

EMMA WEBSTER

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. The University of Kansas, English Literature Projected Fall 2027
- Dissertation Title: “‘Not a Spirit Separated from the Flesh’: Mind-Body Dualism and Sympathy in Nineteenth-Century American Women’s Literature”
- Committee: Laura Mielke, chair; Ann Rowland; Randall Fuller; Jane Barnette
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- MA Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, English Literature May 2022
- BA McKendree University, English Literature and Writing May 2018

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Dissertation-Stage Graduate Research Assistantship Spring 2027
The University of Kansas Department of English
- Graduate Research Fellow, The J. Wayne and Elsie M. Gunn Center for
the Study of Science Fiction 2025 – 2026
The University of Kansas

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- The University of Kansas August 2022 – present
Graduate Teaching Assistant, English Department
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Summer 2022
Children’s Creative Writing Camp Teacher
- Southern Illinois University Edwardsville August 2020 – May 2022
Graduate Teaching Assistant, English Department

COURSES TAUGHT

- The University of Kansas
ENGL 101, English - Composition (Fall 2022; Summer 2023; Fall 2023; Fall 2024;
Fall 2026)
ENGL 102, English - Critical Reading and Writing (Spring 2023; Spring 2024;
Summer 2024)

ENGL 308, English - Introduction to Literary Criticism and Theory (Spring 2025)

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
ENGL 101, English Composition I (Fall 2020; Fall 2021)
ENGL 101-E, English Composition I, Intensive (Spring 2022)
ENGL 102, English Composition II (Spring 2021)

SERVICE

University of Kansas Student Association of Graduates in English

Retention, Recruitment, and Belonging Committee*	2026 – present
*English Voting Department member	
Accessibility and Sustainability Committee	2022 – 2025
Fundraising Committee	2023 – 2024
First-Year Liaison	2022-2023
Selection Committee, The Gunn Center Award for Speculative Fiction	April 2026
First- and Second-Year English Department Curriculum Designer	Summer 2023
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville First-Year Writing Committee	2020 – 2022

AWARDS

The William Albrecht Memorial Scholarship The University of Kansas Department of English	2025
The Dr. Anne Marie Turner Award The University of Kansas Department of English	2024
The Kenneth Rockwell Award The University of Kansas Department of English	2023, 2024
Travel Funding Award The University of Kansas Department of English	2023

FORTHCOMING PROJECTS

Book project: “ <i>Ithuriel</i> ,” <i>The Critical Edition</i>	Projected Spring 2027
A student-facing critical edition of “ <i>Ithuriel</i> ” (1798), a proto-feminist short story by an anonymous author with emendations by novelist Jane Porter	

RECENT AND UPCOMING CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, “‘I Am the Chief of Sufferers Also:’ A Contemporary Twist on Disability-as-Monstrosity.” University of Pittsburgh Queer Horror Conference 2026: “Unholy Creations.” 6 February 2026. Virtual.

Panelist, “The Doctoral Exams: A Workshop.” The University of Kansas. 7 November 2025.

Presenter, “Séance it Ain’t So: Nineteenth-Century Women Who Communed with the Dead and the Men Who Called it a Hoax.” Haunting Humanities. The Hall Center for the Humanities at the University of Kansas. 29 October 2025.

Presenter, “‘Yes, I Know the Author:’” Charles Brockden Brown’s Multiple and Retroactive Implied Audiences.” Pennsylvania College English Association "Narrative Matters" Conference at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. 25 April 2024.

Presenter, “Dreadful Origins: The Penny Dreadful’s Influence on Contemporary Pop Culture Monsters.” Haunting Humanities. The Hall Center for the Humanities at the University of Kansas. 25 October 2023.

Presenter, “Curses and Conflict: Fantastical Depictions of Disability in LambCat’s ‘Cursed Princess Club.’” University of Florida Graduate Comics Organization Annual Conference. 15 April 2023.