essay II: Research Writing: Cyberpunk and Cyberculture

Helps students develop a clear and forceful prose style through close reading and consistent work in writing and revision, exploring research methods to produce an in-depth, documented essay themed around cyberpunk literature and cyberculture.

Courses Taught at City College of Technology

2006 Summer Taught: 5 semesters

2024 Spring

2022 Spring

ESOL 031W: Writing in College ESL Writing

Builds on students' writing competencies by further developing context-appropriate use of language, vocabulary, and syntax, helping them improve their linguistic skills and meet university proficiency requirements as well as ENG 1101 criteria. Assignments include short response essays and practice CUNY Assessment Tests (CAT).

Mentees & Collaborators

GRADUATE STUDENTS

2025 Spring Mia Ilie, Publishing M.S. program, Pace. (Mentor, English, Writing & Rhetoric Faculty Connection Mentorship Program)

2024 Summer Eva Jin, English Ph.D. program, Arizona State University. (Mentor, advised on process of composing a multimodal creative-critical dissertation)

> David Tortolini, American Studies Ph.D. program, Purdue University. (Mentor, advised on process of composing transgenre creative-critical work as a disabled scholar)

Mandy Eugeniou, "What kind of object am I as Magnetic Resonance Image?: Moving image, the sick body and our relationship to medical visualisation in the face of AI," School of the Arts Practice-Based Ph.D. program, Kingston University - London. (Consultant, reviewed

dissertation proposal)

2014-2020 Fredrika Thelandersson, Communication, Information, and Media Ph.D. program, Rutgers University (Peer mentor)

2019 May Anna Barritt, English Ph.D. program, University of Oklahoma. (C&W mentor) 2017 May Ashanka Kumari, English, Rhetoric, and Composition Ph.D. program, University of Louisville. (C&W mentor)

2015 May Chen Chen, Communication, Rhetoric, & Digital Media Ph.D. program, North Carolina State University (C&W mentor)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

2025-pres Joshua Wilson, English, Writing, & Cultural Studies B.A., Pace - PLV. (Mentor, English, Writing & Rhetoric Faculty Connection Mentorship Program)

2023-pres Hannah Mills, English, Writing, & Cultural Studies B.A., Pace - PLV. (Mentor, English, Writing & Rhetoric Faculty Connection Mentorship program)

Hannah Mills, "Syllabi in Action: Making Space for Student Bodyminds through Co-Constructed Syllabi," 43rd Annual Meeting of the Society of Fellows, Pace. (Faculty sponsor)

Mia Ilie, English, Writing & Cultural Studies B.A., Pace - PLV. (Mentor, advised on courses and sustaining a writing practice)

2022 Fall Em Sutherland, "Visual analysis of techno-Orientalism in Stray," English, Writing & Cultural Studies B.A., Pace - PLV. (Thesis advisor)

Irach'e Teague, English, Writing & Cultural Studies B.A., Pace - PLV. (Mentor, advised on 2018-22 major selection and sustaining a creative practice)

2014 Sep-2018 May Chelsea Crane, Communication B.A., Rutgers University (Mentor, advised on coursework, dual degree program, and career opportunities)

2014 Sep-2015 May Claudia Azzam, Communication B.A., Rutgers University (Mentor, advised on coursework and law school opportunities)

2016 Jul-pres Angelo Hernandez-Sias, Columbia University, Syracuse University (Mentor, advised on sustaining a writing practice and graduate school)

2014-2018 Brianna Alston, Anthropology B.A., Columbia University (Mentor, advised on coursework and career opportunities)

> Daniel Corey, Journalism B.A., Rutgers University (Recommended student for positions in news media; student obtained employment at NBC News)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

2019-24 Asian Student Union (Advisor) 2019-20 Chroma Literary Journal (Advisor)

2024 Mar 16

2020-23

2019

Invited Classroom Talks

2023 Q&A on "What we see when we digitize pain: The risk of valorizing image-based representations of fibromyalgia over body and bodily experience." APLING 597: Disability, Rhetoric, Language, Pennsylvania State University (Online).

2023

Craft Q&A on "Hollow me, hollow me, until only you remain." ENGL 895: Making/Studying Feminist Activism, Old Dominion University (Online).

Course Evaluations from Pace

Sem/Year	Prefix & #	# Enrolled	Mean	Course Title
Spring 2025	WS 297V	16	4.70	Fem Disability Justice
Spring 2025	ENG 201	17	2.85	Writing in the Disciplines
Fall 2024	LIT 315A	6	4.67	Postmodern Lit
Fall 2024	ENG 201	19	3.5	Writing in the Disciplines
Spring 2024	ENG 206	17	3.79	Intro to Writing Studies
Spring 2024	ENG 201	18	3.34	Writing in the Disciplines
Fall 2023	LIT 205	16	4.I	Intro to Lit, Media, & Culture
Fall 2023	ENG 322A	9	4.45	Art of Memoir
Spring 2023	LIT 275	20	4.40	Disability Studies in Lit & Culture
Spring 2023	ENG 206	14	4.33	Intro to Writing Studies
Spring 2023	ENG 201	18	4.72	Writing in the Disciplines
Fall 2022	ENG 214	15	4.13	Intro to Rhet History & Theory
Fall 2022	LIT 205	18	3.63	Intro to Lit, Media, & Culture
Fall 2022	ENG 201	13	3.34	Writing in the Disciplines
Spring 2022	ENG 206	19	4.30	Intro to Writing Studies
Spring 2022	ENG 201	19	3.90	Writing in the Disciplines
Spring 2022	ENG 201	17	3.44	Writing in the Disciplines
Fall 2021	LIT 205	18	3.92	Intro to Lit, Media, & Culture
Fall 2021	ENG 201	17	4.32	Writing in the Disciplines
Fall 2021	ENG 201	11	3.91	Writing in the Disciplines
Spring 2021	ENG 120	22	4.46	Critical Writing
Spring 2021	ENG 120	17	4.19	Critical Writing
Spring 2021	ENG 120	16	4.64	Critical Writing
Fall 2020	ENG 120	18	4.23	Critical Writing
Fall 2020	ENG 120	20	4.33	Critical Writing
Fall 2020	ENG 120	17	3.79	Critical Writing

SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Internal Service or Leadership

UNIVERSITY LEVEL

BIPOC Faculty Collective (Member)

2024-pres

2023-pres "Writing with AI policy" syllabus statement (Author, included in GenAI LibGuides at Pace University, Utica University, and University of Mississippi, Pace Writing-Enhanced Course (WEC) program materials, and Faculty Center "Low-Tech Tips" presentation) WEC Program, Pace - PLV (Director) 2021-pres "Creative Writing with Chroma" (Organizer, moderator of virtual write-in) 2023 Feb 23 2022 Nov 7 "Get Your Sh*t Together Pajama Party" (Organizer, moderator of virtual write-in) Academic Writing Placement, First-Year Experience London Program (Placement exam 2021 Feb reviewer) 2020 Jan ENG 120, Prior Learning Assessment Course, Pace Online Program (External portfolio evaluator) SCHOOL LEVEL First-Year Experience Subcommittee, Dyson Curriculum Committee (DCC) (Member) 2024 Dec-pres DCC (Member) 2021-pres Annual PLV Writing Awards (Coordinator, WEC Award nominator, program writer) 2021-24 DEPARTMENT LEVEL 2024 "What course format for core writing is right for you?" position statement and self-placement survey. (WIP) English, Writing & Cultural Studies program assessment (Coordinator) 2021-pres "Pandemics and public health" statement (Author, informational resources and classroom policy 2020-pres on public health, risk mitigation, and access) "Writing with(out) AI" statement (Author, position statement on AI) 2025 2024 Summer Writing and Information Literacy in the Disciplines (WILD) initiative (Compiled resources and data on peer institutions) 2024 Fall "You can't acknowledge land without acknowledging #LandBack" (Author, land acknowledgment) 2023-24 "Creating a culture of access" (Author, position statement on accessibility) ENG 201 OER committee (Chair, author of department position statement on antiracism 2023 Summer education) 2022 "On Genre" statement (Author, position statement on transgenre writing) 2021-23 English, Writing & Cultural Studies online and social media creation (Coordinator) 2022 Sep "Quickstart guide to Discord" (Author, Discord onboarding for students, adapted from work by s. currie) 2021-22 Search committee, English, Writing & Cultural Studies (Member) 2021 Summer Accessibility committee (Chair, author of department position statement on access and

explainers)

"Faculty Labor Guidelines and Expectations" (Author, department position statement on labor-based grading used in faculty training)
 "Digital Media Ethics" statement (Author, syllabus statement)
 English, Writing & Cultural Studies online course management assessment (Co-evaluator)

External Service or Leadership

INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL

Service to Profession

2025-pres	WAC Clearinghouse #writing series (Editorial board member)
2022-pres	The Journal of Multimodal Rhetorics (Outreach editor)
2019-pres	Kairos: A Journal of Rhetoric, Technology, and Pedagogy (Social media co-manager)
2022-pres	Committee on Disability Issues in College Composition, CCCC (Member)
2025 Dec	Spark (Journal reviewer, 1 mss.)
2024 Aug	Computers & Writing 2024 Proceedings (Journal reviewer, 1 mss.)
2024 Apr-Jun	Technology Innovator Award Committee, C&W (Reviewer, 7 sub.)
2024 Mar	Watson Conference (Access consultant, advised on modalities for hybrid participation)
2024 Jan-Feb	Cogent Arts & Humanities (Journal reviewer, 1 mss.)
2023 Apr-May	Kairos Awards for Graduate Students/NTT Faculty in Service, Scholarship/Research, and
	Teaching (Reviewer, 8 sub.)
2023 Apr-May	Gail E. Hawisher & Cynthia L. Selfe Caring for the Future Award (Reviewer, 3 subs.)
2023 Jan-Mar	C&W 2023 (Conference reviewer, 1 mss.)
2021-22	"Carework and Writing During COVID" two-part special issue (6.2 & 7.1), Journal of
	Multimodal Rhetorics (Co-editor, 144 subs.)
2019-22	Disability in College Composition Travel Awards Committee, CCCC (Reviewer)
2019 Mar 16	nextGEN Table Staff, CCCC (Volunteer)
2019 Mar 13	Access Table Staff, CCCC (Volunteer)
2018 Nov 6	Listserv to listserv: A response from nextGEN. WPA-L Listserv. (Contributor)
2018 Oct 28	On naming what we don't want to know. WPA-L Listserv. (Author)
2018 Oct 26	Re: A request to all list members. WPA-L Listserv. (Author)
2013 Sep	Journal reviewer, Fibreculture Journal (1 mss.)

Community Involvement/Outreach

Tamil resistance and resilience in the face of genocide, PEARL, New York, NY. (Editor and docent, edited written content and assisted with exhibit arrangement and visitor experience)

"What you think of pain is a shadow. Pain has a face. Allow me to show it to you." (Author, shared by request to The Facial Pain Association Facebook page)

REGIONAL/STATE/LOCAL

Service to Profession

Reasonable accommodations toolkit (Author, WIP template for academic accommodations for

disabled faculty)

²⁰¹⁰ Jun-Dec Writing and Writing Instruction K-12 Teacher Training, Harlem Children's Zone - Countee

Cullen Community Center, New York, NY.

Writing Division Search Committee Graduate Student Representative, Columbia University

School of the Arts.

Associate Editor, *The Morningside Review*, Undergraduate Writing Program, Columbia

University.

Community Involvement/Outreach

2023 Dec 12-13 Advancing ME/CFS research: Identifying targets for intervention and learning from Long

COVID meeting. Bethesda, MD. (Attendee)

#MillionsMissing 2022 Day of Action, MEAction Network. (Participant, Twitter thread

retweeted by MEAction)

^{2019 Feb-May} Incarcerated Writers Initiative, Columbia University School of the Arts. (Reviewer, provided

feedback on creative writing pieces by incarcerated writers)

"An Eelam Tamil American's reaction to Trump's election." Facebook. (Author, post shared by

request with AAWW funders)

Exemplary Awards Committee, English Department, Montclair State University.

Editor, Copy-Editor, and Web Assistant, Page Turner: The Asian American Literary Festival,

AAWW.

Page Turner: The Asian American Literary Festival (Volunteer, book table staff), AAWW,

Brooklyn, NY.

²⁰⁰⁶ Sep-2009 May Volunteer staff, AAWW, New York, NY.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Pace Faculty Mentoring Program (Participant)

"Scaling collective access: From your presentation to the field" (Attendee)

"Androids, spirits and chatbots: Historicizing AI writing" (Attendee)

International Symposium on Autoethnography and Narrative (Attendee)

"So everyone loves AI now? A review of ChatGPT six months in" (Attendee)

²⁰²³ May 4 "Everything I need to know about ChatGPT, I learned from my students" (Attendee)

MEMBERSHIPS

Academic Organizations

Phi Beta Kappa, Dartmouth College

Society for the Study of Affect

^{2023-pres} Alliance for Refusing Generative Artificial Intelligence

Association for the Rhetoric of Science, Technology, and Medicine

2019 May-pres Digital Aggression Working Group

National Council of Teachers of English
Rhetoric Society of America (Member)
Modern Language Association (Member)

New York City Digital Humanities (Member)

Activist Organizations

2022 Oct-pres MEAction Network

2020 Jan-pres American Association of University Professors

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

Creative & Scholarly Activity

Honorable Mention for Kairos Award for Best Webtext for "Hollow me, hollow me, until only "

you remain."

2015

Rutgers University School of Graduate Studies (SGS) Distinguished Scholarly Achievement

Award. (Invited 2023 SGS Convocation student speaker, unable to due to COVID-19 risks)

First Place Prize (\$50) for "Misability," #BorgDiem Disabled Word Invention Contest.

Kairos Award for Graduate Student/NTT Faculty in the Scholarship/Research Category.

Pushcart Prize nomination for "The meaning of a machete," Consequence Magazine.

Best American Essays 2015 "Notable Essays and Literary Nonfiction of 2014" special mention for

"The meaning of a machete," Consequence Magazine.

Teaching

YES I Make It Happen Recognition for pedagogical excellence in honors teaching, Pace – PLV.

LGBTQA+ Educator of the Year Nominee, Pace - PLV.

LGBTQA+ Educator of the Year Award, Pace - PLV.

"Honoring Excellence" Faculty Award for Supporting Academic Achievement, Office of

Residential Life and Housing, Pace - PLV. (Nominated by 40 students)

LGBTQA+ Educator of the Year Nominee, Pace - PLV.

²⁰¹⁹ Apr "Faculty of the Month" Campus Winner, National Residence Hall Honorary, Northeast Affiliate

of the National Association of College & University Residence Halls, Inc., Pace - PLV.

Roger Hernandez Memorial Part-Time Faculty Award, Communication, Information, and

Media, Rutgers University.

Presidential Excellence in Teaching Nominee, Baruch College.

Teaching Assistant of the Year, School of Communication and Information, Rutgers University.

Service

Technology Innovator Award, College Composition and Communication Committee on

Computers in Composition and Communication.

Michelle Kendrick Award for Outstanding Digital Production/Scholarship for "Carework and

Writing During COVID" co-edited special issue of the Journal of Multimodal Rhetorics,

Computers and Composition (Co-recipient).

2022 Dec YES I Make It Happen Recognition for student advising, Pace – PLV.