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Alex Woloch

Richard W. Lyman Professor of the Humanities and Professor, by courtesy, of
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Bio

BIO

Alex Woloch received his B.A. and PhD in Comparative Literature. He teaches and writes about literary criticism, narrative theory, the history of the novel, and nineteenth- and twentieth-century literature. He is the author of *The One vs. The Many: Minor Characters and the Space of the Protagonist in the Novel* (Princeton UP, 2003), which attempts to reestablish the centrality of characterization — the fictional representation of human beings — within narrative poetics. He is also the author of *Or Orwell: Writing and Democratic Socialism* (Harvard UP, 2016), which takes up the literature-and-politics question through a close reading of George Orwell's generically experimental non-fiction prose. A new book in progress, provisionally entitled *Partial Representation*, will consider the complicated relationship between realism and form in a variety of media, genres and texts. This book will focus on the paradoxical ways in which form is at once necessary, and inimical, to representation. Woloch is also the co-editor, with Peter Brooks of *Whose Freud?: The Place of Psychoanalysis in Contemporary Culture* (Yale UP, 2000).

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, English
- Professor (By courtesy), Comparative Literature

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Department of English, Stanford University, (2015- present)
- Department Chair, English Department, Stanford University, (2015- present)
- Associate Professor, Department of English, Stanford University, Stanford CA, (2005-2015)
- Assistant Professor, Department of English, Stanford University, Stanford CA, (1999-2005)
- Director, Undergraduate Studies, English Department, Stanford University, (2001-2003)
- Director, Undergraduate Studies, English Department, Stanford University, (2004-2006)
- Co-Chair, Search Committee in British Literature, English Department, Stanford University, (2007-2008)
- Director, Honors Program, English Department, Stanford University, (2008-2010)
- Director, Graduate Studies, English Department, Stanford University, (2011- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Sonya Rudikoff Memorial Prize, Best First Book in Victorian Studies, Northeast Victorian Studies Association (2003)
- Richard E. Guggenheimer Faculty Scholar, Stanford University (2013 - 2016)
- John T. Roberts Fellowship, Yale University (1992 - 1996)
- A. Bartlett Giamatti Supplemental Fellowship in the Humanities, Yale University (1992 - 1994)
- Yale Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University (1996 - 1997)

- Exchange Scholar, Ecole Normale Supérieure (1995 - 1996)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, Editorial Board, Nineteenth-Century Literature (2008 - 2013)
- Member, Executive Committee, Division on Prose Fiction, Modern Languages Association (2009 - 2014)
- Member, Advisory Board, Blackwell Encyclopedia of the Novel, ed. Peter Logan (2006 - 2010)
- Reader, Book Manuscript Submissions
- Reader, Oxford University Press
- Reader, Princeton University Press
- Reader, Columbia University Press
- Reader, Article Submissions, Comparative Literature
- Reader, Article Submissions, Studies in English Literature
- Chair, Graduate Studies Committee, English Department, Stanford University
- Member, Department Advisory Committee, English Department, Stanford University
- Member, Curriculum Committee, English Department, Stanford University
- Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, English Department, Stanford University
- Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee, English Department, Stanford University
- Member, Department Advisory Committee, English Department, Stanford University
- Member, Curriculum Committee, English Department, Stanford University
- Elected Member, Department Advisory Committee, English Department, Stanford University (2007 - 2010)
- Member, Creative Planning Committee, English Department, Stanford University (2005 - 2006)
- Member, Creative Planning Committee, English Department, Stanford University (2007 - 2008)
- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, English Department, Stanford University (1999 - 2001)
- Member, Graduate Student Admissions Committee, English Department, Stanford University (1999 - 2000)
- Member, Graduate Student Admissions, English Department, Stanford University (2005 - 2006)
- Director, Center for the Study of the Novel, Stanford University (2007 - 2010)
- Member, Steering Committee, Interdisciplinary Studies in Humanities Program, Stanford University (2005 - 2006)
- Member, Planning and Promotions Com., Div. of Languages, Literatures and Culture, (DLCL), Stanford U. (2005 - 2006)
- Member, Mabelle-Mcleod Lewis Fellowship Committee, Stanford University (2006 - 2013)
- Co-Chair, Search Committee in British Literature, English Department, Stanford University (2007 - 2008)
- Member, Steering Committee, Modern Thought and Literature Program, Stanford University (2011 - 2012)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Modern Thought and Literature

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- B.A., Columbia College, New York , Comparative Literature (1992)
- M.Phil., Yale University, New Haven CT , Comparative Literature (1995)
- Ph.D., Yale University, New Haven CT , Comparative Literature (1998)

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- History and Theory of the Novel I & II: ENGLISH 360C (Aut, Win)
- Jane Austen's Fiction: ENGLISH 61N (Aut)

2022-23

- Citizenship in the 21st Century: COLLEGE 102 (Win)
- Conditions of England: OSPOXFRD 10 (Spr)
- Doing Literary History: Orwell in the World: ENGLISH 224, HISTORY 200K (Win)

2021-22

- History and Theory of the Novel: Foundations: COMPLIT 360B, ENGLISH 360B (Win)
- Jane Austen's Fiction: ENGLISH 61N (Aut)
- Narrative and Narrative Theory: COMPLIT 161E, ENGLISH 161 (Aut)

2020-21

- Big Novels: ENGLISH 136B (Spr)
- Narrative and Narrative Theory: COMPLIT 161E, ENGLISH 161 (Win)
- Readings in Close Reading: ENGLISH 305H (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Jessica Monaco

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Tong Liu

Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Steele Douris, Charlotte Lindemann, Alexander Sherman

Doctoral (Program)

Tong Liu, Katie Livingston, Jessica Monaco

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Character Insecurity in Austen's Sense and Sensibility** *Narrative Middles: Navigating the Nineteenth-Century Novel*
Woloch, A.
edited by Levine, C., Ortiz-Robles, M.
Columbus: Ohio State University Press.2011
- **Partial Representation** *The Work of Genre: Selected Papers from the English Institute*
Woloch, A.
edited by Warhol, R.
Cambridge MA: English Institute in collaboration with the American Council of Learned Societies.2011
- **A New Foreword** *Enemies of Promise*

Woloch, A., Connolly, C.

Chicago: Chicago University Press.2008

● **Section of Chapter One, "Narrative Asymmetry in 'Pride and Prejudice'"** *Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice': Modern Critical Interpretations*

Woloch, A.

edited by Bloom, H.

New York: Chelsea House.2007

● **Minor Characters** *The Novel*

Woloch, A.

edited by Moretti, F.

Princeton: Princeton University Press.2006

● **Break Ups and Reunions: Late Realism in Early Sayles** *Sayles Talk: Essays on Independent Filmmaker John Sayles*

Woloch, A.

edited by Kenaga, H., Carson, D.

Detroit: Wayne State University Press.2005

● **The One vs. the Many: Minor Characters and the Space of the Protagonist in the Novel**

Woloch, A.

Princeton: Princeton University Press.2003

● **Toward a Theory of the Minor Character** *Il Romanzo*

Woloch, A.

edited by Moretti, F.

Milan: Editore Einaudi.2003

● **Whose Freud?: The Place of Psychoanalysis in Contemporary Culture**

edited by Brooks, P., Woloch, A.

New Haven: Yale University Press.2000