

# Stephanie Ranks

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Curriculum Vitae  
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## EDUCATION

2014-present **Ph.D. Candidate Yale University**

### **Department of English**

Dissertation: “Infinite Compositions and Divisions’: Experiments in Method and Form from Milton to Thomson”

Dissertation Committee: Professors Jonathan Kramnick, Catherine Nicholson, and John Rogers

2013 **B.A. (Triple Major) University of California, Berkeley**

### **English, Highest Honors**

Honors Thesis: “Hearing Milton: Areopagitan Engagement and the Wayfaring Reader”

Thesis Advisers: Professors Scott Saul and Joanna Picciotto

### **Celtic Studies, Highest Honors**

Honors Thesis: “The Literary Development of the Archetypal Poet”

Thesis Advisers: Dr. Annalee Rejhon and Professor Daniel Melia

### **Integrative Biology**

Research: Conifer phylogenetics, biogeography, autorotating winged seeds, paleobotany

Research Adviser: Professor Cindy Looy

## HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2019 Beinecke Library Dissertation Research Fellowship  
2019 Linda H. Peterson Travel Fund Grant  
2018-2019 George W. Darr Memorial Scholarship  
2018 Folger Institute Grant-in-Aid, Spring Seminar  
2017-2018 Jeannette Fellheimer Fellowship  
2015-2016 Edward Griffin Selden Scholarship in English Literature  
2014-2016 Richard J. Franke Fellowship  
2014-2015 Robert Dudley French Fellowship in English  
2013 Bronson Prize for Best Senior Thesis in English  
2013 Celtic Studies Departmental Citation, graduating class

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 (Mar.) **“Infinite Observation: Naturalism as Formalism in Thomson’s *The Seasons*”**  
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies 2019 – Denver, CO  
Major interdisciplinary conference for eighteenth-centuryists
- 2019 (Mar.) **“Reforming Observation through Cavendish’s ‘corporeal figurative motions’”**

- Renaissance Society of America 2019 – Toronto, Canada  
Major interdisciplinary conference for Renaissance scholars
- 2018 (Oct.) **“A Natural History of Seventeenth-Century ‘Experiment’”**  
The Desire for Method in Early Modern Europe – Princeton and NYU  
Interdisciplinary conference with English, History, and History of Science
- 2015 (Sep.) **“‘Infinite compositions and divisions’: Restoration Monarchy and the Microscopic Eye”**  
Sovereignty and Metaphor 2015 – New York University  
Medieval and early modern interdisciplinary conference
- 2015 (Mar.) **“The English before the Welch’: John Rhydderch, Provincial Printing, and 18th Century Mediations of the Welsh-English Self”**  
37<sup>th</sup> Annual California Celtic Colloquium and CSANA – University of California, Berkeley  
Combined with annual meeting of the Celtic Studies Association of North America

## PUBLICATIONS

Dori Contreras, Ivo Duijnste, **Stephanie L. Ranks**, Charles R. Marshall, Cindy V. Looy. Evolution of dispersal strategies in conifers: functional divergence and convergence in the morphology of diaspores. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics*. 2017.

Cindy V. Looy, **Stephanie L. Ranks**, Dan S. Chaney, Sophie Sanchez, Sébastien Steyer, Roger M. Smith, Christian A. Sidor, Timothy S. Meyers, Oumarou Ide, Neil J. Tabor. Biological and physical evidence for extreme seasonality in central Permian Pangea. *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology*. 2016.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 (Summer) **Instructor**, ENGL S114: Sedition and Dissent, YSS, Yale University (*scheduled*)
- 2021 (Spring) **Instructor**, ENGL 114: Sedition and Dissent, Yale University (*scheduled*)
- 2020 (Fall) **Instructor**, ENGL 115: Truth, Power, and the Scientific Mind; Yale University
- 2020 (Summer) **Instructor**, ENGL S114: Sedition and Dissent, YSS, Yale University
- 2020 (Spring) **Instructor**, ENGL 114: Sedition and Dissent, Yale University
- 2018 (Spring) **Instructor**, ENGL 115: Truth, Power, and the Scientific Mind; Yale University
- 2017 (Fall) **Instructor**, ENGL 114: Sedition and Dissent, Yale University
- 2017 (Spring) **Teaching Fellow (TF)**, ENGL 220: Milton, Yale University
- 2016 (Fall) **Teaching Fellow (TF)**, ENGL 201: Shakespeare: Histories and Tragedies, Yale University

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2015, 2018 **Event Manager**, The English Institute, Yale University
- 2015-2018 **Convener**, Pomerium: Early Modern Working Group, Yale University
- 2016-2017 **Co-convener**, 18-19<sup>th</sup> Century Colloquium, Yale University
- 2016 **Co-convener**, British Studies Colloquium, Yale University
- 2015-2016 **Co-organizer**, Harvard-Yale Conference in Book History

## **COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

- 2018            **Grad Student Representative**, Prose Writing External Review Committee Visit  
2018            **Grad Student Representative**, Teaching Fellows Committee, Yale University  
2016-2017      **English Representative**, Graduate Student Association (GSA), Yale University

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- 2018-2020      Renaissance Society of America (RSA)  
2018-2020      American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ASECS)  
2015-2016      Celtic Studies Association of North America  
2013            Celtic Studies Association of North America  
2013            Botanical Society of America

## **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2014-2015      Research Assistant – Finnegan Lab, Dept. of Integrative Biology, UC Berkeley  
2011-2013      Research Assistant – Looy Lab, Dept. of Integrative Biology, UC Berkeley  
2010-2011      Lab Technician – Bio Architecture Lab, Berkeley  
2009-2011      Lab Assistant – Harland Lab, Dept. of Molecular and Cellular Biology, UC Berkeley

## **ADDED QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Languages**

- Latin (reading proficient)  
French (reading proficient)  
Modern Irish (basic)  
Old and Middle Irish (reading proficient)  
Medieval Welsh (reading proficient)