CV – Doug Battersby

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

history & theory of the novel (19th century to present); affect theory & emotion history; embodiment; health humanities; literature & philosophy; psychoanalysis; queer theory; literary theory; history of literary studies; critical method; theories & practices of close reading

APPOINTMENTS

University of Leicester, Lecturer in Modern Literature (2024–present)

Stanford University, Marie Curie Global Fellow (2021–23)

Funded by Marie Curie Global Fellowship

University of Bristol, Leverhulme Early Career Fellow (2018–21), Marie Curie Fellow (2021–23)

Funded by Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship and Marie Curie Global Fellowship

University of Tokyo, JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow (2018)

Funded by JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship

University of Surrey, Teaching Associate (2017–18)

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

University of Sydney, Visiting Research Fellow (2023)

Funded by University of Sydney Visiting Research Fellowship

Columbia University, Visiting Scholar (2023)

Funded by Marie Curie Global Fellowship

EDUCATION

University of York, PhD English Literature (2013–18)

Dissertation title: "Knowing and Feeling in Late Modernist Fiction"

Supervisors: Derek Attridge & John Bowen

Supported by an AHRC scholarship

Examiners: David James (University of Birmingham) & Richard Walsh (internal)

Trinity College Dublin, Visiting Postgraduate Researcher (2015–16)

Supported by a Leverhulme Trust Study Abroad Studentship

UCL, MA English: Issues in Modern Culture (2011–12)

Distinction grades in all assessments

University of Leeds, BA English and Philosophy (2008–11)

1st class in both subjects & dissertation

WORK IN PROGRESS

Monograph

Cardiac Realism: The Affective Life of the Modern Novel. "Approaches to the Novel" series, Oxford UP, under peer-review. [full manuscript drafted]

Book Chapters

"Banville and The Novel." John Banville in Context. Ed. Bryan Radley and Nicholas Taylor-Collins. Cambridge UP, under contract.

"Bowen and Modernism." *Elizabeth Bowen in Context*. Ed. Allan Hepburn. Cambridge UP, under contract.

"Woolf and the Heart." Virginia Woolf and the Health Humanities. Ed. Imola Nagy-Seres and Arthur Rose. Edinburgh UP, collection under review.

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Troubling Late Modernism: Ethics, Feeling, and the Novel Form. Oxford UP, 2022.

Awards: Finalist for MSA First Book Prize; Finalist for University English Book

Prize

Reviews: Textual Practice

Journal Special Issue

"Affective Forms of the Modernist Novel." *Journal of Modern Literature*, 47:3 (forthcoming 2024).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Thomas Hardy's Betraying Heart: Realism and Bodily Affect." *ELH: English Literary History*, 91:4 (forthcoming 2024) [publication issue TBC].

Introduction to "Affective Forms of the Modernist Novel" special issue. *Journal of Modern Literature*, 47:3 (forthcoming 2024).

"Elizabeth Bowen's Equivocal Modernism." *Journal of Modern Literature*, 47:3 (forthcoming 2024).

"Sensation Fiction, Sexual Health, and Medical Prose: John Milner Fothergill and the Late Victorian Novel." *Literature and Medicine* 40:2 (2022): pp. 375-400.

"'Who in This World Knows Anything of Any Other Heart?': Ford Madox Ford and the New Cardiology." *Modernist Cultures* 17:2 (2022): pp. 246-66.

Winner of BAMS Essay Prize (2022)

"Reading for Attention: *The Good Soldier* in the Method Wars." *Essays in Criticism* 72:4 (2022): pp. 419-27.

"Reading Ishiguro Today: Suspicion and Form." *Ishiguro After the Nobel*, special issue of *MFS: Modern Fiction Studies* 67:1 (2021): pp. 67-88.

"Close Reading, Epistemology, and Affect: Nabokov After Rorty." *Philosophy and Literature* 44:2 (2020): pp. 323-49.

"Reading Against Polemic: Disciplinary Histories, Critical Futures." *The Cambridge Quarterly* 49:2 (2020): pp. 103-23.

"The mental rimmed the sensuous': Nabokov and the Singularity of Literary Experience." *Textual Practice* 33:4 (2019): pp. 605-21.

"The unbounded power of eloquence': Banville, Conrad, and Metamodernism." *Modernism's Contemporary Affects*, special issue of *Modernism/modernity (Print Plus)* 3:4 (2018).

"Contemporary Realism, Postmodernism, and Bodily Feeling: Ian McGuire's *The North Water.*" English: Journal of the English Association 67:256 (2018): pp. 1-22.

Winner of English Association Essay Prize (2017)

Book Chapters

"Ishiguro and Genre Fiction." *The Cambridge Companion to Kazuo Ishiguro*. Ed. Andrew Bennett. Cambridge UP, 2023. 138-151.

"Reading by Example: Disciplinary History for a Polemical Age." *The Work of Reading: Literary Criticism in the 21st Century*. Ed. Derek Attridge, Anirudh Sridhar, & Mir Ali Hosseini. Palgrave, 2021. 91-111.

"To have that on the imagination!': Beckett and the Subjectivities of Literary Fiction." New Perspectives on Community and the Modernist Subject: Finite, Singular, Exposed. Ed. Gerardo Rodríguez Salas & Paula Martín Salván. Routledge, 2017. 231-46.

Scholarly Reviews

Nabokov in Context (Cambridge UP, 2018), ed. David Bethea & Siggy Frank. Journal of American Studies 54:2 (2020): pp. E27.

Guilty Aesthetic Pleasures (Harvard UP, 2018), by Timothy Aubry. *The Review of English Studies* 70:295 (2019): pp. 592-593.

Mere Reading: The Poetics of Wonder in Modern American Novels (Bloomsbury, 2017), by Lee Clark Mitchell. Journal of Modern Literature 42:1 (2018): pp. 188-90.

Literary Criticism: A Concise Political History (Harvard UP, 2017), by Joseph North. English: Journal of the English Association 67:257 (2018): pp. 195-197.

Literary Reviews

So Late in the Day (Faber, 2023), by Claire Keegan. *The Irish Times*, 2 September 2023. http://tinyurl.com/47vz32pa.

Mild Vertigo (Fitzcarraldo, 2023), by Mieko Kanai. *The TLS*, no. 6281/6282, 18 August 2023: p. 29. https://tinyurl.com/ycztnddx.

Open Throat (Picador, 2023), by Henry Hoke. *The Irish Times*, 11 August 2023. https://tinyurl.com/47mkhuxx.

The Pole and Other Stories (Text Publishing, 2023), by J. M. Coetzee. *The Sydney Morning Herald/The Age/Brisbane Times/WA Today*, 14 July 2023. https://tinvurl.com/bwsmn9r.

The Guest (Chatto & Windus, 2023), by Emma Cline. Financial Times, "Life & Arts," 6 May 2023: p. 10.

Shy (Faber, 2023), by Max Porter. *The Irish Times*, 8 April 2023. https://tinyurl.com/mv7nw8t3.

The Bookbinder of Jericho (Chatto & Windus, 2023), by Pip Williams. The Sydney Morning Herald/The Age/Brisbane Times/WA Today, 24 March 2023. https://tinyurl.com/mr3jfx4w.

The Lock-Up (Faber, 2023), by John Banville. The TLS, no. 6260, 24 March 2023: p. 17.

Old Babes in the Woods (Chatto & Windus, 2023), by Margret Atwood. *Financial Times*, "Life & Arts," 23 February 2023: p. 10.

Stella Maris (Picador, 2022), by Cormac McCarthy. *The Irish Times*, 26 November 2022. https://tinyurl.com/3u2ke5er.

The Passenger (Picador, 2022), by Cormac McCarthy. *The Irish Times*, "Ticket: The Irish Times Culture Magazine," 29 October 2022: p. 11.

Lapvona (Penguin, 2022), by Ottessa Moshfegh. Financial Times, "Life & Arts," 11 June 2022: p. 11.

April in Spain (Faber, 2021), by John Banville. Financial Times, "Life & Arts," 23 October 2021: p. 11.

Paris Is a Party, Paris Is a Ghost (Faber, 2021), by David Hoon Kim. Financial Times, "Life & Arts," 17 July 2021: p. 10.

Klara and the Sun (Faber, 2021), by Kazuo Ishiguro. The Irish Times, "Ticket: The Irish Times Culture Magazine," 6 March 2021: p. 13.

The Art of Falling (John Murray, 2021), by Danielle McLaughlin. Financial Times, 6 January 2021. https://tinyurl.com/y2zhwwfg.

Sisters (Jonathan Cape, 2020), by Daisy Johnson. *The Irish Times*, "Ticket: The Irish Times Culture Magazine," 3 October 2020: p. 13.

The Abstainer (Simon & Schuster, 2020), by Ian McGuire. *The Irish Times*, "Ticket: The Irish Times Culture Magazine," 19 September 2020: p. 14.

The Liar's Dictionary (William Heinemann, 2020), by Eley Williams. Financial Times, 23 July 2020. https://tinyurl.com/y5ltapd9.

The Death of Jesus (Penguin, 2019), by J. M. Coetzee. Financial Times, "Life & Arts," 4 January 2020: p. 10.

Lanny (Faber & Faber, 2019), by Max Porter. Financial Times, "Life & Arts," 23 February 2019: p. 10.

Charles Bovary, Country Doctor (NYRB, 2018), by Jean Améry, Financial Times, "Life & Arts," 3 November 2018: p. 10.

Invitation to a Bonfire (Bloomsbury, 2018), by Adrienne Celt. *Financial Times*, "Life & Arts," 21 July 2018: p. 11.

The Melody (Picador, 2018), by Jim Crace. Financial Times, "Life & Arts," 17 February 2018: p. 10.

Mrs Osmond (Viking, 2017), by John Banville. London Evening Standard, 12 October 2017: p. 46.

PRIZES AND COMMENDATIONS

2024 University English Book Prize Finalist. Awarded for: *Troubling Late Modernism: Ethics, Feeling, and the Novel Form.*

2023 MSA (Modernist Studies Association) First Book Prize Finalist. Awarded for: *Troubling Late Modernism: Ethics, Feeling, and the Novel Form.*

2021 BAMS (British Association of Modernist Studies) Essay Prize. Awarded for: "Who in This World Knows Anything of Any Other Heart?': Ford Madox Ford and the New Cardiology."

2017 *English* Essay Prize. Awarded for: "Contemporary Realism, Postmodernism, and Bodily Feeling: Ian McGuire's *The North Water*."

2015 John Barrell Essay Prize, Department of English, University of York. Awarded for: "To have that on the imagination!': Beckett and the Subjectivities of Literary Fiction."

INVITED TALKS

2025:

"Affect, Realism, and the Victorian Novel: Brontë, Eliot, Hardy." Centre for Victorian Studies, University of Leicester, UK (date TBC)

2024:

"Reading Experinece in the British Novel." University of Innsbruck, Austria (June 2024)

"Affect, Realism, and the Victorian Novel: Brontë, Eliot, Hardy." Nineteenth Century Studies Research Seminar, University of Oxford, UK (February 2024)

2023:

"Cardiac Realism: The Affective Life of the Modern Novel." University of Amsterdam, Netherlands (November 2023)

"Cardiac Realism: The Affective Life of the Modern Novel." Modern and Contemporary Literature Research Seminar, University of Oxford, UK (June 2023)

"Cardiac Realism: The Affective Life of the Modern Novel." Department of English, University of Sydney, Australia (April 2023)

Troubling Late Modernism book talk, with Julia Jordan and David James. Centre for Modernist Cultures, University of Birmingham, UK (March 2023)

"Cardiac Realism: The Affective Life of the Modern Novel." Research Workshop in Literature, Philosophy, and the Arts, Stanford University, USA (March 2023)

"Troubling Late Modernism: Methods Café with Doug Battersby and Michaela Bronstein." Department of English, Stanford University, USA (March 2023)

Troubling Late Modernism book talk, with Paul Sheehan. Modernist Futures Symposium, Modernist Studies in Asia Network, online (February 2023)

2022:

"Cardiac Realism: The Affective Life of the Victorian and Modernist Novel." Modern & Contemporary Colloquium, New York University, USA (October 2022)

"Exhibiting Bodily Affect: Thomas Hardy's Betraying Heart." Respondent: Michaela Bronstein. Center for the Study of the Novel, Stanford University, USA (May 2022)

2021:

"The Novel and the Heart." Centre for Health, Humanities, and Science, University of Bristol, UK (October 2021)

2019:

"Don't You Know There's a Method War On? Or, Reading Against Polemic." Department of English Research Seminar Series. University of Bristol, UK (March 2019)

2018:

"Metamodernism and Method: Reading Banville through Conrad." *Cross-Lingual Writing in an Age of World Literature: A Symposium with Rebecca Walkowitz*. Keio University, Japan (May 2018)

"Elusive Forms: Reading Kazuo Ishiguro." *Cross-Lingual Writing in an Age of World Literature: A Symposium with Rebecca Walkowitz*. Ritsumeikan University, Japan (May 2018)

"Elusive Forms: Reading Kazuo Ishiguro." *New Modes of Reading: Creative Dissonance*. **University of York**, UK (May 2018)

"Relative Reading and the Particulars of Form, or, Why We Should Be Suspicious of Kazuo Ishiguro." *Rereading Ishiguro Internationally*. University of Tokyo, Japan (February 2018)

INVITED MASTERCLASSES

2023:

"Beneath the Surface: Reading Jane Austen's Style Today." 19th Century Research Group, University of Sydney, Australia (April 2023)

Discussion of "Reading Against Polemic," Trusting and Distrusting the Work of Literature Research Group, University College Dublin, Ireland (March 2023)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

2024:

"Affect and the Stream of Consciousness Novel: The Modernism of May Sinclair." *BAMS* (*British Association of Modernist Studies*). University of Leeds, UK (June 2024)

2023:

"Cardiac Realism." Victorian Affects (DACH Symposium). Online (December 2023)

"Charlotte Brontë's Cardiac Passion: Realism and Bodily Affect." *BAVS (British Association of Victorian Studies)*. Guildford, UK (September 2023)

"The Critical Role of Shame" (co-presented with Arthur Rose). *The Functions of Criticism*. University of Cambridge, UK (May 2023)

2022:

"Elizabeth Bowen's Late Modernist Forms." MSA (Modernist Studies Association) 2022 – 1922: 100 years on. Portland, USA (October 2022)

"Exhibiting Bodily Affect: Thomas Hardy's Betraying Heart." *BAVS (British Association of Victorian Studies)*. Birmingham, UK (September 2022)

"Eimear McBride's Bodily Forms." *IASIL (International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures) 2022: Intersectional Ireland.* University of Limerick, Ireland (July 2022)

"Corporeal Modernisms: D. H. Lawrence and Affective Description." *BAMS (British Association of Modernist Studies)*. University of Bristol, UK (June 2022)

"Ford Madox Ford and the New Cardiology." *BSLS (British Society for Literature and Science) Annual Conference*. University of Manchester, UK (April 2022)

2021:

"Medical Responses to Sensation Fiction: John Milner Fothergill and the Late Victorian Novel." *BSLS (British Society for Literature and Science) Annual Conference*. Digital (April 2021)

2020:

"Metamodernism, Postcritique, and the Contemporary Novel: Ian McGuire's *The North Water*." Society for Novel Studies Biennial Conference. University of Oxford, UK (April 2020) [cancelled]

"Vladimir Nabokov, Adrienne Celt, and the Politics of Eroticism." *MLA 2020: Being Human*. Seattle, USA (January 2020)

2019:

"Perversions of Modernism: Vladimir Nabokov and the Ethics of Intimacy." *MSA 2019: Upheaval & Reconstruction.* Toronto, Canada (October 2019)

2018:

"Secretive Forms: Kazuo Ishiguro and Suspicious Reading." Secrecy and Community in Contemporary Narrative in English. University of Granada, Spain (October 2018)

2017:

"The New Critic's Business: Close Reading, Poetry, and Prose." *The Idea of Prose Style: A Symposium.* University of Sydney & University of New South Wales, Australia (December 2017)

"Richard Rorty: Knowing Criticism and Inspired Reading." *Forms of Knowledge: A Conference on Literature and Philosophy*. University of Edinburgh, UK (November 2017)

2016:

"'The unbounded power of eloquence': John Banville, Joseph Conrad, and Metamodernism." *Borders of Modernism*. Centre for European Modernism Studies, Perugia, Italy (December 2016)

"Against Alterity: Reading the 'barbarian girl' in J. M. Coetzee's *Waiting for the Barbarians*." *Reading Coetzee's Women*. Monash University Prato Centre, Italy (September 2016)

"'Exterminate all the brutes': Modernism and the Affects of Ambivalence in John Banville's *The Sea.*" *IASIL* (*International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures*) 2016: Change. University College Cork, Ireland (July 2016)

2015:

"'The vivid thing': Style and Experience in John Banville's fiction *IASIL* (*International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures*) 2015: Reconciliations. University of York, UK (July 2015)

"'Do they as much as feel the clad flesh?': Reading Beckett's *III Seen III Said.*" *The Endlessness of Ending: Samuel Beckett and the Mind.* University of Western Sydney, Australia (June 2015)

"The mental rimmed the sensuous': Affect, Imagination and Reality in Nabokov's *Ada or Ardor*." Sensory Modernism(s): Cultures of Perception. University of Leeds, UK (May 2015)

2014:

"Beckett's *III Seen III Said*: Style, Affect, and the Modernist Individual." *Finite, Singular, Exposed: Who's Afraid of the Modernist Individual*. University of Córdoba, Spain (October 2014)

"Eroticism, Reality, and the Mind in Nabokov's *Ada or Ardor*." Doctoral Day on Vladimir Nabokov. University of Strasbourg, France (May 2014)

2013:

"Comedy, Film, and Feeling: The Modernism of Charlie Chaplin and Evelyn Waugh." *Alternative Modernisms*. Cardiff University, UK (May 2013)

ORGANISING EXPERIENCE

Symposium Organisation – "Modernism from the Heart: Emotion, Sincerity, and the Novel" University of Bristol, UK (September 2021).

Speakers: Derek Attridge (York); Ulrika Maude (Bristol); Andrew Bennett (Bristol) & Nicolas Royle (Sussex); Kirsty Martin (Exeter); Jean-Michel Rabaté (Pennsylvania); Lisa Mendelman (Menlo College); Rick de Villiers (University of the Free State).

Panel Organisation

- "The Victorian Novel and the Health Humanities." Centre for Victorian Studies, University of Leicester, UK (Autumn 2024)
- "Modernist Fiction and the Health Humanities." Centre for Health, Humanities, and Science, University of Bristol, UK (December 2023)
- "The Affective Forms of Late Modernist Fiction." *MSA 2022*. Portland, USA (October 2022).
- "Theorising the Contemporary Novel in an Age of Postcritique." Society for Novel Studies Biennial Conference: The Novel's New Worlds. University of Oxford, UK (April 2020). [cancelled due to Covid-19]

Seminar Co-Organisation – "The New Modernist Studies in Context." *MSA 2020*. Invited participant: Douglas Mao (Johns Hopkins). Brooklyn, USA (October 2020). [cancelled due to Covid-19]

Series Co-Organisation – "Reading and Interpretation." University of York, UK (2014).

One-year event series co-founded and co-organised. Events included:

- "Edward Said and Secular Criticism." Chaired by Ziad Elmarsafy (KCL). May 2014.
- "Adam Phillips" seminar. Chaired by Hugh Haughton (York). June 2014.
- "Derek Attridge introduces *The Work of Literature*." October 2014.

- "Derrida Commemoration." Invited speakers from KCL & Lancaster. November 2014.
- "Jean Laplanche" seminar. Chaired by Nick Ray (Leeds). November 2014.

Event Contributor

"Beyond the PhD: Routes Forward in Academia," 15 March 2017, Humanities Research Centre, University of York. Guidance for postdoctoral fellowship applicants.

FELLOWSHIPS & FUNDING AWARDS

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Fellowship, 2021–24.

Total award: c. €270,000. [£234,000]

University of Sydney, Visiting Research Fellowship, 2023.

Total award: \$5000AUD. [£3,000]

Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellowship, 2018–21.

£34,800 p/a salary plus £6,000 p/a research support for 3 years. [£125,000]

Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Short-Term Fellowship, 2018.

1.65m JPY plus benefits, tenable for 4 months. [£15,000]

Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Doctoral Award, 2013–17.

£14,000 p/a plus tuition fees, tenable for 3 years (in abeyance 2015–16). [£56,000]

Leverhulme Trust Study Abroad Studentship, 2015–16.

£18,000 p/a plus tuition fees, tenable for 1 year. [£23,000]

School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University, 2015.

\$2,200 full tuition-fee scholarship.

Over £8,000 awarded for conferences and research activities from the FR Leavis Fund, the Vladimir Nabokov Society, the AHRC, and others.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

External Examining

• DPhil, University of Oxford. 2024.

Module Convener:

- Dissertation Module. BA Year 3. Leicester. 2024.
- "Affect, Embodiment, and the Modern Novel." Graduate level. Stanford. 2022.
- "The Heart of Modern Fiction." BA Year 3 Special Topic. Bristol. 2021.
- "Samuel Beckett." BA Year 3 Special Topic. Bristol. 2018.

Module Tutor:

- "Modern Literature: From Conrad to Orwell." BA Year 2. Leicester. 2024.
- "Twenty-First Century Fiction." MA. Leicester. 2024.
- "Victorian Literature and Place." MA. Bristol. 2021.
- "Modernism, Experimentation, and Form." MA. Bristol. 2018, 2019, 2020.
- "Theories of Reading." BA Year 1. Surrey. 2017.
- "Shakespeare." BA Year 1. Surrey. 2017.
- "Approaches to Literature: Medieval to Modern." BA Year 1. York. 2016.
- "The Romantic Period: 1776-1832." BA Year 2. York. 2015.

<u>Dissertation Supervisor/Advisor:</u>

- "Illness and Selfhood in East Asian Fiction." PhD. Stanford. 2020-present.
- BA Dissertations. Leicester, 2024.
- MA Dissertations. Bristol. 2021.
- BA Dissertations. Bristol. 2019, 2020, 2021.

Occasional Lecturer or Tutor:

- "Magnificent Failures: Modernism & Bad Writing.". BA/MA module. Stanford. 2022.
- "Literature 1900-Present." BA Year 2 Module. Bristol. 2019, 2020.
- "British and Irish Literature: 1910–Present." BA Year 3. York. 2014.

<u>Assessment Experience</u>

Essays (1,500-8000 words); 5–15,000 word dissertations; open and traditional examinations; critical writing exercises; field surveys; annotated bibliographies; presentations.

Teacher Training

University of Bristol: Cultivating Research and Teaching Excellence Level 2 (in progress). University of Surrey: tutor-training sessions; peer observation.

University of York: Graduate Training Programme; residential teacher-training courses.

Teaching Accreditation

Fellowship with Advance HE (formerly HEA) awarded in 2018.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

School of Criticism and Theory (SCT), Cornell University (June 2014 – July 2014)

6-week programme for faculty and postgraduate; seminar with Simon Critchley. Supported by c. £3,500 of scholarships from SCT, FR Leavis Fund, and the AHRC.

Samuel Beckett Summer School, Trinity College Dublin (August 2015)
Supported by the AHRC.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: Oxford University Press (monographs); *Contemporary Literature*; *English Studies*; *Life Writing*; *Texas Studies in Literature and Language*; *Textual Practice*.

Active Professional Memberships: Modern Language Association (MLA), British Association of Modern Studies (BAMS), Modernist Studies Association (MSA), British Society for Literature and Science (BSLS), British Association of Victorian Studies (BAVS).

REFEREES

Available upon request.