

# Ryan Heuser

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## EDUCATION

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### *Stanford University*

Ph.D., English, September 2019

Dissertation: *Abstraction: A Literary History*

Committee: John Bender, Mark Algee-Hewitt, Mark Greif "Phonological and Metrical Variation across Genres." *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting on Phonology* 3 (2016). (with Arto Anttila).

M.A., English, June 2013

### *University of Florida*

B.A., English (summa cum laude), May 2008

## EMPLOYMENT

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### *University of Cambridge*

Junior Research Fellow, 2019-

### *Stanford Literary Lab*

Associate Research Director, 2011-2015

### *Stanford Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (CESTA)*

Humanities Research Programmer, 2010-2011

## BOOK IN PROGRESS

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*Abstraction: A Literary History*. (expected completion 2022).

## ARTICLES

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[Submitted] "Antimetricality and the Rhythms of Prose." *Language*. (with Arto Anttila and Paul Kiparsky).

"Mapping London's Emotions." *New Left Review* 101 (2016): 63-91. (with Franco Moretti)

and Erik Steiner).

“Learning to Read Data: Bringing out the Humanistic in the Digital Humanities.” *Victorian Studies* 54.1 (2011): 79-86. (with Long Le-Khac).

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

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[Accepted for publication] “Computing Koselleck: Modeling Semantic Revolutions, 1720-1960.” *Explorations in the Digital History of Ideas*. Ed. Pete de Bolla. Cambridge University Press. Forthcoming.

[Accepted for publication] “Digital Cartography and Scale.” *Space and Literary Studies*. Cambridge Critical Concepts. Ed. Elizabeth F. Evans. Cambridge University Press. Forthcoming.

“Mapping the Emotions of London in Fiction, 1700-1900: A Crowdsourcing Experiment.” *Literary Mapping in the Digital Age*. Ed. David Cooper, Chris Donaldson, and Patricia Murrieta-Flores. Ashgate. 2016. (with Mark Algee-Hewitt, Van Tran, Annalise Lockhart, and Erik Steiner).

## **LITERARY LAB PAMPHLETS**

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Reprinted in *Canon/Archive: Studies in Quantitative Formalism from the Stanford Literary Lab*, ed. Franco Moretti (New York: n+1, 2017)

“The Emotions of London.” *Stanford Literary Lab* 13 (2016). (with Franco Moretti and Erik Steiner).

“Canon/Archive: Large-scale Dynamics in the Literary Field.” *Stanford Literary Lab* 11 (2016). (with Mark Algee-Hewitt, Sarah Allison, Marissa Gemma, Franco Moretti, and Hannah Walser).

“On Paragraphs: Scale, Themes, and Narrative Form.” *Stanford Literary Lab* 10 (2015). (with Mark Algee-Hewitt and Franco Moretti).

“Style at the Scale of the Sentence.” *Stanford Literary Lab* 5 (2013). (with Sarah Allison, Marissa Gemma, Franco Moretti, Amir Tevel, and Irena Yamboliev).

“A Quantitative Literary History of 2,958 Nineteenth-Century British Novels: The Semantic Cohort Method.” *Stanford Literary Lab* 4 (2012). (with Long Le-Khac).

“Quantitative Formalism: An Experiment.” *Stanford Literary Lab* 1 (2011). (with Sarah Allison, Matthew Jockers, Franco Moretti, and Michael Witmore).

## **TEACHING**

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### *Instructor*

“Automating the Bechdel Test: Computing Gender Bias across Media” (Cambridge

Digital Humanities) [Spring 2022]  
“Practical Criticism” (Cambridge English)  
“Literary Text Mining” (Stanford English)

*Teaching Assistant*

“Introduction to English II: Milton and Melville” (Stanford English)  
“Shakespeare” (Stanford English)

*Workshop Instructor*

“Introduction to Word Embedding Models for the Humanities” (University of Trier)  
“Introduction to Python for Digital Humanities” (Stanford Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis)

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Alden Dissertation Prize, Stanford University, 2019.  
Paul Fortier Prize, Alliance of Digital Humanities Organizations, 2017.

**INVITED TALKS**

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“Cultures of Abstraction: Artificial Intelligence and Distant Reading.” Observatoire des Textes, des Idées et des Corpus. Sorbonne University. 2021.  
“Computing Intellectual History: Word Embedding Models and Lexical Semantic Change, 1720-1960.” University of Birmingham Department of English Language and Linguistics. 2021.  
“*Sattelzeit* and Semantic Change.” Revolutionary Translations; Translators as Revolutionaries. King’s College London. 2020.  
“Abstract Realism.” Eighteenth-Century and Romantic Studies Graduate Seminar. University of Cambridge. 2020.  
“Computational Keywords: Historical Semantics and Cultural History, 1660-1830.” University of Trier. 2018.  
“Computational Keywords: Abstractions of Value, 1750-1850.” Yale DHLab and the 18th/19th-Century Colloquium. 2018.  
“Word Vectors in the Eighteenth Century.” Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics: Workshop IV: Mathematical Analysis of Cultural Expressive Forms: Text Data. Los Angeles. 2016.  
“Affect and Space as Mediating Technologies: Reflections from and on the ‘Emotions of London’ Literary Lab Project.” Cultural Analytics. Chicago. 2015.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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*With refereed proceedings published online:*

- “Word Vectors in the Eighteenth Century.” Digital Humanities. Montreal. 2017. [*Awarded Paul Fortier Prize*]
- “Building Blocks of Fiction: Literary Lexical Bundles, 1700-1900.” Digital Humanities. Krakow. 2016. (with Marissa Gemma).
- “Knowledge Networks, Juxtaposed: Disciplinarity in the Encyclopédie and Wikipedia.” Digital Humanities. Sydney. 2015. (with Mark Algee-Hewitt and John Bender).
- “Phonological and Metrical Variation across Genres.” Annual Meeting of Phonology. Vancouver. 2015. (with Arto Anttila).
- “Mapping the Emotions of London in Fiction, 1700-1900: A Crowdsourcing Experiment.” Digital Humanities. Sydney. 2015. (with Mark Algee-Hewitt, Van Tran, Annalise Lockhart, and Erik Steiner).
- “Transhistorical Poetry Project Phase II: Metrical Form.” Digital Humanities. Lausanne. 2014. (with Mark Algee-Hewitt, Maria Kraxenberger, J.D. Porter, Jonathan Sensenbaugh, and Justin Tackett).
- “The Cryptic Novel: A Computational Taxonomy of the Eighteenth-Century Literary Field.” Digital Humanities. Lausanne. 2014. (with Mark Algee-Hewitt, Laura Eidem, Ryan Heuser, Anita Law, and Tanya Llewellyn).

*Other presentations:*

- [*Upcoming*] “Abstract Realism.” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies. Baltimore, MD. 2022.
- [*Upcoming*] “Prose Rhythm and Antimetricality.” Linguistics Society of America. Washington, DC, USA. 2022. (with Arto Anttila).
- “The Rise and Fall of Antimetricality.” Bridging Gaps, Creating Links: The Qualitative-Quantitative Interface in the Study of Literature. Padua, Italy. 2018. (with Paul Kiparsky).
- “Associationism, Analogy, and Computationalism.” Annual Meeting of the Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (WSECS). Santa Barbara. 2017.
- “ELIZA, Virtual Therapist: or, Notes toward a Virtual Humanities.” Modern Language Association. Philadelphia. 2017.
- “Phonological and Metrical Variation across Genres.” Linguistics Society of America. Washington, D.C. 2015. (with Arto Anttila).

“Virtual Poetics: A Thought Experiment.” SyncDH. Santa Barbara. 2015.

## **PRESS COVERAGE**

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“How Data Analysis Can Enrich the Liberal Arts.” The Economist. 2020.

“The Book Crunchers.” New York Times. 2017.

“The Stanford Literary Lab’s Narrative.” New York Times. 2017.

“Why the London of British Literature Barely Changed for 200 Years.” Atlas Obscura. 2017.

“Researchers Map the Emotions of Fictional London.” Mental Floss. 2017.

“Stanford Researchers Map the Feelings Associated With Different Parts of London.”  
Smithsonian Magazine. 2017.

“Stanford Literary Lab Maps ‘Emotions in Victorian London’.” New York Times. 2015.

## **ADVISORY BOARDS**

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WhatEvery1Says (WE1S), directed by Alan Liu at the University of California–Santa  
Barbara, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

Textual Geographies, directed by Matthew Wilkens at the University of Notre Dame, funded  
by the National Endowment for the Humanities

## **LANGUAGES AND SKILLS**

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German: proficient reading, writing, and speaking

French: proficient reading

Programming: fluent in Python, proficient in R

Data science: proficient in machine learning, data visualization, network analysis, GIS