

Stanford



Rebecca Richardson

PWR Advanced Lecturer
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Bio

BIO

Becky Richardson is a Lecturer in PWR. She attended Mount Holyoke College and holds a Ph.D. in English from Stanford University. Having recently taught courses on "The Rhetoric of the Confession," "The Rhetoric of Coming of Age," and "The Rhetoric of Sympathy," she is especially interested in encouraging her students to think about the relationship between writing, expression, empathy, and identity. Her research interests also include the rhetoric of inspiration and self-help, nineteenth-century British literature, socioeconomic mobility, environmental studies, and the medical humanities. She is currently researching the representation of ambition in the nineteenth century, and has written articles on confessions in *Sense and Sensibility*, the self-help narrative in Victorian literature, and the overlapping rhetoric of political economy and health in Austen's *Sanditon*.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, Writing and Rhetoric Studies

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

SPECIALIZATION: The Rhetoric of Inspiration and Self-Help; Nineteenth-Century British Literature; Environmental Studies; The Medical Humanities; Expressive Writing and Self-Reflection

Teaching

COURSES

2021-22

- Between Gods and Beasts: The Struggle for Humanity: ESF 18 (Aut)
- Between Gods and Beasts: The Struggle for Humanity: ESF 18A (Aut)
- Writing & Rhetoric 1: In Another's Shoes: The Rhetoric of Empathy: PWR 1BRB (Win)
- Writing & Rhetoric 2: Re-Make It Anew: The Rhetoric of Adapting, Rebooting, and Remaking: PWR 2BRC (Spr)

2020-21

- Between Gods and Beasts: The Struggle for Humanity: ESF 18 (Aut)
- Between Gods and Beasts: The Struggle for Humanity: ESF 18A (Aut)
- Writing & Rhetoric 1: In Another's Shoes: The Rhetoric of Empathy: PWR 1BRB (Win, Spr)

2019-20

- Education as Self-Fashioning: The Transformation of the Self: ESF 7 (Aut)
- Writing & Rhetoric 1: In Another's Shoes: The Rhetoric of Empathy: PWR 1BRB (Win)
- Writing & Rhetoric 2: Re-Make It Anew: The Rhetoric of Adapting, Rebooting, and Remaking: PWR 2BRC (Spr)

2018-19

- Education as Self-Fashioning: The Transformation of the Self: ESF 7 (Aut)
- Writing & Rhetoric 1: In Another's Shoes: The Rhetoric of Empathy: PWR 1BRB (Win)
- Writing & Rhetoric 2: Re-Make It Anew: The Rhetoric of Adapting, Rebooting, and Remaking: PWR 2BRC (Spr)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **DRAMATIZING INTIMACY: CONFESSIONS AND FREE INDIRECT DISCOURSE IN SENSE AND SENSIBILITY** *ELH*
Richardson, R.
2014; 81 (1): 225-244