#### JENNIFER WILLGING

curriculum vitae

The Ohio State University
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#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in French, Northwestern University, June 2000 A.B. in History with College Honors, Washington University, May 1991

#### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Interim Chair, Department of French and Italian, July 2021-June 2022
Associate Professor of French, The Ohio State University, 2006-present
Chair, Department of French and Italian, The Ohio State University, 2012-2017
Assistant Professor of French, The Ohio State University, 2000-06
Lecturer in French, University College of Northwestern University, 1998-2000

#### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

20th- and 21st-century French narrative Post-Revolutionary French cultural history France in World War II French-American cultural relations Theories of everyday life Quebec studies

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Book

Willging, Jennifer. *Telling Anxiety: Anxious Narration in the Works of Duras, Sarraute, Ernaux, and Hébert.* Toronto: U of Toronto P, 2007.

#### **Articles in peer-reviewed journals**

- —. "Leisure and Alienation in Michel Houellebecq's Fiction." Forthcoming in *French Cultural Studies*, 2021. 30 ms pages.
- —. "A Critique of Everyday Life in Michel Houellebecq's *Extension du domaine de la lutte.*" *Modern and Contemporary France* 26 (Apr. 2019): 1-14. DOI: 10.1080/09639489.2019.1604500.
- —. "Lefebvrian Moments in Marguerite Duras's *Cahiers de la guerre*." *French Forum* 43.3 (2018): 423-37.

—. "Strange Bedfellows: Paule Constant, Michel Houellebecq, and Political Correctness." <i>Australian Journal of French Studies</i> 56.1 (2019): 75-90. DOI:10.3828/AJFS.2019.07.
. —. "Alternate Facts and Reality Effects in Antoine Bello's <i>Roman américain</i> ." <i>Studies in 20th and 21st-Century Literature</i> 42 (2018): 1-18.
—. "Can the French Be Happy? or, Can Happiness Be French? Contemporary French Discourses on Happiness as Cultural Value." <i>Contemporary French Civilization</i> 41.3-4 (2016): 503-17.
—. "Toeing the Party Line in Marguerite Duras's <i>Cahiers de la guerre</i> ." <i>Modern Language Review</i> 108.2 (2013): 459-74.
—. "Real' Places in Marguerite Duras's Wartime Paris." <i>Studies in 20th and 21st Century Literature</i> 35.2 (2011): 188-206.
—. "Marguerite Duras's Murderers." French Review 83 (2010): 752-66.
—. "Another Prozac Nation? The Problem of Psychotropic Medication Consumption in Contemporary France." <i>Contemporary French Civilization</i> 33 (2009): 1-22.
—. "Of GMOs, McDomination, and Foreign Fat: The Contemporary Franco-American Conflicts Over Food." <i>French Cultural Studies</i> 19 (2008): 199-226.
—. "Existential Angst and Role–Playing Revisited in Paule Constant's Fiction." <i>French Forum</i> 31 (2006): 75-97.
—. "Liberty and Surveillance in Céline's New York, The City That Doesn't Sleep (Around)." Studies in Twentieth and Twenty–first Century Literature 29 (2005): 381-410.
—. "Partners in Slime: The Liquid and the Viscous in Sarraute and Sartre." <i>Romanic Review</i> 92 (2001): 277-89. (published in summer 2003)
—. "Annie Ernaux's Shameful Narration." French Forum 26 (2001): 83-103.
—. "'True Down to the Last Detail': Memory and Narrative in Marguerite Duras's 'Monsieur X.'." <i>Twentieth Century Literature</i> 46 (2000): 369-86.
—. "Narrative Urge, Narrative Anxiety: Taking Out the Trash in Marguerite Duras's 'Madame

# **Chapters in peer-reviewed edited books:**

Dodin'." French Review 73 (2000): 699-709.

Willging, Jennifer. "A Woman's *Huis clos*: Exhausted Feminism in Paule Constant's *Confidence pour confidence*." Accepted by editors and currently being peer reviewed for *Taking Up Space: Womxn at Work in Contemporary France*, ed. Siham Bouamer and Sonja Stojanovic. University of Wales Press, forthcoming 2022. 21 ms pages.

—. "The Power of Feminine Anger in Marie de France's 'Ionec' and 'Guigemar'." *Feminist Literary Theory and Criticism: A Norton Reader*. Ed. Sandra Gilbert and Susan Gubar. 852-59. New York: Norton, 2007. Originally published in peer-reviewed journal *Florilegium* 14 (1995-96): 123-35.

# Articles in editor-reviewed special issue

- Willging, Jennifer. "Tracing the Evolution of French Studies Through the 20th (and 21st) Century French (and Francophone) Studies Colloquium, 1986-2015." *Contemporary French and Francophone Studies: Sites* 20.3 (2016): 503-10.
- —. "Chrétienne's Colonial Misadventures: Echoes of Céline and Duras in Paule Constant's La fille du Gobernator." *Dalhousie French Studies* special issue. *Hybrid Voices, Hybrid Texts: Women's Writing at the Turn of the Millennium*, ed. Gill Rye. 68 (2004): 57-68.

#### Critical guide

Willging, Jennifer, faculty consultant. *Short Story Criticism: Marguerite Duras's L'Amant.* Columbia, SC: Gale-Cengage, 2015. Chose critical essays to be included, chose and annotated list of further readings, and edited staff-written annotations.

#### **Book reviews**

- Willging, Jennifer. Review of *Suicide Voices: Labour Trauma in France* by Sarah Waters. Liverpool, Eng.: Liverpool UP, 2020. Forthcoming in *Contemporary French Civilization*, 2021.
- —. Review of Consumer Chronicles: Cultures of Consumption in Modern French Literature by David Walker. Liverpool, Eng.: Liverpool UP, 2011. French Review 86.5 (2013): 95-96.
- —. Review of *Riding the New Wave: Youth and the Rejuvenation of France After the Second World War* by Richard Ivan Jobs. Stanford: Stanford UP, 2007. *Contemporary French Civilization* 32 (2008): 234-37.
- —. Review of *Dit de femmes: entretiens d'écrivaines françaises* edited by Michèle M. Magill and Katherine S. Stephenson. Birmingham, AL: Summa, 2003. *Women in French Studies* 14 (2006): 132-34.
- —. Review of *Echos: Cultural Discussions for Students of French* by Kimberlee Campbell. New Haven: Yale UP, 2004. *French Review* 78 (2005): 632-33.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

Arts and Humanities Small Grant (\$2000) to present at two conferences in England and Ireland. The Ohio State University, 2018.

Coca-Cola Critical Difference for Women Grant (\$1000), 2017

Nominated participant, President's and Provost's Leadership Institute, 2011-13

Grant-in-Aid for presentation at conference in Paris, France (\$2400), College of Arts and Humanities, The Ohio State University, 2012

Grant-in-Aid for research in Paris, France (\$1800), College of Arts and Humanities, The Ohio State University, 2011

- Grant-in-Aid for presentation at conference in Toronto, Canada (\$600), College of Arts and Humanities, The Ohio State University, 2010
- Grant-in-Aid for presentation at conference in Leeds, UK (\$1900), College of Humanities, The Ohio State University, 2009
- Research Enhancement Grant for research in Paris, France (\$2300), College of Humanities, The Ohio State University, 2008
- Grant-in-Aid for presentation at conference in London, UK (\$1050), College of Humanities, The Ohio State University, 2002

Assistant Professor Research Fund, The Ohio State University (\$2000), 2000-04 CIC Scholarship for study at the Université Laval, Canada (\$2500), July 1999

First-Year Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University, 1992-93

Fulbright Teaching Assistantship, Angers, France, 1991-92

Phi Beta Kappa, Washington University, 1991

## LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

375) at Iowa State University, 26 Sept. 2007.

#### **Invited lectures**

Willging, Jennifer. "Neoliberal Blues in Michel Houellebecq's <i>Plateforme</i> ." International Houellebecq Symposium, Villanova University, Villanova, PA. Originally scheduled for March 2020 but rescheduled for March 2021 in virtual format due to Covid-19.
—. Series of virtual lectures on "Paris and the Left Bank in the 1940s" for Roundtable Cultural Seminars, New York, New York, Sept.—Nov. 2020.
—. "The Scandal of Everyday Life in André Zucca's Paris." Rhode Island College. Providence RI, 7 Apr. 2015.
—. "Haussmann's Paris." History Club of Columbus, Ohio, 15 Oct. 2012.
—. "France in World War Two." History Club of Columbus, Ohio, 23 Jan. 2012.
—. "Marguerite Duras's Murderers." MLA Convention. Chicago, IL, 27-30 Dec. 2007.
—. "Obesity in France: Is There No French Exception?" Video conference with course (French

## **Conference presentations**

- Willging, Jennifer. "Scary Stories: The *Roman d'avertissement* in the New Millennium." International 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>-Century French and Francophone Studies Colloquium, Lincoln, Nebraska. Scheduled for March 2020 but cancelled due to Covid-19.
- —. "Leisure and Alienation in Houellebecq's World." Contemporary French Civilization conference. Tuscan, AZ, 29-31 Aug. 2019.
- . "Houellebecq and Lefebvre on *la vie quotidienne* after May '68." Does 'la lutte continue'? The Global Afterlives of May '68. International conference at the Winthrop-King

Institute for Contemporary French and Francophone Studies. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, 28-29 March 2019.
"Banal Catastrophes and Catastrophic Banality in Michel Houellebecq's <i>Plateforme</i> ." 20th and 21st Century French and Francophone Studies Colloquium. Oklahoma City, OK, 14-16 March 2019.
"Michel Houellebecq's Critique of Everyday Life." Society for French Studies annual conference. Cork, Ireland, 2-4 July 2018.
"Another French Paradox: The Concept of Happiness in Contemporary French Discourse." Literature and Social Emotions Symposium. University of Bristol, Bristol, Eng., 22 June 2018.
"Alternate Facts and Reality Effects in Antoine Bello's Roman américain." Starts and Strife Conference, Winthrop-King Institute for Contemporary French and Francophone Studies. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, 23-25 Oct. 2017.
"Lefebvrian 'Moments' in Marguerite Duras's Cahiers de la guerre." 20th and 21st Century French and Francophone Studies Colloquium. Indiana University, Bloomington, 6-8 April 2017.
"Happiness and Everyday Life in Contemporary France: Unlikely Bedfellows?" 40 Years of Contemporary French Civilization Conference. Baltimore, MD, Sept. 3-5 2015.
"Tracing the Evolution of French Studies 1984-2015." 20th and 21st Century French and Francophone Studies Colloquium. Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, 25-27 Feb. 2015.
"Everyday Moments in Marguerite Duras's Cahiers de la guerre." MLA International Convention, Chicago, IL, 9-12 Jan. 2014.
"Traces of Earnestness in Marguerite Duras's Cahiers de la guerre." 20th and 21st Century French and Francophone Studies Colloquium. Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA, 28-30 Mar. 2013.
"Bad Mother(land)s in Marguerite Duras's and Paule Constant's Fiction." MLA International Convention. Boston, MA, 3-6 Jan. 2013.
"Les Parisiens sous l'Occupation': An Unwelcome Spectacle." Crossroads in Cultural Studies 9th Annual International Colloquium. Paris, France, 2-6 July 2012.
"From Socialist Realism to Comic Irony in Marguerite Duras's 'Madame Dodin'." Société Marguerite Duras Colloquium. Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, 19-21 May 2011.
"The Occupation in Color: Everyday Life in the Zucca Photographs." MLA International Convention. Los Angeles, CA, 6-9 Jan. 2011.



—. "Grade Inflation: A Review of Recent Literature." MLA Convention. New York, NY, 27-30 Dec. 2002. —. "La Fille du Gobernator's Descent into Colonial Hell: Paule Constant's Debt to Céline and Duras." New Women's Writing in French Colloquium. University of London, London, U.K., 26-29 Sept. 2002. —. "The Sound of Violence and the Violence of Sound in Anne Hébert's Les fous de Bassan." 20th and 21st Century International French Studies Colloquium. Hartford, CT, 4-7 Apr. 2002. —. "Annie Ernaux's 'Popularity'." MLA Convention. Washington, D.C., 27-30 Dec. 2000. —. "Nathalie Sarraute's Fluid Muse." M/MLA Convention. Kansas City, MO, 2-4 Nov. 2000. —. "From Sacred Memory to Prosaic Narrative: Annie Ernaux's La Honte." Women in French International Conference. Macalester and Carleton Colleges, 7-9 Apr. 2000. —. "Annie Ernaux's Shameful Narration." M/MLA Convention. Minneapolis, MN, 4-6 Nov. 1999. —. "Une Histoire vraie jusque dans le détail: Competing Memories, Competing Narratives in Marguerite Duras's 'Monsieur X.'" M/MLA Convention. St. Louis, MO, 5-7 Nov. 1998.

## **COURSES TAUGHT IN CURRENT POSITION**

## French literature, culture, and language

French 8204, Everyday Life in 20th and 21st-century French literature and culture (graduate seminar)

French 833, French Literature and the Second World War (graduate seminar)

French 831, Everyday Life Under the Occupation (graduate seminar)

French 831, Lethal Literature: Murder in 20th-Century French Fiction (graduate seminar)

French 831, Cultural Cold War: France and the United States in the 20th Century and Beyond (graduate seminar)

French 827, Narrating Perception in 20th-Century French Literature (graduate seminar)

French 7601 (883), Introduction to Graduate Studies in French

French 658, Literature Since the Second World War

French 656, 20th- and 21st-Century Literature: *Les trente glorieuses* and Beyond: The Challenge of Modernization in Post–War France

French 656, Literature Between the Two World Wars

French 603, Advanced Oral and Written Expression: Current Events in France and the Francophone World

French 5204, Murder in 20th-Century French Literature and Culture

French 4401, Transatlantic Frenemies: Representations of the United States and Americans in French Literature Since Tocqueville

French 401, Intermediate Grammar Review

French 3801 (153), French-American Cultural Relations: From Jazz to Freedom Fries (GE in English)

French 3403 (418), The City of Light from the Revolution to Right Now: History and Geography of Modern Paris

French 3401 (440), Introduction to Contemporary French Culture

French 3201 (425), Introduction to French Literary and Visual Texts

French 2101 and Honors 2101, Introduction to French and Francophone Studies

French 1803.01 Paris (GE in English)

Arts and Sciences 137, The City of Light From the Revolution to Right Now: The History and Geography of Modern Paris (freshman seminar, in English)

#### DISSERTATION AND THESIS COMMITTEES

## Dissertations, director

Joseph White, on-going Jaleh Sharif, 2015 Heidi Brown, 2014 Andrew Anderson, 2011 Philip Nelson, 2010

#### Dissertations, committee member

Thierno Diallo, on-going

Genevieve Berendt, on-going

Xinyi Tan, 2018

Dionisio Mingallon, 2017

Rachel Elizabeth Willis, 2017

Paige Piper, 2016

Adrianne Barbo, 2015

Michel Gerring, 2014

Douglas Roberts, 2015

Jennifer Branlat, 2012

Adela Lechintan, 2011

Julie Parson, 2011

Elizabeth Bishop, 2010

Kelly Campbell, 2010

Jacob Schott, 2010

Lina Quimiian (not completed)

Roya Mesbah, 2008

Nicolas Medevielle, 2006

Stacey Weber-Fève, 2006

Virginia Donovan, 2006

Randi Polk, 2005

Rebecca Bias, 2005

Salome Fouts, 2003

Nevine Demian, 2003

## Undergraduate theses and honors, director

Troy Weidman, 2018

Jessica Lahote, 2017 Margaret Lynch, 2016 Timothy Hoffine, 2010 Marvin Brown, 2009 (SROP research project advisor) Jessica Hanzlik, 2008

#### Undergraduate theses and honors theses, committee member

Megan Dailey (Linguistics), 2018
Amelia Gulick, 2017
Anna Ross (Psychology), 2017
Sarah Mikati, 2017
Conrad Allen (History), 2016
Charlotte Hines, 2015
Amanda Miller, 2004
Jesse Slone (Molecular Genetics), 2004
Katherine Jochim (French, Kenyon College), 2004
Andrea Boron, 2003

#### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

#### **Professional**

Assistant Editor, French Review, 2019-present

Book Placement Editor for 20th-21st-century French and Francophone literature, H-France, 2012-present

External reviewer for promotion to Associate Professor with tenure: Vassar College, 2021; United States Military Academy West Point, 2021; The American University of Paris, 2020; New York University, 2019

Book manuscript reviewer, University of Liverpool Press, 2019; The Ohio State University Press, 2016

Faculty reviewer, Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2018-20

Great Lakes Region Delegate MLA Delegate Assembly, 2012-15

Book proposal reviewer, University of Nebraska Press, 2015

Article submission reviewer, PMLA, Romanic Review, The French Review, Text and Presentation, Modern Language Studies, Contemporary French Civilization, Texas Studies in Literature and Language 2006-

Application reviewer, Partner University Fund, 2013

Special session chair and organizer, "Everyday Life under the Occupation of France, 1940-44," MLA Convention, Los Angeles, CA, 6-9 Jan. 2011

Grant application reviewer, Social Studies and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2009

Chair, French 15 session, "Memory, Memoir, Remembrance," Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 14-16 Apr. 2009

Session organizer and chair, "Frenchness Today," 20th- and 21st-Century French Studies Colloquium. Georgetown University, 6-8 Mar. 2008

Session organizer and chair, French I, M/MLA Convention. Cleveland, OH, 8-11 Nov. 2007

Session organizer and chair, French II. Kentucky Foreign Language Conference. Lexington, KY, 20-22 Apr. 2006

Session organizer and chair, French II, M/MLA Convention. Milwaukee, WI, 7-10 Nov. 2005 Session discussant, French III, M/MLA Convention. Milwaukee, WI, 7-10 Nov. 2005

Session discussant, French III, M/MLA Convention. Chicago, IL, 10-13 Nov. 2003

Session organizer and chair, "The Prix Goncourt: Recent Recipients and 'L'épreuve de la grandeur'," 20th- and 21st-Century French Studies Colloquium. Urbana, IL, 27-30 Mar. 2003

Session moderator, "Aesthetic Compositions and Cultural Meaning," Annual Comparative Drama Conference. Columbus, OH, 25-27 Apr. 2002

Session organizer and chair, "French and Francophone Women Writing History," 20th- and 21st-Century French Studies Colloquium. University of Connecticut, 4-7 Apr. 2002

Session organizer and chair, "Desire to Tell and Fear of Telling in the Late Twentieth Century," M/MLA Convention. Minneapolis, MN, 4-6 Nov. 1999

Session moderator, "Legacies of Structuralism" International Narrative Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, Apr. 1998

## **University (The Ohio State University)**

Graduate Faculty Representative, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2001-07

Faculty presenter, New Department Chairs Program, 2016, 2015, 2014

Faculty presenter, President's and Provost's Leadership Institute, spring 2015

Faculty evaluator, Denman Research Forum, 2014

Member, The Ohio State University Press Board, 2009-12

Chair, Graduate Studies Committee, 2010-11; member 2009-10

Faculty interviewer, Fulbright Award Competition, 2020, 2019, 2017, 2012, 2006

Application evaluator, Graduate Research Quarter, 2010

Member, Honors Collegium Faculty Advisory Committee, 2009-11

Member, Honors Collegium Faculty Advisory Board, 2009-10

Faculty mentor, SRPO-PHD, 2009

Reader, Maximus Scholarship Competition, 2000-09

Faculty interviewer, Rhodes Scholarship mock interviews, November 2003

Faculty host, Maximus Scholarship Competition lunch, February 2003

# College (College of Arts and Sciences or former College of Humanities, The Ohio State University)

Senator for Department of French and Italian, Arts and Sciences Senate, Autumn 2019-present Chair, Felice M. Grad Graduate Scholarship selection committee, 2017

Member, search committee for new Director of the Center for Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, 2016

Member, Foreign Languages Chairs Consortium, 2011-present

Application reviewer, NEH Summer Stipend, 2015

Co-director, World War II Study Abroad Program, summer 2013 and 2014

Nomination reviewer, Rodica C. Botoman Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching, 2013-15

Chair, College Graduate Studies Committee, 2010-11; member, 2009-10

Member, College Diversity Committee, 2006-09

Faculty presenter, Renaissance Weekend, College of Arts and Sciences Development Office, 2 Nov. 2007

Faculty presenter, "Dessert with the Dean" for Maximus Scholarship competitors, 10 Feb. 2007 Faculty host, Scholars Day Lunch, 21 Jan. 2005

Member, Library Committee, 2002-04

Faculty presenter, Faculty/Family Orientation Discussion, July 2004; July and August 2003

Faculty host, Honors Day Lunch, 2003

Faculty host, Honors and Scholars Day Breakfast, 2002 and 2001

# Departmental (Department of French and Italian, The Ohio State University)

Director of Undergraduate Studies in French, 2019-present

Undergraduate Advisor in French, 2017-2018

Co-author, Departmental External Review Self-Study and Action Plan, 2017-18

Co-Honors Advisor, 2002-present

Chair, 2012-2017

Interim Chair, 2011-12

Acting Chair, Oct. 2010-Feb. 2011

Coordinator, Graduate Program Semester Conversion, 2010-12

Graduate Chair, 2009-11

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, 2006-08

Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2014-15 and 2012-13

Chair, Faculty Search Committee, 2011-12

Member, Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee, 2012, 2011, 2008

Member, Salary Advisory Committee, 2019, 2010, 2008

Co-author, Departmental External Review Self-Study, 2009

Member, Promotion and Tenure Sub-Committee, 2008-09, 2006-07

Coordinating Advisor, 2000-08

Member, Ad-Hoc Chair Review Committee, 2007

Chair, Teaching and Technology Committee, 2006-08; member, 2004-05, 2001-02

Member, Curriculum Committee, 2005-06

Member, Ad-Hoc Curriculum Review Committee, 2002-03

Advisor, Transfer and Study Abroad Credit, Spring 2001

Chair, Undergraduate Advisory Committee, 2001-02; member, 2000-01

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND STUDY ABROAD

President's and Provost's Leadership Institute, invited participant, 2011-12

Workshop on Foreign Language Standards, Northwestern University, September 16, 1999

"Language Learning and Teaching in the 21st Century. The Case for Standards," presented by Professor Aleidine J. Moeller, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Stage de perfectionnement pour professeurs de français langue étrangère, École des langues vivantes, Université Laval, Québec, 4-25 July 1999

ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview Workshop, Northwestern University, 16-19 Nov. 1998

Pensionnaire étranger, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Fontenay/Saint-Cloud, Saint-Cloud, France, Jan.-June 1997

Northwestern University College Faculty Development Workshop, May-June 1995

Fulbright French Government English Teaching Assistant, Angers, France, 1991-92

Graduate Internship, Middlebury College École Française, Jun.-July 1994

Summer Study in Tours, France, Washington University in St. Louis, May-June 1988