

MEGAN BUTLER, Ph.D.

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., English Literature and Culture	University of Washington	June 2024
Dissertation: <i>Writing the Refugee: Labelling, Literature, and the Shifting Imaginary of a Field</i>		
TESOL 120-hour Certificate	Seattle Central College	March 2023
M.A., English Literature	Stony Brook University (SUNY)	2018
B.A., English and Math	Vanderbilt University	1989

PUBLICATIONS

Butler, Megan. "Memoir and the Sinking Ship: Reconstituting Humanity through Narrative." *Care in a Time of Humanitarianism: Stories of Refuge, Aid, and Repair in the Global South*, edited by Arzoo Osanloo and Cabeiri Robinson. Berghahn Books, Fall 2024. (peer reviewed)

Butler, Megan. "'Translating' a Times Article to Reach New Audiences." *The New York Times*, 15 November 2023, <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/15/learning/translating-a-times-article-to-reach-new-audiences.html>.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- English Language Instructor, Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) March 2023 to present
- Program for Writing and Rhetoric (PWR) Predoctoral Instructor 2019 to present
Department of English, University of Washington
 - Composition and Social Issues, Fall 2021 to present (5 quarters F2F, 1 quarter online)
 - English Composition, Fall 2019-Fall 2023 (3 quarters F2F, 4 quarters online)
 - Introduction to the English Major, 200 level TA

AWARDS AND HONORS

- University of Washington Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship Winter 2024
- Barclay Simpson Scholar in Public Fellowship Summer 2023
The Simpson Center, University of Washington
- Joff Hanauer for Excellence in Western Civilization Graduate Fellow 2021-22
The Simpson Center, University of Washington
- Graduate School Top Scholar Award 2019
University of Washington
- Thomas Flanagan Prize for Best Essay by an M.A. or M.A.T. Student 2016-2017 2017
Stony Brook University
- Proclamation of Service to the Community, Town of Huntington, New York 2017

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Graduate Student Mentor, Program in Writing and Rhetoric Spring 2024
- C.H.I.M.E. Critical Humanities in Medical Education 2022-2023
Simpson Center Graduate Research Cluster, University of Washington

CONFERENCES

- “Writing the Refugee: History, Modernity, and the Shifting Imaginary of a Field”
The Modernist Studies Association Annual Conference, October 26-29, 2023
- “Unbound, Unhidden: Reconstituting Personhood through Narrative Naming”
MLA Panel, “Captivity and Creativity in Wartime,” January 5-8, 2023
- “Literature and the Refugee: Reparative Reading for Transformation in Humanitarian Crises”
University of Virginia “Transformation” Graduate Conference, October 2-3, 2020
- “The Cultural Politics of Walt Whitman’s Civil War Poetry”
U.S. Air Force Academy War, Literature & the Arts Conference, September 20-21, 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- President, Megan Butler Communications, Huntington, NY 1997-2008
 - Worked with publishing houses and authors to create marketing and publicity campaigns for newly released and enduring backlist books.
 - Wrote advertising, catalog, flap, and website copy and developed publicity material, including teaching material and questions for discussion.
 - Secured book reviews and arranged interviews on all media platforms.
 - Accomplishments include numerous bestsellers, including five #1 *New York Times* bestsellers, and fluency within adult and children’s marketing and publicity for fiction and non-fiction.

NON-PROFIT WORK EXPERIENCE

- Reading Coordinator and Fundraiser, The Happy Home Trust, Puttaparthi, India 2017-2018
 - Assisted the director at an orphanage for abused girls.
- Co-founder & Co-Coordinator, The *Junior* Junior Welfare League, Huntington, NY 2010-2017
 - Conceived, developed, and ran a community service club for girls in grades 6-12. Members provided more than 5,000 hours of service to the local community.
- President, Vice President, and Event Chairperson, 2007-2016
The Junior Welfare League of Huntington, Huntington, NY
 - Board president for an 85-year-old local organization serving the underprivileged in Huntington, with a primary focus on women and children living below the poverty line.
 - Increased revenue by 50%, streamlined programs and operations for efficiency, and increased membership by 10%.
 - Wrote and evaluated all grant requests.
- President, The Harborfields Giving Circle, Greenlawn, NY 2011-2016
 - Coordinated a local Giving Circle to provide rapid financial reaction for social situations within the Harborfields Central School District.
 - Increased budget by \$20,000 and membership by 22%