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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Literature & Literary Studies, University of Liège (ULiège) and University of Leuven (KU Leuven), joint degree, Belgium, 2024.

- Title: “American Anthropocene Sublimes: Rhetorics and Narrations of Self and Environment in the Contemporary U.S. Ecobiographical Memoir”
- Defense jury: Michel Delville (ULiège), Vinciane Despret (ULiège), Ursula K. Heise (UCLA), H. Lewis Ulman (The Ohio State University), Pieter Vermeulen (KU Leuven), and Pieter Verstraeten (KU Leuven).

Advanced M.A., Modern languages and literatures: English and Spanish (teaching focus with the upper secondary education teacher training degree), ULiège, Belgium, 2017 (*cum laude*).

M.A., Modern languages and literatures: English and Spanish (research focus with an emphasis on American literature and culture, and ecocriticism), ULiège, Belgium, 2016 (*magna cum laude*, grade for master’s thesis: 95%).

B.A., Modern languages and literatures: English and Spanish, ULiège, 2014 (*cum laude*).

RESEARCH STAYS | SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOLS | SYMPOSIA

September 16–18, 2024 Active participation (with presentation) in the “**Seasonal School: [Cross-cultural explorations into the role of fate, destiny, and predestination as agents for health and wellbeing](#)**” at Ghent University in Belgium

December 12, 2022– April 17, 2023 **Research stay** as a visiting scholar at the Ohio State University (English Department, [Project Narrative](#)) in the United States (sponsor: Professor James Phelan).

August 13–December 12, 2022 **Research stay** as a visiting scholar at the University of Texas at Austin (English Department) in the United States (sponsor: Professor Heather Houser).

June 20–23, 2022 Participation in the international **summer school** “[Literary Studies & Digital Humanities](#)” organized by Leiden University, and the universities of Leuven and Liège.

- August 2–13, 2021 Active participation in an international (online) two-week-long summer **symposium** on “[Climate | Changes | Global Perspectives](#)” organized by the University of Würzburg in Germany, with keynote lectures by (among others) Heather Houser (UT Austin) and Susan Morrison (Texas State University).
- July 6–11, 2020 Active participation in an (online) intensive week-long **summer school** program on [Ecoculture](#) (X Lisbon Summer School for the Study of Culture in Portugal) featuring, among others, Lawrence Buell (Harvard University), John Durham Peters (Yale University), Haun Saussy (University of Chicago) and Hubert Zapf (University of Augsburg).
- January 20–24, 2020 Active participation in an intensive, week-long **winter school** program at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands on cutting-edge narrative theory and “Narrative and Identity,” featuring, among others, Sjoerd-Jeroen Moenandar (University of Groningen), Liesbeth Korthals Altes (University of Groningen), Fernanda Mota Alves (Universidade de Lisboa), and Barend van Heusden (University of Groningen).
- September 2013–
January 2014 **Erasmus stay** at the University of Leicester, Leicester, United Kingdom, with a focus on American studies (average obtained: 83,75%)

EMPLOYMENT AND POSITIONS

- Junior postdoctoral fellow at the Research Foundation – Flanders ([FWO](#)), Belgium, October 1, 2024–September 30, 2027.
- Scientific collaborator, ULiège, Belgium, October 2024–present.
- Research fellow (*Chercheur associé*) at the research center in political ecology [Etopia](#), Belgium, 2019–present.
- Research fellow (*ASP – Aspirant*) / doctoral researcher at the Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research ([FNRS](#)), Belgium, October 1, 2020–September 30, 2024.
- Lecturer/English instructor (*Chargé d'enseignement en fonction principale en anglais and Maître de conférence*), ULiège (Department of [ISLV](#) – *Institut Supérieur des Langues Vivantes*), November 2017–September 2020.
- English and Spanish teacher, [Fédération Wallonie–Bruxelles](#), Belgium, October 2017–January 2018.
- Teaching assistant, ULiège ([Department of Langues modernes](#) : *linguistique, littérature et traduction*), Belgium, September 2016–September 2017.

PUBLICATIONS (institutional repositories: [Orbi](#) [ULiège], [Lirias](#) [KU Leuven])

AUTHORED BOOK

Lombard, David. *Techno-Thoreau: Aesthetics, Ecology and the Capitalocene*. Macerata: Quodlibet, 2019. ([See reviews here](#))

CO-EDITED SPECIAL ISSUES

Lombard, David, Sperling, Alison, and Pieter Vermeulen, eds. Forthcoming. *Anthropocene Sublimes. Ecozon@: European Journal of Literature, Culture and Environment* 16, no. 1 (Spring 2025).

Rozzoni, Stefano and David Lombard, eds. *The Pastoral: New Trajectories in the Anthropocene. Ecocene: Cappadocia Journal of Environmental Humanities* 2, no. 2 (December 2021).

ACADEMIC JOURNAL ARTICLES

Lombard, David, Sperling, Alison, and Pieter Vermeulen. Forthcoming. “Pluralizing the Anthropocene Sublime. An Introduction.” *Ecozon@: European Journal of Literature, Culture and Environment* 16, no. 1 (Spring 2025).

Lombard, David. “Anthropocene Aesthetic Shifts in Post-Apocalyptic Literature: An Analysis of Waste and the Sublime in Maureen F. McHugh’s *After the Apocalypse*.” *Revenant: Critical and Creative Studies of the Supernatural*, no. 10 (March 2024): 81–99.

Lombard, David. “Hunting for the Sublime in Steven Rinella’s *Memoirs and Still Lives*.” *Miranda: Multidisciplinary Peer-Reviewed Journal on the English-Speaking World*, no. 27 (March 2023): 1–20. <https://doi.org/10.4000/miranda.51479>.

Lombard, David. “Rewriting the Unthinkable: (In)Visibility and the Nuclear Sublime in Gerald Vizenor’s *Hiroshima Bugi: Atomu* 57 (2003) and Lindsey A. Freeman’s *This Atom Bomb in Me* (2019).” *Épistémocritique : Revue de littérature et savoirs* 21 (January 2023).

Rozzoni, Stefano, and David Lombard. “Editorial Introduction.” *Ecocene: Cappadocia Journal of Environmental Humanities* 2, no. 2 (December 2021): 126–33. <https://doi.org/10.46863/ecocene.46>.

Lombard, David. “Toward a Speculative–Pragmatic Sublime: A Narratological Analysis of the Toxic Sublime and the Unnarrated in Contemporary U.S. Literature.” *AM Journal of Art and Media Studies*, no. 23 (October 2020): 121–32. <http://dx.doi.org/10.25038/am.v0i23.401>.

Lombard, David. “Thoreau and the Capitalocene.” *Metacritic Journal for Comparative Studies and Theory* 4, no. 2 (December 2018): 20–34. <https://doi.org/10.24193/mjst.2018.6.02>.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Lombard, David. “Thinking with a Mountain: A Narratological and Rhetorical Analysis of the Haptic Sublime in Jon Krakauer’s *Mountaineering Memoirs*.” In *The Mountain and the*

Politics of Representation, edited by Jenny Hall and Martin Hall, 57–72. Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, 2023.

Lombard, David. “Still Looking for the Sublime: Science, Arts, and Spirituality in the Era of Emotionally Overwhelming Environmental Disruption.” In *Climate / Changes / Global Perspectives*, edited by Hannah Nelson-Teutsch et al., 39–59. Würzburg: Würzburg University Press, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.25972/WUP-978-3-95826-195-2>.

BOOK REVIEWS

Lombard, David. Forthcoming. Review of *Queer Silence: On Disability and Rhetorical Absence*, by J. Logan Smilges. *DiGeSt – Journal of Diversity and Gender Studies* (Spring 2025).

Lombard, David. “*Aux origines du nature writing : découvrir, écrire et penser la wilderness aux XVIII et XIXe siècles.*” Review of *Aux origines du nature writing*, by Sébastien Baudoin. *Acta Fabula: Revue des Parutions en Théorie Littéraire* 22, no. 10 (December 2021).

Lombard, David, and Hannah Klaubert. Review of *Kulturökologie und ökologische Kulturen in der Großregion / Écologie culturelle et cultures écologiques dans la Grande Région*, edited by Sébastien Thiltges and Christiane Solte–Gresser. *Local Environment* 26, no. 7 (May 2021): 921–22. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13549839.2021.1932780>.

Lombard, David. Review of *The Ecology of Wonder in Romantic and Postmodern Literature*, by Louise Economides. *The Trumpeter* 36, no. 1 (February 2021).

Lombard, David. “Beat Generation. La simplicité involontaire.” Review of *Beat Generation. L’inservitude volontaire*, edited by Olivier Penot-Lacassagne. *Acta Fabula: Revue des Parutions en Théorie Littéraire* 20, no. 5 (May 2019).

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Lombard, David. “Sublime.” *Dictionnaire Arcadie. Lexique philosophique par temps d’Anthropocène*. Posted in June 2024 on Dictionnaire Arcadie. <https://arcadico.hypotheses.org/1388>.

Lombard, David. “Jon Krakauer.” *The Literary Encyclopedia*, edited by Robert Clark and Cristina Sandru. London: The Literary Dictionary Company, 2021. Posted in September 2022 on The Literary Encyclopedia. <https://www.litencyc.com/php/speople.php?rec=true&UID=14751>

Lombard, David. “Wendell Berry: *A Place on Earth.*” *The Literary Encyclopedia*, edited by Robert Clark and Cristina Sandru. London: The Literary Dictionary Company, 2021. Posted in April 2022 on The Literary Encyclopedia. <https://www.litencyc.com/php/sworks.php?rec=true&UID=40799>

Lombard, David. “Henry David Thoreau: Civil Disobedience.” In *The Literary Encyclopedia*, edited by Robert Clark and Cristina Sandru. London: The Literary Dictionary Company, 2021. Posted in November 2021 on The Literary Encyclopedia. <https://www.litencyc.com/php/sworks.php?rec=true&UID=5958>

OTHER (POPULARIZED) PUBLICATIONS AND INTERNET PUBLICATIONS

- Lombard, David. “Contextualizing Twenty-First Century Schizophrenia Memoirs and Graphic Memoirs: Between Self-Help Culture and (De)Stigmatization.” Posted in November 2024 on *Synopsis: A Health Humanities Journal*. <https://medicalhealthhumanities.com/2024/11/05/contextualizing-twenty-first-century-schizophrenia-memoirs-and-graphic-memoirs-between-self-help-culture-and-destigmatization/>. (Other articles published on *Synopsis* available [here](#)).
- Lombard, David. “Henry David Thoreau : La désobéissance civile & Frédéric Gros : Désobéir.” Posted in June 2021 on ULiege.be. https://www.campus.uliege.be/cms/c_13944438/fr/henry-d-thoreau-la-desobeissance-civile-frederic-gros-desobeir (other contributions for the University of Liège’s “Lectures pour l’été” available [here](#)).
- Lombard, David. “Song of Walt Whitman, Song of Hope?” Posted in May 2021 on *PopMeC Research Blog: The US Representation in Popular Media and Culture*. <https://popmec.hypotheses.org/4599>.
- Lombard, David. “Between Self-Reliance and Responsibility: Rereading the Emersonian Sublime in an Age of Crisis.” Posted in February 2021 on *The Transparent Eyeball – The Emerson Society’s Blog*. <https://emersonsociety.org/the-transparent-eyeball/between-self-reliance-and-responsibility-rereading-the-emersonian-sublime-in-an-age-of-crisis/>.
- Lombard, David. “Clapton a tué ma femme ! Enquête loufoque et touchante sur la couleur locale liégeoise.” Posted in November 2020 on *Karoo*. Plateforme de critique et de création culturelle. <https://karoo.me/livres/clapton-a-tue-ma-femme-enquete-loufoque-et-touchante-sur-la-couleur-locale-liegeoise>. (other articles published on *Karoo* available [here](#))
- Lombard, David. “L’écocritique à l’âge de l’anthropocène.” Posted in June 2019 on *Etopia*. <https://etopia.be/lecocritique-a-lage-de-lanthropocene/>.
- Lombard, David. “David Lombard / PhD student–researcher.” Posted in April 2018 on *WeChangeForLife*. <https://wechangeforlife.org/2019/04/24/david-lombard-phd-student-researcher/>.
- Lombard, David. “La nature, une nécessité symbolique et vitale.” Posted in June 2017 on *Eclosio*. <https://www.eclosio.org/publication/la-nature-une-necessite-symbolique-et-vitale/>.
- Lombard, David. “Breaking Barriers Between Arts: Bob Dylan’s Nobel Prize.” *Culture, le Magazine Culturel de l’Université de Liège* 10, (November 2016). https://culture.uliege.be/jcms/c_2899072/fr/breaking-barriers-between-arts-bob-dylans-nobel-prize.

HONORS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2025 Victor Bohet Award from the ULiège heritage Foundations

- 2024 Junior postdoctoral fellowship from the FWO
- 2024 Credit for scientific meeting abroad of the FNRS
- 2023 Herman Van Beneden Award from the ULiège heritage Foundations
- 2023 Credit for brief stay abroad from the FNRS
- 2023 Subsidy for stay abroad or in Flanders from ULiège
- 2022 The 2022 Literary Encyclopedia Travel Award (First place)
- 2022 The District 2160 of Rotary International Grant
- 2022 Camille Hela Award from the ULiège heritage Foundations
- 2022 Subsidy for stay abroad or in Flanders from ULiège
- 2022 Research Fellow Fellowship Renewal (ASP-REN) from the FNRS
- 2020 Research Fellow Fellowship (*ASP – Aspirant*) from the FNRS
- 2020 My book *Techno-Thoreau* was shortlisted for the [ESSE Book Award](#) (Category B – Junior Scholars)
- 2018 [Léon Guérin Award](#) from *Les Amis de l'Université de Liège*
- 2018 Two-year ASLE International Membership [Grant](#)
- 2016 Shortlisted (ULiège candidate) for the [BAAHE Thesis Award](#)
- 2013 Erasmus scholarship

PRESENTATIONS (other permanent links on [Orbi](#) and [Lirias](#))

INVITED LECTURES

- Lombard, David. “Daniel Sherrell’s *Warmth* and the Anthropocene Memoir.” English Literature: Topics in Post-45 American Literature. Class lecture at KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, April 28, 2025.
- Lombard, David. “Ecodystopia Across Media and Genres in Postwar American Literature.” Histoire de la littérature anglaise III. Class lecture at ULiège, Liège, March 17, 2025.
- Lombard, David. “Écocritique d’outre-Atlantique et d’Europe, d’hier et d’aujourd’hui. Vagues, genres et concepts.” Textes, littérature et société – 17ème-21ème siècle. Class lecture at ULiège, Liège, February 26, 2025.
- Lombard, David. “On the Viable Sublime: Rhetorics and Narrations of Self and Environment in the Contemporary American Ecobiographical Memoir.” Lecture at the Ohio State University (Project Narrative), Columbus, United States, April 12, 2023.
- Lombard, David. “Exploring the Sublime in the Contemporary American Memoir: Thoreau’s Legacy and the Case of Native Alaska.” Lecture at the University of Texas at Austin, Austin, United States, November 29, 2022.
- Lombard, David. “Tomorrow’s Nature: Ecodystopia and Post-Apocalyptic Fiction in the Anthropocene.” Histoire de la littérature anglaise III. Class lecture at ULiège, Liège, Belgium, April 25, 2022.
- Lombard, David. “Writing the Wilderness in the Anthropocene: Thoreau’s Legacy and the Contemporary American Eco-Memoir.” English Literature: Reading Roads in

- American Literary Texts. Class lecture at UCLouvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, March 28, 2022.
- Lombard, David. “Affect Theory in ‘The Rhetorics and Narratologies of the Sublime in the Contemporary American Environmental Novel and Memoir’.” Workshop on Affect Theory and Colonial/Postcolonial Literatures. Paper presented at ULiège / Centre d’Enseignement et de Recherche en Etudes Postcoloniales – Centre for Teaching and Research in Postcolonial Studies (CEREP), Liège, Belgium, March 28, 2022.
- Lombard, David. “Écocritique, littérature et anthropocène.” Université d’été *Questions environnementales et sciences humaines et sociales. Quelles perspectives ?* Lecture (online) at the Université de Lorraine, Metz, France, June 10, 2021.
- Lombard, David. “Ecodystopia, Post-Apocalyptic Literature and the Anthropocene Aesthetic Shift.” *Histoire de la littérature anglaise III*. Class lecture at ULiège, Liège, Belgium, April 19, 2021.
- Lombard, David. “Que nous apprend la littérature à l’âge de l’anthropocène ?” Vert Pop – Les Rencontres Écologiques d’Été. Lecture at Cité Miroir, Liège, Belgium, August 24, 2018.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Lombard, David. “From Self-Help to Destigmatization: Aesthetics, Didacticism, and Intermediality in the Twenty-First-Century Schizophrenia Memoir and Graphic Memoir.” Paper accepted for presentation at the International Auto/Biography Association (IABA) 2025 Europe Conference, University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal, July 23–26, 2025.
- Lombard, David. “Toward A Multi-Actor Understanding of Mental Illness: A Rhetorical-Narratological and Ecological Analysis of Schizophrenia Narratives on Blogs.” Paper accepted for presentation at The 9th Rhetoric in Society Conference, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia, June 18–22, 2025.
- Lombard, David. “Investigating the Institutional Dimensions of Autopathographies: The Case of Twenty-First-Century Schizophrenia Memoirs.” Paper accepted for presentation at the Health Humanities Consortium 2025 Conference, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, United States, April 2–5, 2025.
- Lombard, David. “‘Some Truths that Were Too Difficult and Frightening to Know’: the Ethics and Affordances of Contemporary Schizophrenia Memoir.” Paper presented at the conference “What Remains? Literature and Ethics in a Time of Crisis,” organized by Mid Sweden University, Stockholm University, Károli Gáspár University, and KU Leuven, Stockholm Waterfront Congress Center, Stockholm, Sweden, August 21, 2024.
- Lombard, David. “Clinical and Cultural, or ‘Fixed’ and Fragmented Selves: A Rhetorical-Narratological and Materialist Analysis of Schizophrenic Identity in Contemporary Memoir.” Paper presented at the International Auto/Biography Association (IABA) 2024 World Conference, The University of Iceland, Iceland, June 13, 2024.
- Lombard, David. “The Material, Didactic and Intermedial Dimensions of Schizophrenia as ‘Lived Experience’ in Elyn R. Sacks’ *The Center Cannot Hold* and Olivier and Clem

- Martini's *Bitter Medicine*." Paper presented at "Lived Experiences: International PhD Conference," Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium, June 7, 2024.
- Lombard, David. "'He Wanted to Live': Hunting, Local Fictionality, and the Sublime in Gerald Vizenor's Interior Landscapes: Autobiographical Myths and Metaphors." Paper presented at the conference "American Novelists' Autobiographical Acts: Nonfictional Disruptions," Aix-Marseille Université, France, July 6, 2023.
- Lombard, David. "The Sublime as a Rhetorical Strategy in the Contemporary American Ecobiographical Memoir." Paper presented at the 8th Rhetoric in Society Conference, Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen, Germany, June 3, 2023.
- Lombard, David. "Pluralizing the Sublime in the Post-Romantic American Memoir: From the Visual to the Haptic." Paper presented at the American Comparative Literature Association's (ACLA's) 2023 Annual Meeting, Chicago, United States, March 18, 2023.
- Lombard, David. "Le sublime en tant que concept rhétorique et narratologique dans les mémoires et le roman contemporains américains." Paper presented at the "Journée des doctorants 2022 de l'École doctorale près le FNRS « Langue, lettres & traductologie » (ED3bis)," Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium, May 23, 2022.
- Lombard, David. "Introductory Presentation: The Sublime in the Anthropocene." Paper presented at the conference "The Sublime in the Anthropocene: Materiality, Agency, and Affect / Le sublime dans l'anthropocène : matérialité, agentivité, et affect," ULiège, Liège, Belgium, March 11, 2022.
- Lombard, David. "Representing the (In)Visible Through the Sublime: A Rhetorical and Narratological Analysis of Atomic Power in George Vizenor's *Hiroshima Bugi: Atomu 57*." Paper presented at the Belgian Association of Anglicists in Higher Education's (BAAHE's) annual conference, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium, December 3, 2021.
- Lombard, David. "Rewriting the Anthropocene Imaginative Crisis Through the Sublime: A Rhetorical and Narratological Analysis of Atomic Power in Contemporary U.S. Literature." Paper presented at the conference "Crises: Climate and Critique in the Literature and Arts of the English-Speaking World after 1800," Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris, France, November 18, 2021.
- Lombard, David. "Restoring the Farm: From the Silent Toxic Sublime to a Post-Agricultural Sublime of Presence in Contemporary American Non/Fiction." Paper presented at the international conference "Sacrifice Zones: Grief and Hope in Contemporary Literature," UCLouvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, October 1–2, 2021.
- Lombard, David. "The Rhetorics and Narratologies of the Sublime in Contemporary American Memoir: Mountains, Alaska, and the Farm." Paper presented (online) at the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment's (ASLE's) 2021 Virtual Conference, August 3, 2021.
- Lombard, David. "Revisiting America's Last Frontier: Richard Proenneke's and Ernestine Hayes's 'Worlds' and Ecological Sublimes." Paper presented (online) at the 18th Annual Interdisciplinary IU Graduate Student Conference of the Department of English of the Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana University Bloomington, April 17, 2021.

- Lombard, David. “From *Cheechako* to *Koviashuvik* and *Shahóon*: Wilderness and the Alaskan Sublime in Ken Ilgunas’s *Walden on Wheels* and Ernestine Hayes’s *Blonde Indian*.” Paper presented (online) at “Digital BAAS 2021 – The British Association for American Studies 66th Annual Convention,” April 9, 2021.
- Lombard, David. “Facing the Imaginative Challenges of the Anthropocene: A Rhetorical and Narratological Analysis of the Toxic Sublime in Contemporary U.S. Literature.” Paper presented (online) at the X Lisbon Summer School for the Study of Culture – Ecoculture, Lisbon, Portugal, July 10, 2020.
- Lombard, David. “The Imaginative Challenges of the Anthropocenes: A Rhetorical and Narratological Analysis of the Sublime in Contemporary U.S. Literature.” Paper presented (online) at the European Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts’ (SLSAeu’s) annual conference: ANTHROPOCENES: Reworking the Wound, Katowice, Poland, June 19, 2020.
- Lombard, David. “Reading the Sublime: Or, What Can Rhetoric Mobilizations of the Sublime Do for Narrative (Identity) and Ecocriticism.” Paper presented at the Winter School “Stories to Live By: Narrative and Identity,” University of Groningen, Groningen, the Netherlands, January 22, 2020.
- Lombard, David. “The Toxic Sublime in U.S. Literature: Self, Senses and Environment.” Paper presented at the London Center for Interdisciplinary Research’s International Conference on Ecocriticism and Environmental Studies, University of London, London, United Kingdom, October 19, 2019.
- Lombard, David. “U.S. Literature and the Toxic Sublime: Technology in the Pastoral Garden.” Paper presented at the 8th Biennial Conference of the European Association for the Study of Literature, Culture, and Environment (EASLCE) – The Garden: Ecological Paradigms of Space, History, and Community, University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany, September 29, 2018.
- Lombard, David. “Dwelling on Dwelling: Home and Nature in (Native) American Literature.” Paper presented at The University of Lisbon Center for English Studies’ RHOME 2 Conference: Representations of Home 2 – Conflict and/or (Be)Longing: Thinking with Stories and Images, University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal, November 16, 2017.
- Lombard, David. “U.S. (Post-)Pastoral Non-Fiction and the Toxic Sublime.” Paper presented at Jagiellonian University’s conference “New Perspectives in English and American Studies,” Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, April 20, 2017.
- Lombard, David. “Planned Obsolescence, Nature and the Self in American Literature.” Paper presented at the Centre Interdisciplinaire de Poétique Appliquée’s (CIPA’s) conference “Planned Obsolescence: Text, Theory, Technology,” Uliège, Liège, Belgium, December 8, 2016.
- Lombard, David. “From Silenced Nature to Worldness in American Literature.” Paper presented at BAAHE’s annual conference, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium, December 2, 2016.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND SCHOLARLY EVENTS ORGANIZED

- Organizer of the panel “Destigmatizing Mental Illness and Suffering Across Postwar Genres and Media of Life Writing” at the International Auto/Biography Association (IABA) 2025 Europe Conference, University of Coimbra, Coimbra, Portugal, July 23–26, 2025.
- Co-organizer of the seminar “*Atelier de recherche collective*” along with members of the Leuven Research Group French, Italian and Spanish Literature on the topic of “Life writing,” KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, December 13, 2024.
- Co-organizer of the interdisciplinary seminar ““[Multispecies Justice, a Class of Excellence seminar with Ursula K. Heise](#)” as part of a Francqui Professor Chair event series, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, September 27, 2024.
- Organizer of the seminar “*Atelier de recherche collective*” along with members of the Leuven Research Group French, Italian and Spanish Literature on the topic of “*Fictionnalité*,” KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, January 25, 2023.
- Co-organizer (with Etopia) and chair for the event “Transformer notre lien au vivant. De la fiction à l'expérience.” Presented with Pierre Schoentjes, Lucile Schmid, and Dénètem Touam Bona at the “Les Rencontres de l'Ecologie Politique,” Tour&Taxis, Brussels, Belgium, October 13, 2023.
- Co-organizer of Intersections’s lecture series on the topic of “*Reconstruction ?*,” University of Liège, Belgium, September 2021 – November 2022.
- Organizer of the round table “[L'excellence, mais à quel prix ?](#),” University of Liège, Belgium, June 16, 2022.
- Co-organizer and chair for the round table “[Qu'est-ce que la littérature a apporté à l'écologie ?](#)” at Cité Miroir, Liège, Belgium, March 27, 2022.
- Organizer of CIPA’s international one-day conference on “The Sublime in the Anthropocene: Materiality, Agency, and Affect,” University of Liège, Belgium, March 11, 2022. ([Website](#))
- Co-organizer and occasional chair of BASCE’s “[Snippets](#)” online series, March 2021 – September 2021.
- Co-organizer of BASCE’s “[Creative Jam](#)” online event (and group leader for the workshop “Writing Utopia”), June 1, 2021.
- Organizer and chair of “[EngLit Research Seminar: Claire Cazajous–Augé \(Université Toulouse\)](#): “An Eco-poetics of Wonder; or, Writing to Re–Enchant our Relationships with the Nonhuman World”, University of Leuven (KU Leuven), online, February 26, 2021.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SUPERVISION AND/OR JURY MEMBER FOR PHD AND MASTER’S DISSERTATIONS

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| 2025 | “Animal Agency in James Rebanks’ Environmental Memoirs,” master’s dissertation defended at KU Leuven (supervisor and jury member) |
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- February 11, 2025, “Breaking Free of Cancerland: Changing the 2025 Stories We Tell About Breast Cancer,” Pinelopi Tzouva’s PhD dissertation, joint degree between the University of Tartu and KU Leuven (jury member)
- 2023 “Climate Change in Amitav Ghosh’s *The Great Derangement* and James Bradley’s *Clade*,” master’s dissertation defended at ULiège (jury member)

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate courses (ULiège)

- 2018–2020 [Advanced English applied to Public Health](#) (status of *Maître de conférence*)
- 2018–2020 English for Educational Sciences ([English Level A](#))
- 2018 English for Educational Sciences ([English Level B](#))

Undergraduate courses (ULiège / KU Leuven)

- 2025 [Engels: taal & tekst II](#) (KU Leuven)
- 2021 [Introduction to Modern English Literature I](#)
- 2019–2020 [Practical English for Political Science](#)
- 2018–2020 [General English language course with online practice and tutorials, Part 1](#)
- 2018–2020 [Advanced English for medical sciences](#)
- 2018–2020 English for Human and Social Sciences ([English level 1](#))
- 2018–2020 English for Law Students ([English, Standard and legal language](#))
- 2017–2020 [Advanced English for Biomedical Science 2](#)
- 2017–2020 [Advanced English for Pharmacy Students](#)
- 2017–2020 English for Business Engineering Students ([English 1](#))
- 2018 English for Communication Students ([English level 1](#))
- 2018 English for Psychology Students ([English Level A](#))
- 2018 [English for medical sciences](#)
- 2018 English for engineering students ([English](#))
- 2016–2017 [Introduction to Modern English Literature I](#)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION, UNIVERSITY, AND COMMUNITY

Manuscript reviewer for scholarly journals (verifiable on [my Web of Science profile](#)): *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* (2020 and 2021), *Green Letters: Studies in Ecocriticism* (2022), *AM Journal of Art and Media Studies* (2023), *Cogent Arts & Humanities* (2024), *Ecozon@: European Journal of Literature, Culture and Environment* (2025), *Textus: English Studies in Italy* (2025)

Writer in residence for the Columbia University-based online journal [Synapsis: A Health Humanities Journal](#), 2024–present.

[Associate editor](#), manuscript reviewer and copyeditor for the academic research blog, association, and collective [PopMeC](#) (which publishes academic articles, pop and book reviews, and organize online conferences in the field of US Pop Culture Studies), 2021–present.

Member of the jury for the 2024 [BAAHE Thesis Award](#), November 2024.

Participation in a debate on the documentary movie *Documerica* and the socio-cultural and political context of the 1960-70s in the U.S.A., broadcasted on Belgian national television (on *La Trois*, [see here](#)), November 2, 2024.

Faculty coordinator for the [ULiège-based training course in sustainable development](#), University of Liège, Belgium, November 2021 – August 2022.

Participant in the ULiège-based [SARSSURV Study](#), University of Liège, Belgium, April 2021 – June 2022.

Member of the Benelux Association for the Study of Art, Culture, and the Environment–[BASCE](#)'s Events Committee, 2020–November 2021.

Secretary of the Faculty Board, University of Liège, Faculty of Philosophy and Letters, Belgium, April 28, 2021.

Representative for the scientific staff of the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters in three committees in charge of evaluating applications for as well as establishing the workload and tasks of an academic position in the fields of media education and didactics of communication, media and performing arts (*Éducation aux médias et Didactique spéciale de l'information et de la communication et des arts du spectacle*), University of Liège, Belgium, 2020–2021.

Representative for the scientific staff of the Department of “*Langues modernes : linguistique, littérature et traduction*” at the Faculty Board (2020–2022) and at the Department (2021–2022), University of Liège, Faculty of Philosophy and Letters, Belgium.

Representative for the FNRS Research Fellows of the University of Liège (Ph.D. candidates funded by the FNRS) in the “*Groupe de travail ‘Survey’*” (“Work group” for an FNRS survey on the conditions of permanent and temp researchers funded by the FNRS), University of Liège, Belgium, 2021–2022.

Member of the “*Groupe de travail des temporaires FNRS*” (“Work group for FNRS temporary researchers”) at the CC-FNRS ([Comité de contact FNRS-ULiège](#)), University of Liège, Belgium, 2020–2024.

Representative at the CC-FNRS for the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters of the University of Liège, Belgium, 2020–2024.

Research fellow (*Chercheur associé*) at the research center in political ecology [Etopia](#), Belgium, 2019–present, and occasional speaker at the general-audience conferences organized in Belgium by *Etopia*, 2018–present.

Author of general-audience articles for blogs, online platforms and magazines (see publications list): for [Universud-Liège](#) (now [Eclasio](#)), for [Etopia](#), for [Karoo](#), and for [Musically Yours](#), 2017–present.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Online course/MOOC on “[Ethics and Medical Humanities](#)” organized by the University of Liège, Belgium, September 2024–January 2025.

[Interdisciplinary Research Seminar on “Trust in Medicine,”](#) organized by the Leuven Centre for Health Humanities, KU Leuven, Belgium, February–May 2024.

[Interuniversity seminar \(3 days\)](#) on “What does it mean to be a researcher in the 21st century? Mental Well-Being, Knowledge Production, and Changing the University from Within.” UCLouvain, Ghent University, and the University of Antwerp, Belgium, May 5 and 11–12, 2023.

Graduate seminar “English 7861.01/.02: Studies in Narrative and Narrative Theory - A Rhetorical Approach to (Non)Fictionality: Problems and Possibilities” supervised by Prof. James Phelan at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Spring 2023.

Graduate seminar “English 6767.01/.02: Introduction to Graduate Study in 20th Century Literature, 1945-Present - Literature, Environment, and Politics” supervised by Prof. Thomas S. Davis at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Spring 2023.

Graduate seminar “English 5664 – Studies in Graphic Narrative – Graphic Memoir” supervised by Prof. Jared Gardner at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Spring 2023.

Graduate seminar “LAH 350 – Health / Health Care / Humanities” supervised by Prof. Phillip J. Barrish at the University of Texas at Austin, United States, Fall 2022.

Graduate seminar “AMS 390 – U.S. Capitalism and Culture” supervised by Prof. B. Alex Beasley at the University of Texas at Austin, United States, Fall 2022.

Workshop (3 hours) on “Digital dissemination and personal branding,” University of Liège, Belgium, February 7, 2022.

Online workshop (6 hours) on sustainable development given by the University of Liège and the *Fondations pour les générations futures* meant for PhD students who will then organize [online workshops on the same topic](#) for undergraduates, September 2021.

Online workshop (3 hours) on “Authors’ Rights and Open Access,” University of Liège, Belgium, March 29, 2021.

Online workshop (3 hours) on how to communicate with the media and the public (practice), University of Liège, Belgium, March 26, 2021.

Online workshop (3 hours) on how to communicate with the media and the public (theory), University of Liège, Belgium, March 26, 2021.

Online workshop (1 hour) on “uliège4research – funding awareness” and on how to use effectively the tool “[www.open4research.eu](#),” University of Liège, Belgium, January 19, 2021.

[Online workshop](#) (3 hours) on “Research Integrity for Starting Ph.D. researchers,” University of Leuven (KU Leuven), online, Belgium, January 14, 2021.

[Seminar](#) (3 days) for beginning PhD candidates, with relevant information on career development, research integrity, efficiency, and stress management (“*Séminaire ‘Pars en Thèse’*”), University of Liège, Liège, Belgium, October 13–15, 2020.

Workshop (1 hour) on the fundamentals of Open Access (“*Les bases de l’Open Access*”), University of Liège, Liège, Belgium, February 20, 2020.

[Workshop](#) (1 day) on PhD candidates' health and well-being organized by the Ph.D. community (ReD) of the University of Liège, Liège, Belgium, January 13, 2020.

Interuniversity (Universities of Liège and Brussels) [seminar](#) (2 days) on “Interdisciplinarity: Theory and Practice” (“*Théories et pratiques de l’interdisciplinarité*”), Universities of Liège and Brussels, June 7 and 20, 2019.

Participation (without poster) in the [annually official event](#) (1 day) for PhD candidates (“*Journée des doctorants de l’École doctorale près le FNRS ‘Langues, lettres et traductologie’ – ED3bis*”), University of Liège, Liège, Belgium, May 23, 2019.

MEMBERSHIPS

RESEARCH UNITS, CENTERS, AND GROUPS

[Leuven Center for Health Humanities](#) (member of the steering committee), 2024–present.

[Leuven Cultural Studies Research Group](#), 2024–present.

[Leuven English Literature Research Group](#), 2020–present.

[Leuven Literary and Cultural Studies Research Unit](#), 2020–present.

[Traverses](#), (ULiège-based interdisciplinary research unit), 2020–present.

[Intersections](#) (ULiège-based interdisciplinary research group), 2020–24.

[Etopia](#) (Research center in political ecology), 2019–present.

Interdisciplinary Centre for Applied Poetics ([CIPA](#)), 2016–present.

ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

Health Humanities:

The [Neurodivergent Humanities Network](#) (member of the Advisory Board), 2025–present.

The Society for Disability Studies ([SDS](#)), 2024–present.

The Transforming Care Network ([TCN](#)), 2024–present.

The [Health Humanities Consortium](#), 2024–present.

Life writing studies:

The International Autobiography Association ([IABA](#)), 2023–present.

Narratology:

The International Society for the Study of Narrative ([ISSN](#)), 2025–present.

The European Narratology Network ([ENN](#)), 2024–present.

Comparative literature:

The European Society of Comparative Literature ([ESCL](#)), 2025–present.

The Flemish Association for Literary Theory and Comparative Literature ([VAL](#)), 2024–present.

The International Comparative Literature Association ([ICLA](#)), 2023–present.

The American Comparative Literature Association ([ACLA](#)), 2023–present.

Rhetoric:

The Rhetoric Society of Europe ([RSE](#)), 2023–present.

Comics studies:

The [Comics Studies Society](#), 2025–present.

English & American studies:

The Modern Language Association ([MLA](#)), 2025–present.

[PopMeC](#) Association for US Popular Culture Studies (as member, researcher, associate editor, and reviewer), 2021–present.

[The Thoreau Society](#), 2019–present.

The European Association for the Study of English ([ESSE](#)), via BAAHE, 2018–present.

The Belgian Association of Anglicists in Higher Education ([BAAHE](#)), 2018–present.

Environmental humanities (until 2024):

The Benelux Association for the Study of Art, Culture, and the Environment ([BASCE](#)), 2020–2024.

The Association for the Study of Literature and Environment ([ASLE](#)), 2018–2024.

The European Association for the Study of Literature, Culture, and Environment ([EASLCE](#)), 2017–2024.

REFERENCES

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Professor Niklas Salmose (Linnaeus University, Sweden): niklas.salmose@lnu.se

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Professor Pieter Vermeulen (KU Leuven), PhD co-supervisor and co-supervisor of my first postdoctoral project: pieter.vermeulen@kuleuven.be

LANGUAGES AND OTHER INTERESTS

- Languages** French (native speaker), English (fluent-C2), Spanish (fluent-C1), Dutch (intermediate-A2+, with a 2025 certificate from the KU Leuven-based Instituut Levende Talen).
- Music** Singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, music composer and lyricist for various music projects ([see here](#)).
- Writing** Freelance writer for the music webzine “[Musically Yours](#)” (2016–2018) and for nonprofit organizations (e.g., [Etopia](#) and [Karoo](#), 2019–present), and I also write poetry and short stories in French.
- Nature and Ecology** Trekking, (catch and release) fishing, gardening, learning more about ecosystems.
- Sports/ Martial Arts** I practiced aiki-jujutsu from the school *Takeda-Ryu Maroto-ha* and was an occasional instructor (2005–2017), I practiced English boxing for two years (2023–2025), and I have been playing tennis since August 2024.