

Curriculum vitae: Allison Muri

Assistant Professor
Department of English
University of Saskatchewan
allison.muri@usask.ca
306-966-5503

Specializations:

Cyberculture: History & Theory of New Media
Materialism and the man-machine in 18th-century literature
Literary Topographies of 18th-century London
Digital Scholarship: Theory & Practice

Education:

SSHRC Post-doctoral fellow
McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
1 September 2001–31 August 2003
Project title: “The Enlightenment Cyborg”

Ph.D. (English Literature)
University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK
September 1997–October 2001
Dissertation: “The Enlightenment Cyborg: Aspects and Origins of the Postmodern ‘Man-Machine’ Metaphor”

Scholarly publications:

“The Technology and Future of the Book: What a Digital ‘Grub Street’ Can Tell us About Communications, Commerce, and Creativity,” in *Producing the Eighteenth-Century Book: Writers and Publishers in England, 1650–1800*, ed. Laura Runge and Pat Rogers (University of Delaware Press, forthcoming October 2009).

“Traversing the Territories: When Humanists Engage with Biotechnology and Technoscience.” Review Essay. *New Media & Society* 9.5 (October 2007): 871-9.

The Enlightenment Cyborg: A History of Communications and Control in the Human Machine, 1660–1830 (University of Toronto Press: January 2007).

“Enlightenment Cybernetics: Communications and Control in the Man-Machine.” *The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation* 49.2 (2008).

“Virtually Human: the Electronic Page, the Archived Body, and Human Identity.” Chapter in *The Future of the Page*. Ed. Peter Stoicheff and Andrew Taylor (U of T Press “Book and Print Culture” series, 2004), 231–54.

“Of Shit and the Soul: Tropes of Cybernetic Disembodiment.” *Body & Society* 9.3 (2003): 73–92.

Scholarly Internet Publications:

The Grub Street Project (in progress). Director and designer (grubstreetproject.net)

Hypertext of William Faulkner’s *The Sound and the Fury* graphic design and user-interface design, html markup (www.usask.ca/faulkner)

“Anna Laetitia Aikin’s *Poems* (1773).” Ed. and designed by Lisa Vargo and Allison Muri. A Romantic Circles Edition. Ed. Neil Fraistat, Steven E. Jones, and Carl Stahmer (1999).

<<http://www.rc.umd.edu/editions/contemps/barbault/poems1773/>>

Anna Laetitia Barbault Website graphic design and user-interface design, html markup (duke.usask.ca/~vargo/barbault)

Invited Papers and Conference Presentations:

“The Grub Street Project,” a presentation at the “Online Humanities Scholarship, The Shape of Things to Come” Mellon conference at the University of Virginia, 26–8 March 2010.

“The Grub Street Project: Topographies of Commerce & Communications in 18th-century London” for University of Regina English Department Faculty Exchange Visiting Speaker series, 20 March 2009.

Contributed Conference Papers:

“Eighteenth-Century Studies and Digital Histories: The Grub Street Project” presented at the Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies conference “The Eighteenth Century: Influence of the Past, Presence of the Future,” Montréal, Québec, October 15–18, 2008.

“The Fetal Engine” presented at “Imagining Reproduction in Science & History,” University of Saskatchewan, October 19–21, 2007.

“The Technology and Future of the Book: What Grubstreet Can Tell Us About Chaos, Copyright, and Creativity,” at “The Twentieth Annual DeBartolo Conference: The Book,” University of South Florida, 16–18 February 2006.

“The Woman Machine,” at “The Eighteenth Century: Current Research and Future Perspectives,” Luther College, University of Regina, 18–19 March 2005.

“The Woman Machine,” at the the Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies annual conference (“La machine, l'automatisme, le système”), London, Ontario, 20–23 October 2004.

“The Enlightenment Cyborg: the Human-Machine in Early Modern Science and Literature,” panel organizer and Chair. (Eleventh International Congress on the

- Enlightenment, ASEC's Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting), Los Angeles, 3–10 August 2003.
- “Gentle Circulation and Tumultuous Congregation: Economies of Flow in Thomas Willis' Body Politic,” at the Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies annual conference (“The Enlightenment in Motion : Circulation, Exchanges, Transmission”), Quebec City, 24 October 2002.
- “Mind, Muscle and Mechanical Nerves: Operations of the Spirit in Swift and Willis,” at the Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies annual conference (“Spectacle in the Eighteenth Century”), Saskatoon, 20 October 2001.
- “PoMo Presumption and Enlightenment History: The Case of the Man-Machine Trope; Or, Why Cyber-Theorists Need to Read La Mettrie and Swift,” at the Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies annual conference (“Memory and Identity: Past and Present”), Toronto, 20 October 2000.
- “The Paginated Body” at “The Future of the Page Conference” hosted by the University of Saskatchewan, Humanities Research Unit, & Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, 9 June 2000.
- “The Mechanical Operation of the Spirit: Swift and Cyborgs” at the Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada (HSSFC) Congress 2000, Edmonton, 26 May 2000.
- “Architectures, Ideologies & Materials of the Page,” co-presented with Dr. Andrew Taylor, Dr. Peter Stoicheff, and Jon Bath at “Body Projects II: Digital Matter, Digital Memory: An Exploratory Set of Workshops and Presentations” hosted by the Humanities Research Unit, University of Saskatchewan, 20 March 1999.
- “The Industrious Culture: Nation Building and Communications in Canada” at the “Communicating Across Boundaries” conference, University of Saskatchewan, 25 September 1999.
- “Figuring Machines: Metaphors of Man & Mechanism” at the Canadian Society for Eighteenth Century Studies annual conference (“Material Productions and Cultural Construction”), Edmonton, 16–20 September 1998.
- “On a Lady's Writing: Contexts/Hypertext” (co-presented with Dr. Lisa Vargo) at the Canadian Society for 18th Century Studies annual conference (“Material Productions and Cultural Construction”), Edmonton, 16–20 September 1998.
- ““Strong as her judgment, easy as her air’: An Anna Barbauld Hypertext Project .” Hypertext presentation with Dr. Lisa Vargo at the “Cultural Studies, Medieval Studies, and Disciplinary Debate” conference, University of Saskatchewan, 14 March 1998.
- “Issues of Electronic (Disembodied) Communications/Texts” at “Body Projects I: Incarnations, Inscriptions, Adhesions, Invasions,” hosted by the Humanities Research Unit, University of Saskatchewan, September 1997.

Other Presentations:

“Reading the Internet” at “UPGRADE 2009,” the 71st Annual Canadian University Press Conference for student journalists, 8 January 2009.

“Humanities Futures: Humanities Computing” for the “Humanities Futures: A Public Conversation” panel with Daniel Coleman (Canada Research Chair in Critical Ethnicity and Race Studies at McMaster University) and Sakej Henderson (Research Director at the Native Law Centre, U of S) sponsored by the Humanities Research Unit, University of Saskatchewan, 31 March 2008.

“Making Your Research Accessible: The Future of Publishing in the Digital Age,” for the Reproductive Science and Medicine Research Group, University of Saskatchewan, 29 March 2007.

Grants and Awards:

Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Leaders Opportunity Fund (LOF): \$40,610 grant awarded for Computing & Media Studies Research Lab at the U of S, January 2009.

Innovation and Science Fund, Province of Saskatchewan: \$40,610 grant awarded for Computing and Media Studies Research Lab, June 2009.