

Jane Zwart

Associate Professor of English
Calvin College

Employment

Calvin College, Associate Professor of English. 2005-present.

Courses Taught

- *English 100 (Enhanced Written Rhetoric I).
- *English 101 (Written Rhetoric).
- *English 102 (Enhanced Written Rhetoric II).
- *English 200 (Literature in a Global Context).
- *English 221 (Survey of American Literature II).
- *English 226 (Ethnicity in American Literature).
- *English 230 (Understanding Literature).
- *English 295 (Introduction to Studies in English).
- *English 300 (Advanced World Literature).
- *English 317 (Contemporary British and Commonwealth Literature).
- *English 321 (Literature of the United States II).
- *English 322 (Literature of the United States III).
- *English W40 (Stories that Preach).
- *English W46 (Twice-Told Tales).
- *English W40 (Portraits of a "Lady").

Publications and Professional Activity

Academic Articles

- * "The Initial Initial: Hawthorne's *Scarlet Letter* and the Forgery of American Origin." *ESQ: English Studies Quarterly* 2013 (59.3): 411-438.
- * "The Faithful Trace of Misgiving in W.G. Sebald's *The Emigrants*." *Critique*, Spring 2006 (47.3): 243-260.
- * "Nabokov's Primer: Letters and Numbers in *The Real Life of Sebastian Knight*." *Philological Quarterly* Spring 2003 (82.2): 213-34.

Poetry

- * "St. James the Less." *The Christian Century*, 6 February 2013.
- * "After Baptism." *The Christian Century*, 9 September 2011.
- * "The Legend of Good Aunts." *Natural Bridge*, Spring 2010.
- * "Our Neighbor Reads." *Margie*, 2009.
- * "Women's Bathroom, College of Arts." *Boston Review*, September/October 2009.
- * "Denouement." *Free Lunch*, Autumn 2008.
- * "The Perishable." *Rattle*, Summer 2008.
- * "A Load of Fenceposts." *Christian Century*, 7 August 2007.
- * "The Burley Park Flea Market," "Stachys Byzantina." *Faultline*, Spring 2007.
- * "Twelve Knives for the New Year." *Christian Century*, 3 April 2007.
- * "The Shape of the Wind in Silk." *North American Review*, November-December 2005.
- * "Volcano Tile, Davis Square." *Threepenny Review*, Fall 2005.
- * "fishing in Newago," "13 March." *Talking River Review*, Summer 2001.
- * "the fencing match," "~~voila, eureka.~~" *North West Review*, January 2001.
- * "not a virgin or a highway flare," "(a pinecone, a rabbit's foot)." *Hunger Magazine*, June-July 2000.

Book Reviews

- * of *God Help the Child* by Toni Morrison, *Books and Culture*, forthcoming.
- * of *The Bone Clocks* by David Mitchell, *Books and Culture*, November/December 2014.
- * of *Once in the West* by Christian Wiman, *Books and Culture*, September/October 2014.
- * of *The Voyage* by Murray Bail, *Books and Culture Online (Book of the Week)*, 7 July 2014.
- * of *NW* by Zadie Smith, *Books and Culture*, July/August 2013.
- * of *Home* by Toni Morrison, *Books and Culture* online, June 2012.
- * of *Miss New India* by Bharati Mukherjee, *Books and Culture*, November/December 2011.
- * of *The Pages* by Murray Bail, *Books and Culture*, March/April 2011.
- * of *Map of the Invisible World* by Tash Aw, *Books and Culture*, September/October 2010.
- * of *The Cost of Living* by Mavis Gallant, *Books and Culture*, September/October 2009.
- * of *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga, *Books and Culture*, May/June 2009.
- * of *A Mercy* by Toni Morrison. *Books and Culture Online (Book of the Week)*, 16 February 2009.
- * of *Dangerous Laughter: 13 Stories* by Steven Millhauser. *Books and Culture Online (Book of the Week)*, 25 August 2008.

Interviews and Occasional Essays

- * Tribute to Dale Brown, *Perspectives*, forthcoming.
- * Interview with Christian Wiman, *Books and Culture*, forthcoming.
- * "Making Words Live in the Contemporary World," *Spark*, Winter 2014.
- * Interview with Jonathan Safran Foer, *Books and Culture*, January/February 2013.
- * "Epiphany," *Perspectives*, December 2010.

Conference Papers

- * "The Holy Impossible: Making the Last First in Jonathan Safran Foer's *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*." Conference of Christian and Literature (Midwest Regional Meeting): Wheaton, IL, 26 September 2009.
- * "The Scarlet Red Letter: Suzan-Lori Parks and the Initial Initial of American Literature." American Literature Association Conference: Boston, MA, 24 May, 2007.
- * "Pynchon's Fausto: The I, II, and III of the Beholder." College English Association Conference: San Antonio, TX, 6 April 2006.
- * "Uneasy Catechism: Joyce Carol Oates' *Because It Is Bitter, and Because It Is My Heart*." Festival of Faith and Writing, Calvin College: Grand Rapids, MI, 10 April 2004.
- * "The Failed Gestalt of Possibility: Narrative Structures in Italo Calvino's Narratives of Crossed Destinies." Narrative Conference, University of California: Berkeley, CA, 27 March 2003.

Grants and Fellowships

- * Sabbatical, forthcoming (interim and spring term 2016).
- * Calvin Research Fellowship (2 course releases, interim and spring term 2009).

Committee and Board Memberships

- *Conference on Christianity and Literature's Regional Meeting, April 2012.
 - *handled publicity, writing and circulating the conference's call for papers.
 - *managed schedule of conference break-out sessions, editing program, and assembling registration packets.
 - *hosted participants by working at the registration desk and chairing a session.
- *Curriculum Committee, Department of English.
 - *worked to draft the department's Strategic Plan.
 - *revised the department's curriculum, piloting majors in literature, linguistics, and writing.
 - *wrote several course proposals and new catalog copy for the department.
 - *orchestrated several vocation panels for English majors and minors.
- *Disciplinary Committee, Calvin College (Fall 2010-Spring 2013).
- *Board Member, Buechner Institute (ongoing).
- *Faculty Senate (Fall 2012-Spring 2014).
- *Educational Policy Committee, Calvin College (Fall 2014-present).
- *Core Committee, Calvin College (Fall 2015-).
- *Festival of Faith and Writing, Department of English (Fall 2014-present).

Community Service

- *Plenary Speaker, Calvin College Heritage Alumni Reunion, June 2014.
- *Chair, Conference on Christianity and Literature Student Writing Contest, 2011 and 2012.
- *Instructor, Calvin Academy of Lifelong Learning, Spring 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2014.
- *Judge, Grand Rapids Christian High School Fine Arts Week Poetry Contest, April 2009, April 2010, April 2011.
- *Reading Tutor, United Way Schools of Hope, January 2009-June 2009.
- *Preliminary Judge, Conference on Christianity and Literature Poetry Contest, April 2009.
- *Mentoring Program Volunteer, Calvin College, September 2007-December 2008.
- *Workshop Instruction, Young Authors, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2006, 2008.
- *Volunteer Gallery Docent, The Nave Gallery, Clarendon Hill Presbyterian, 2004.
- *Sunday School Instructor, Clarendon Hill Presbyterian, 2004.
- *Preliminary Judge, Dyer-Ives Poetry Contest, 2001.

Education

Ph.D. in English, Boston University (Boston, MA), January 2009.

*winner, Celia McCullough Millward Prize for best dissertation prospectus, 2006.

*winner, Albert Green Prize for best essay on Romantic literature, 2003.

*English Department's Teaching Fellow of the Year, 2005.

*Teaching Experience:

--T.F. (stand-alone class), *English 121: World Literature*, Fall 2004, Spring 2005.

--T.F. (stand-alone class), *Writing 150: Composition*, Spring 2004.

--T.F. (stand-alone class), *Writing 100: Composition*, Fall 2003.

--T.A. (discussion group leader), *Literature and the Art of Film*, Spring 2003.

--T.A. (discussion group leader), *Literary Types: Fiction*, Fall 2002.

M.A. in English, Boston University (Boston, MA), May 2002.

*winner, Albert Gilman Prize for essay on Jacobean or Shakespearean literature, 2002.

B.A. in English and Art History, Calvin College (Grand Rapids, MI), 2000.

*GPA: 3.93.

*graduation with honors in both majors.

*Henry Zylstra Memorial Scholarship (English), 1999-2000.

*Edgar Boeve Scholarship (Art History), 1999.

*Steven and Viola VanderWeele Scholarship (English), 1999.

*Editor, *Dialogue* (literary magazine of Calvin College), 1998-1999.

*Schemper-Kamp Family Scholarship (English), 1998.

*Associate Editor, *Dialogue*, 1997-1998.

*Art Reviewer, *Chimes* (newspaper of Calvin College), 1997-2000.

*Poetry Editor, *Dialogue*, 1996-1997.

*News Editor, *Chimes*, 1996-1997.

*Theodore J. Peters Scholarship, 1995.

*Presidential Scholarship, 1995-1999.

*Dean's List, 1995-2000.