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## Research and Teaching Interests

History of Education and Pedagogy (18<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> centuries)  
Modern British Literary, Cultural and Intellectual History  
British Romanticism: Thought & Culture

Children's Literature and Children's Books  
History of Modern Political Thought  
Critical Theory

## Work Experience

**Guest Lecturer – Birkbeck College, University of London**

**Jan.-Feb. 2016**

- Invited by Professor Joanna Bourke.

## Education

**PhD: History & Civilisation – European University Institute [EUI] (Florence, Italy)**

**2013-**

- Provisional Title: “Teaching Every Principle of the Infidels and Republicans: Politics and Pedagogy in William Godwin's Children's Books”, under the supervision of Ann Thomson, Stéphane Van Damme (Second Reader), Pamela Clemit (External Advisor).

**MRes: History & Civilization – EUI (Florence, Italy)**

**2014**

- Ungraded. Awarded after the submission of a paper entitled: “Between Pedagogy and Politics: William Godwin, Philosophy, and Children's Literature”, under the supervision of Ann Thomson, Stéphane Van Damme (Second Reader).

**MA: History of Political Thought – University of Exeter (Exeter, UK)**

**2012-2013**

- Dissertation title: “Diversity in Modes of Communication and Radical Politics 1793-1822: William Godwin, John Thelwall, Percy Bysshe Shelley”, under the supervision of Iain Hampsher-Monk.

**BA: Political Science (Honours), German Language (Minor) – McGill University (Montréal, CA)**

**2008-2012**

- Undergraduate thesis title (political theory): “William Morris's *News From Nowhere*: an Authentic Marxist Utopia?”, under the supervision of Jason Ferrell.
- Undergraduate thesis title (comparative politics): “Change in Collective Bargaining Institutions in Europe: what Role for Europeanization?”, under the supervision of Hudson Meadwell.

## Publications and Conference Papers

### Peer-reviewed Articles

- “Precarity and Neoliberalism, Resistance and Solidarity: Work and the Future of the University.” *Krisis: Journal for Contemporary Philosophy* 2015, 2, pp. 7-14. Co-authored with Ola Innset and Nguyen Vu Thuc Linh. (Special issue, entitled “The New University.” PDF available at: [http://www.krisis.eu/content/2015-2/Krisis-2015-2-02-Nguyen\\_Vu\\_Thuc\\_et\\_al.pdf](http://www.krisis.eu/content/2015-2/Krisis-2015-2-02-Nguyen_Vu_Thuc_et_al.pdf)).

### Book Reviews

- Joanna Innes & Mark Philp (Eds.) *Re-Imagining Democracy in the Age of Revolutions 1750-1850*, in *European Review of History: Revue d'Histoire Européenne* 2014, 21(3), pp. 431-432.

### Talks, Lectures, Conference Presentations

- “Republic and Empire: Politics in William Godwin's Histories ‘for Schools and Young Persons’.” To be presented at the “Romanticism and the Cultures of Infancy” seminar at ESSE 2016 (Selected. Galway, Ireland, August 2016).
- “The Genre of Radical Thought and the Practice of Equality: the Trajectories of William Godwin and John Thelwall.” Presented at the Institute for Historical Research, History of Political Thought Early Career Seminar (Selected. London, UK, February 2016).

- “Exalting the Superiority of a Heathen Morality? Religion(s) in William Godwin’s Children’s Books.” Presented at the British Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Annual Conference (Selected. Oxford, UK, January 2016).
- “The Invisible Workers of the Academy: Non-Academic Labour Struggles in the Neoliberal University.” Presented at the “Democracy Rising” conference, organised by the Global Center for Advanced Studies. (Selected. Center of Theoretical Sciences, Athens, Greece, July 2015).
- “A Domestic Republic? The Tutor-Child Relationship in William Godwin’s Thought.” Presented at the at the Sixth Annual Postgraduate Conference in the History of Political Thought (Selected. Institute for Historical Research, London, UK, June 2015). An updated version of this paper was also presented at the British Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Postgraduate Conference, as part of a panel presentation on ‘ “The Collision of Mind with Mind”: Instruction and Communication in the Godwin Circle (Selected. Queen’s University, Belfast, UK, July 2015).
- “Toward an Intellectual History through Cultural Products.” Masterclass held for the Southwest Doctoral Training Programme, funded by the ESRC (Invited. University of Exeter, Exeter, UK, March 2015).
- Aspects of the Neoliberal University: Non-Academic Labour.” Part of the roundtable “Aspects of the Neoliberal University” organized for the conference “200 Years of Dialogue Between Knowledge and Power: Historicizing the Challenges of Higher Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” (Invited. EUI, Florence, Italy, December 2014)
- “Percy Bysshe Shelley’s Changing Radicalism: the Politics of Imagination.” Presented at the PhD Masterclass “Political Cultures After 1815” (Selected. University of Southern Denmark, Odense, DK, September 2014).
- “Radicalism, Equality, and Inclusion: The Political Communication of William Godwin and John Thelwall.” Presented at the conference of the John Thelwall Society: “John Thelwall at 250: Medicine, Literature and Reform in London, ca. 1764-1834” (Selected. University of Notre Dame, London, UK, July 2014).

#### **Other Publications – Public Engagement**

- Report on the ‘Collision of Mind with Mind’ panel at the BSECS Postgraduate and Early Career’s conference – <https://pamelaclemmit.wordpress.com/2015/07/24/featured-event-instruction-and-communication-in-the-godwin-circle-bsecs-pgecr-conference-2015/>
- “What Are Universities Becoming? A Plea from the Future.” (with Nguyen Vu-Thuc Linh and Ola Innset, published 12 March 2015 – <https://theconversation.com/what-are-universities-becoming-a-plea-from-the-future-37783>)
- “Anarchism and Liberal Democracy: Critique and Paths to Explore.” *McGill Journal of Political Studies* (2011).

### **Conferences Organized**

**Co-organizer: The Future of Critique & Emancipatory Practice: an Interdisciplinary Conference on Critical Theory** (organized with Nguyen Vu Thuc Linh) **Oct. 29-30 2015**

### **Grants and Fellowships**

**Doctoral Grant Awarded by the Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)** **2013-**

**‘Boursier du Mois’ (one-month research fellowship) at the Maison Française d’Oxford** **Apr. 2015**

**Visiting Researcher, Birkbeck College, University of London** **Jan.-Mar. 2015**

**Honorary Fellow of the Research Group in Constitutional Studies (RGCS)** **2011-2012**

### **Teaching Qualifications**

**Literature, Culture and Society (HICL092S6) – Birkbeck, University of London (London, UK)** **Jan.-Feb. 2016**

**Higher Education Teaching Skills Certificate – Fiesole Group (EUI, Italy)** **Sept. 2015**

- Syllabus designed: The Children’s Book and the Adult’s World in the West (1650-Today)

## Administrative Experience

### Researcher Representative – EUI (Florence, Italy)

2014-2015

- Participating in: departmental meetings, appeals committee, doctoral programme committee, research council, appeals committee, disciplinary committee, selection of applicants for the PhD programme.

## Languages

French (mother tongue)

Italian (intermediate)

Spanish (basic)

English (fluent)

German (intermediate)

Swedish (basic)

## Professional Association Membership

British Association for Romantic Studies

British Society for Eighteenth Century Studies

European Hobbes Society

## Non-Academic Experience

### Armourer – McGill & Exeter University Fencing Clubs (Montréal, CA; Exeter, UK)

2013

2010-2011

- In charge of equipment loan, upkeep, reparation, and preparation.
- Kept up the order in the fencing and club rooms.

### Outreach Worker – Association of McGill University Support Employees (Montréal, CA)

2012

- Communicated the details of the collective agreement to members of the union.
- Canvassed campus in order to create a sense of community among support employees.
- Increased the visibility of the union on campus.

### Research Intern – Voices-Voix Coalition (Montréal, CA)

2012

- Wrote research-based articles on issues of free-speech suppression in Canada.
- Updated the website with links to the press, and original articles, in English and French.
- Translated existing articles (English-French).

### Operations Coordinator – McGill WalkSafe (Montréal, CA)

2009-2011

- Organised the night-to-night work of the service.
- Managed and administered a \$10,000 yearly budget.
- Liaised with the Student Society and the University Administration to ensure the presence of the organization at big events (such Student Society parties or the university's "Safety Week").

### Clerk – Fondation du Judaïsme Français (Paris, France)

2008-2009

- Participated in the organisation of cultural events such as concerts and conferences.

## Other Activities and Interests

Theatre – Acting and Directing.

Fencing – Sparring, Armouring, Refereeing.

Music – Composition and Interpretation for Guitar and Bass Guitar