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### EDUCATION

**PhD** in Rhetoric & Writing (Self-designed Concentration: Rhetoric, Environment, Culture)  
2012-2013 Cultural Heritage Informatics Fellow  
2010-2011 College of Arts & Letters Merit Fellow  
2009-2010 Andrew E. Rasmussen Fellow  
Michigan State University, August 2013

**MA** in Critical Studies in Literacy & Pedagogy  
Michigan State University, 2009

**BA** in Latin and **BA** in English: American Language & Literature  
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 2006

### APPOINTMENTS

Wayne State Univ.	Fall 2013-Spring 2018	Assistant Professor of English
Michigan State Univ.	Fall 2012-Spring 2013	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Professional Writing Program Department of Writing, Rhetoric, & American Cultures
	Spring 2012-Sum 2013	Communication Assistant, University Outreach and Engagement
	Spring 2011-Sum 2013	Research Assistant, Writing in Digital Environments Center
	Fall 2008-Spring 2009	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Tier 1 Writing Program Department of Writing, Rhetoric, & American Cultures
	Fall 2009-Fall 2010 Fall 2007-Spring 2008	Writing Center Fellow, Library Writing Center Coordinator Course release for AAGA Fellowship
Lansing CC	Spring 2011-Spring 2012	Instructor, English Department
Univ. of Tennessee	Summer 2006 & 2007	Acting Director, Foreign Language Lab
	Spring 2006-April 2007	Assistant Director, Center for Online Writing Support (COWS)

### RECOGNITION

2017 Wayne State University President's Award for Excellence in Teaching  
2011 Michigan Campus Compact Heart and Soul Award

### PUBLICATIONS

journal articles

Cobos, Casie, Gabriela Raquel Rios, Donnie Johnson Sackey, Jennifer Sano- Franchini & Angela M. Haas (2018). Interfacing Cultural Rhetorics: A History and a Call. *Rhetoric Review*, 37(2), 139-154.

Turner, Heather Noel, Minh-Tam Nguyen, Beth Keller, Donnie Johnson Sackey, Jim Ridolfo, Stacey Pigg, Benjamin Lauren, Liza Potts, Bill Hart-Davidson, Jeff Grabill. (2017). WIDE Research Center as an incubator for graduate student experience. *Journal of Technical Writing and Communication*, 47(2), 130-150.

Sackey, Donnie Johnson, Minh-Tam Nguyen, Jeffery T. Grabill. (2015). Constructing learning spaces: What we can learn from studies of informal learning online. *Computers & Composition*, 35, 112-124.

Alexander, Phil, Karissa Chabot, Matt Cox, Dànielle Nicole DeVoss, Barb Gerber, Staci Perryman Clark, Julie Platt, Donnie Johnson Sackey, and Mary Wendt. (2012). Teaching with technology: Remixing and remediating the teaching philosophy statement. *Computers & Composition*, 29(1), 23-38.

Sano-Franchini, Jennifer, Donnie Johnson Sackey, and Stacey Pigg. (2011). "Methodological dwellings: A search for feminisms in rhetoric & composition." *Present Tense: A Journal of Rhetoric in Society*, 1(2). Available: <http://www.presenttensejournal.org/vol1/methodological-dwellings-a-search-for-feminisms-in-rhetoric-composition/>

Beech, Jennifer, Josh Bailey, Ansley Eichhorn, Donnie Johnson, Myron Johnson, Jamie Nichols, Justin Szabo, and Amanda Womac. (2004). Activism as active citizenship and as civic responsibility. *Lore: An E-journal for Teachers of Writing*, 1. Available: <http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/loresp04/stairwell/content.htm?com04>

editorial

Hidalgo, Alexandra and Donnie Johnson Sackey (Eds.) (December 2015). "Race, Rhetoric, and the State." *Present Tense: A Journal of Rhetoric in Society*. <http://www.presenttensejournal.org/editorial/vol-5-2-special-issue-on-race-rhetoric-and-the-state/>

book chapters

Sackey, Donnie, Jim Ridolfo, and Dànielle Nicole DeVoss. (2018). Making space in Lansing, Michigan: Communities and/in circulation. Laurie E. Gries and Collin Brooke, (Eds.) *Circulation, Writing, & Rhetoric* (pp. 27-42). Logan, UT: Utah State University Press.

Sackey, Donnie and William Hart-Davidson. (2016). Writing devices. Casey Boyle and Scot Barnett, (Eds.) *Rhetoric of Everyday Things* (pp. 69-82). Tuscaloosa, AL: University of Alabama Press.

Ríos, Gabriela R. and Donnie Johnson Sackey. (2014). Biocultural diversity and copyright: Linking intellectual property, language, knowledge and environment. In Dànielle Nicole DeVoss and Martine Courant Rife, (Eds.) *Cultures of Copyright* (pp. 211-225). New York, NY: Peter Lang International Academic Publishers.

Sackey, Donnie Johnson and Dànielle Nicole DeVoss. (2011). Ecology, ecologies, and institutions: Eco and composition. Sidney I. Dobrin, (Ed.) *Writing ecology: Ecology, writing theory, and new media* (pp. 195-212). New York, NY: Routledge.

conference proceedings

Moldenhauer, Judith A., and Donnie Johnson Sackey. (2016). Transdisciplinarity, community-based participatory research, and user-based information design research: The D•VERSE group and two projects. In *Design, User Experience, and Usability: Design Thinking and Methods - 5th International Conference, DUXU 2016 Held as Part of HCI International 2016, Proceedings*. (Vol. 9746, pp. 323-332). (Lecture Notes in Computer Science (including subseries Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence and Lecture Notes in Bioinformatics); Vol. 9746). Springer Verlag. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-319-40409-7\\_31](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-40409-7_31)

Hodder, Rachel, Donnie Sackey, and Michael McLeod. (2013). Building a better conference experience. Proceedings of the 31st Annual International Conference on Design of Communication, SIGDOC 2013, Greenville, NC, September 30th-October 1, 2013.

Sackey, Donnie Johnson and Noah Ullmann. (2012). Visualizing data, encouraging change: Technical interventions in food purchasing. Proceedings of the 2012 International Professional Communication Conference, IPCC 2012, Orlando, FL, October 8-10, 2013. Available: <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/articleDetails.jsp?arnumber=6408654>

Sackey, Donnie Johnson. (2011). "Tracing Ecologies." Proceedings of the 2011 International Professional Communication Conference, IPCC 2011, Cincinnati, OH, October 17-19, 2011. Available: <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/articleDetails.jsp?arnumber=6087188>

book reviews (2014). Review of *Forms of Fanonism: Frantz Fanon's Critical Theory and the Dialectics of Decolonization* by Reiland Rabaka. *JAC: A Quarterly Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Rhetoric Culture and Politics*, 34(1-2), 390-396.

online resources Sackey, Donnie Johnson and Letitia Fowler. (2011). Facilitation annotated bibliography. Facilitating learning in digital museum environments. Available: <http://informal-science.org/documents/0000/0132/FacilitationAnnotatedBibliography.pdf>

digital projects Ullmann, Noah and Donnie Johnson Sackey. (2010). Baked Potato: A justice-oriented shopping application. Available: <http://www.getbakedpotato.com>

publications in progress An environmental justice paradigm for technical communication. Michelle Eble and Angela Haas, (Eds.) *Integrating Theoretical Frameworks for Teaching Technical Communication* [Utah State University Press, Forthcoming 2018].

One-Size-Fits-None: Heuristic for Proactive Value Sensitive Environmental Design. [Submitting manuscript to *Technical Communication Quarterly*].

Research Notes From Flint. [In-progress book manuscript].

## GRANTS

National Institutes of Health. Spatial and Temporal Analyses of Neonatal Blood Lead Levels of Flint Children. Co-Investigator. [\$3,735,392.00; Not funded].

National Institutes of Health. RAPID: Response to contaminants in Flint drinking water: Formation of disinfection by-products in the distribution system. Co-Investigator. [Funded: \$421,435].

Institute for Population Studies, Health Assessment, Administration, Services and Economics. A community-based approach to study adolescent asthma through personal monitoring of airborne particulate matter. Co-Investigator. [Funded: \$75,000].

Detroit Medical Center Foundation: Community-based Health Care Information Grant. Enhancing environmental health communication between scientists and affected populations through community media design workshops. 2014. PIs: Donnie Johnson Sackey, Judith Moldenhauer; Co-Investigators: Joseph Caruso, Freda Giblin Shawn McElmurry, Robert Reynolds, Nicholas Schroeck, Paul Stemmer, Judy Westrick, Kezhong Zhang. [\$100,000; Not funded].

Center for Urban Responses to Environmental Stressors. Petcoke in an urban environment: A community-based participatory model. Co-Investigator. 2014-2016. [Funded: \$150,000].

Institute for Museum and Library Services. Facilitating learning in digital environments. 2010-2013. Research Assistant. [Funded: \$686,422].

Power of We Consortium. NorthStar Center capacity building. 2010. Writer. [Funded: \$23,748].

## **COMPETITIVE**

### **AWARDS**

Wayne State Univ.

Graduate Research Assistant Competition for FY 2016. Tracing local environmental literacy. 2015. Principle Investigator. [Funded]

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Online Course Development Fellowship. English 3060. 2015. Principle Investigator. [Funded: \$2000]

National

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend Program. Constructing Invasion: Rhetoric & Environmental History. Principle Investigator. [Pending]

## **PRESENTATIONS**

conferences

(2016, May) Writing Devices. Rhetoric Society of America conference. Atlanta, GA.

(2016, May) Thinking to Moving: Using Space. Rhetoric Society of America conference. Atlanta, GA.

(2016, March). Toward A Cultural Rhetorics Inquiry. Conference on College Composition and Communication. Houston, TX.

(2015, June). Carpe opportunitatem: Developing Disciplinary Diversity for Petcoke. Science of Team Science (SciTS) Conference. National Institutes of Health, Bethesda MD.

(2015, June). Visualizing Environmental Justice. HASTAC. East Lansing, MI.

(2015, March). The Challenge of Mapping Environmental Justice. Conference on College Composition and Communication. Tampa, FL.

(2015, March). Dialog on Cross-Generational Perspectives. Conference on College Composition and Communication. Tampa, FL. [Featured Session]

(2015, March). Executive Orders as Rhetorical Actors. Association of Teachers of Technical Writing, Tampa, FL.

(2014, October). Enacting Justice. Thomas R. Watson Conference. Louisville, KY.

(2014, May). Mapping Complexity: Re-tooling Environmental Rhetorics. Rhetoric Society of America conference. San Antonio, TX.

Bell III, David F., Matthew K. Gold, Kevin Kee, Cecilia Márquez, Kelli Massa, William Albert Pannacker, and Donnie Johnson Sackey. (2014, January). The Praxis Network: Rethinking Humanities Education, Together and in Public. Modern Language Association, Chicago, IL.

(2013, October). Encountering Difference: Some Notes on Geography, Digital Objects and Materiality. Western States Literacy, Salt Lake City, UT.

McLeod, Michael, Donnie Johnson Sackey, and Rachel Hodder. (2013, June). Building a Better Conference Experience with User-Centered Design and Cultural Rhetorics. Computers & Writing, Frostburg, MD.

(2013, April). Mapping complex Environmental Problems: Asian carp & the actor-network. American Society for Environmental History Conference, Toronto, ON, CA.

Sackey, Donnie Johnson and Noah Ullmann. (2012, October). Baked Potato: Supporting user differences in the US food system. International Professional Communication Conference, Orlando, FL.

(2012, April). Building a cultural rhetorical history of invasive species. EGSA Graduate Conference, College Station, TX.

Sackey, Donnie Johnson and Noah Ullmann. (2012, May). Baked Potato: Supporting user differences in the US food system. Computers & Writing, Raleigh, NC.

(2012, March). Carp stories: Swimming through an archive of invasion. Conference on College Composition and Communication, St. Louis, MO.

Cobos, Casie, Tim Dougherty, Angela Haas, Andrea Riley Mukavetz, Matthew Novak, Madhu Narayan, Malea Powell, Martine Courant Rife, Donnie Johnson Sackey, Jennifer Sano-Franchini, and Doug Schraufnagle. (2012, March). Co-imagining cultural rhetorics: Practice, performance, and pedagogy. Workshop. Conference on College Composition and Communication.

(2012, March). Visualizing data, encouraging change: Technical interventions in food purchasing decisions. Association of Teachers of Technical Writing, St. Louis, MO.

(2011, October). Tracing ecologies of writing: Locating sustainability. International Professional Communication Conference, Cincinnati, OH.

(2011, April). History & recognition: Mapping the local in rhetoric & writing. Conference on College Composition and Communication, Atlanta, GA. [Featured Session].

(2010, April). Respondent to Louise Wetherbee Phelps, Paul Prior and Tricia Serviss in Remixing our roots: Three takes on relations between theory and method. Conference on College Composition and Communication, Louisville, KY. [Accepted but not presented].

(2010, April). Making a rhetoric of sustainability: Tracing 'local' dimensions in environmental writing. Conference on College Composition and Communication, Louisville, KY.

Pigg, Stacey, Donnie Johnson Sackey and Jennifer Sano. (2009, October). Feminisms in rhetoric & composition scholarship and practice. Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) Conference, East Lansing, MI.

(2009, March). University-communities, sustainability & digital media: Evaluating online spaces as sites for community ecological advocacy. Conference on College Composition and Communication. San Francisco, CA.

Alexander, Phil, Matt Cox, Donnie Johnson Sackey, Julie Platt, Danielle Nicole DeVoss. (2008, October). The new work of the teaching philosophy statement. Thomas R. Watson Conference, Louisville, KY.

Alexander, Phil, Matt Cox, Donnie Johnson Sackey, Julie Platt, Danielle Nicole DeVoss (2008, May). Open-sourcing ourselves: Remixing and remediating the teaching philosophy statement. *Computers & Writing*, Athens, GA.

(2007, October). 'So you're a guy right?': Negotiating the discursive limits of the male body in advocating for a women's studies major at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) Conference, Little Rock, AR.

Sackey, Donnie Johnson and Darris Saylor. (2007, April). Interrupting the tropics of race: Examining FX's *Black.White*. Through the lens of critical race theory. Conference on College Composition and Communication, NYC, NY.

(2006, March). Animal, vegetable, and woman: The rhetoric behind vegetarian ecofeminism. Southeastern Women's Studies Association, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA.

invited lectures

(2016, November). "Human Rights & The Flint, Michigan Water Crisis." 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Rights & Social Justice Program's Thirsty for Change Lecture. Miami-Hamilton, Hamilton, OH.

(2016, October). "Research Note from Flint: Using Social Media to Bridge Relations." WIDE/EMU Co-Keynote Speaker. Eastern Michigan University. Ypsilanti, MI.

(2015, October). MARW Visiting Scholar. Department of English. University of Findlay. Findlay, OH.

(2013, September). Designing mobile applications for change. Department of Writing Studies, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

(2011, October). Designing mobile applications for change. Department of English, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.

(2010, June). Leveraging social media for engagement: Critical reflections on some environmental campaigns. Peace Education Center, East Lansing, MI.

(2009, October). Designing arguments through multimedia. Department of English, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.

workshops facilitated

(2016, February 13). National Institute of Health BEST Phase II: Communication. Sponsored by The Graduate School, Wayne State University.

(2012, February; 2011, July; 2011, May). Navigating the PhD: Writing processes and strategies for academic writing. Sponsored by The Graduate School and The Writing Center, Michigan State University.

Sackey, Donnie Johnson, Marilee Brooks-Gillies, and Jennifer Sano-Franchini. (2010, June; 2010, October). Personal statement workshop for Ronald E. McNair Scholars. Sponsored by The Writing Center, Michigan State University.

(2009, October). Personal Statement Workshop for Ronald E. McNair Scholars. Co-facilitator with Jennifer Sano. Sponsored by The Writing Center, Michigan State University.

## TEACHING

Wayne St. Univ.

Winter 2018	ENG 3060: Technical Writing (Presentations) ENG 7064: The Teaching of (Community) Writing
Fall 2017	ENG 3060: Technical Communication (Presentations) ENG 5992: Senior Seminar (Digital Detroit)
Fall 2016	ENG 2440: Introduction to Visual Culture ENG 5795: Special Topics in Rhetoric & Writing (Information Design)
Winter 2016	ENG 3060: Technical Writing (Presentations) ENG 8007: Cultural Rhetorics
Fall 2015	ENG 5795: Environmental Rhetoric ENG 3050: Technical Writing (Reports)
Winter 2015	ENG 7007: Composition Theory ENG 3050: Technical Writing (Reports)
Fall 2014	ENG 7063: History of Rhetoric & Composition
Winter 2014	ENG 5790: Visual Rhetorics for Professional Writers ENG 3050: Technical Writing (Reports)
Fall 2013	ENG 5830: Introduction to Technical & Professional Writing Practices

Michigan St. Univ.

Summer 2014-16	WRA 341: Nature, Travel, and Environmental Writing
Spring 2013	WRA 202: Introduction to Professional Writing
Fall 2012	WRA 341: Nature, Travel, and Environmental Writing
Spring 2009	WRA 110: Science & Technology
Fall 2008	WRA 1004/0102: Preparation for College Writing

Lansing CC

Spring 2011-2012	WRIT 121: Composition I, Lansing Community College (4 sections)
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## SERVICE

national

### Committee Membership/Leadership

2017 - 2020 CCCC Executive Committee  
2016 - 2021 MLA RCWS History and Theory of Rhetoric Committee  
2016 - 2017 CCCC LGBT Awards (Chair)  
2015 - 2016 CCCC James Berlin Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee  
CCCC Resolutions Committee  
2014 - 2016 CCCC Queer Caucus (Co-Chair)  
2014 - 2015 CCCC Stonewall Service Award Committee  
CCCC Scientific and Technical Communication Awards Committee

### Journal Editorial & Review Board Membership

Special Issue/Response Section Editor, *Enculturation*

Journal Special Issue Reviewer, *Connexions: International Professional Communication Journal*, Special Issue on Professional Communication, Social Justice and the Global South. Gerald Savage and Godwin Y. Agboka Eds., 2015.

Journal Special Issue Reviewer, *Enculturation*, Special Issue on Cultural Rhetorics. Cultural Rhetorics Theory Lab, Eds., 2015.

### Conference Proposal Reviewing

Proposal Reviewer. Rhetoric Society of America, Minneapolis, MN. 2018.

Proposal Reviewer. Conference on College Composition & Communication. Kansas City, MO. 2018.

Proposal Reviewer. Computers & Writing. Findlay, OH. 2017.

Proposal Reviewer. Association of Teachers of Technical Writing. Portland, OR. 2017.

Proposal Reviewer. Conference on College Composition and Communication. Portland, OR. 2017.

Stage 2 Proposal Reviewer. Conference on College Composition and Communication. Portland, OR. 2017.

Reviewer. Rhetoric Society of America. Atlanta, GA. 2016.

Stage I Reviewer. Conference on College Composition and Communication. Tampa, FL, 2015.

Proposal Reviewer. Association of Teachers of Technical Writing. Tampa, FL, 2015.

Stage I Reviewer. Conference on College Composition and Communication. Indianapolis, IN, 2014.

Proposal Reviewer. Cultural Rhetorics Conference. East Lansing, MI, 2014.

Proposal Reviewer. Computers & Writing. Pullman, WA, 2014. Proposal Reviewer.

International Professional Communication Conference. Vancouver, BC, CA, 2013.

Stage I Reviewer. Conference on College Composition and Communication. Atlanta, GA, 2011; Las Vegas, NV, 2013.

Reviewer. Biennial Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) Conference, East Lansing, MI, 2009.

department

Fall 2014/Winter 2015	Graduate Committee Appointments Committee Department Chair Search Committee (Winter 2015) Honors Project, Director (Diana Svinarich, Fall 2014)
Fall 2013/Winter 2014	Graduate Committee Working with Voice in Student Writing (March 5, 2014) Teaching Observation (Delores Mayer, December 4, 2013) M.A. Defense, Mod. (Hind Ababtain, November 26, 2014)
Fall 2013/Spring 2014	Honors Project, Director (Abigail Lynch, Spring 2014)
Ongoing	Member, Ph.D. committee Luke Thominet, Catherine Donaldson, Cindy Mooty Nicole Varty, Renuka Uthappa, Chris Susak, Mindy Myers, Vytautas Malesh, Matthew Warner (Communication)  Member, QE committee Joseph Lewis, Joe Torok, Ruth Boeder, Clare Russell



community Executive Board Member. Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition. August 2013-Present.  
Crisis Advocate and Peer Educator. Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention Program, Greater-Lansing Area. March 2008-2013.  
Organizer and Grant Writer. NorthStar Center, Lansing, MI. August 2008-May 2012.  
Organizer and Grant Writer. Worker's Center, Lansing, MI. March 2010-May 2012.  
At-Large Board Member. Peace Education Center, East Lansing, MI. April 2009-April 2010.  
Advocate. Partnership for Family, Children and Adults, Chattanooga, TN. June 2006-July 2007.  
Organizer. Chattanooga Food Not Bombs, Chattanooga, TN. March 2003-July 2007.  
Advocate. St. Matthew's Emergency Shelter, Chattanooga, TN. August 2003-July 2007.

**PROFFESIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS**

American Society for Environmental History  
Association of Teachers of Technical Writing  
Conference on College Composition and Communication  
Council in Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication  
Forest History Society  
Modern Language Association  
National Council of Teachers of English

**LANGUAGE  
COMPETENCIES**

Classical Latin (Advanced reading and composition)  
Attic Greek (Beginner reading)  
Modern Italian (A1)  
German (B2-Intermediate)

**REFERENCES**

Dr. Jeffery Grabill, Professor  
Writing, Rhetoric & American Cultures  
Senior Researcher, Writing in Digital Environments Research  
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235 Ernest Bessey Hall / 434 Farm Lane Rd.  
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