

# NICHOLAS DERTINGER

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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., English	Northern Illinois University	Expected 2026
M.A., English	University of Illinois, Chicago	2022
M.Div., Philosophy	Rockbridge Seminary	2018
B.A., Communication Studies	Moody Bible Institute	2010

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Graduate Teaching Assistant	Northern Illinois University	2022–Present
Visiting Lecturer	University of Illinois, Chicago	2022–Present
Graduate Teaching Assistant	University of Illinois, Chicago	2021–2022

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Scholarly Articles & Book Chapters*

“What We Do in the Shadows.” *The FX Reader*, edited by Dave Pierson and Brian Faucette. Syracuse UP, forthcoming 2025

“Echoes of Madness: Gothic Continuums in the Caribbean Poetry of Jean ‘Binta’ Breeze.” *Poetry and the Gothic*, edited by Samantha Landau, Li-hsin Hsu, and Thomas Leonard D. Shaw, forthcoming 2025.

### *Book Reviews*

*Graphic Novels and Comics as World Literature*, edited by James Hodapp, *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association*, forthcoming 2024.

### *Books*

*Paper Fledglings: A Collection of Illustrated Poetry*. Stoke the Wild Press, 2020.

### *Poems*

“What Does a Seahorse Wear to their Wedding?” *Troublemaker Firestarter Vol. 3*, 2023.

“The Storm Built an Ark of Decorations,” *Verum Literary Press, Vol 2*. 2023.  
“Enemy of the Air,” *Wolf Jaw Literary Magazine*, Winter Issue 2021.  
“The Burial,” *Wolf Jaw Literary Magazine*, Winter Issue 2021.  
“Cycles of Existence,” *Wolf Jaw Literary Magazine*, Winter Issue 2021.

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## PRESENTATIONS

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### *Conferences*

“Dystopian Displacement: Satire as Social Critique in Gary Shteyngart’s *Super Sad True Love Story*,” Midwestern Conference on Literature, Language & Media, Northern Illinois University, 2023.

### *Educational Development*

“Reanalyzing the Onset: How the First Weeks of Teaching are Vital for Student Engagement & Success,” Teachwrite Series, University of Illinois, Chicago, 2022.

### *Guest Lecturer*

“The Gothic & Caribbean Literature,” Honors Program, Northern Illinois University, 2024.  
“Shakespeare’s Caliban in Pop Culture & Media,” Oriel College, Oxford University, 2023.  
“The Theology of Music,” Camp & Conference Association, 2020.  
“The Theology of Creativity,” Camp & Conference Association, 2020.  
“From Page to Stage: Designing Creative Spaces for Learning,” Camp & Conference Association, 2019.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### *Northern Illinois University, 2022 – Present*

ENGL 110: Literature & Pop Culture: Some Kind of Monster: Gothic Afterlives in Film & Media

ENGL 203: Rhetoric and Composition II

ENGL 103: Rhetoric and Composition I

### *University of Illinois, Chicago, 2021 – Present*

English 161: Academic Writing II: Villains in Pop Culture.

English 161: Academic Writing II: Processing Grief through Writing

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### *Northern Illinois University*

Graduate Student Representative, English Graduate Studies Committee, 2024-2025

Vice President, English Graduate Student Association, 2024-2025

Coordinator, Film and Literature Society, 2024-2025

Graduate Student Representative, English Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism Committee, 2024-25

Organizer, Midwestern Conference on Literature, Language, & Media, 2023-2024

### *Moody Bible Institute*

Program Assistant, Department of Communications, 2020-2021

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## CERTIFICATIONS

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Certificate of Graduate Study, Program for Women and Gender Studies, NIU 2024

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## SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

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Graduate Director's Award for Exemplary Contribution to the Program, NIU, 2024

Jenefer Giannasi Award for Excellence in Teaching Rhetoric & Composition, NIU, 2024

*Phi Kappa Phi* Honors Society, 2024

*Phi Beta Delta* International Scholar Honors Society, 2023

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Study Abroad Scholarship, NIU, 2023

Charles W. Hagelman Jr. Scholarship for Study Abroad at Oxford, NIU, 2023

Best in Show, Morris Liberty Arts Festival, 2018

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award, Jerry's Artarama, 2018

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## REFERENCES

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**J. Ryan Hibbett**, Associate Professor of English

Northern Illinois University

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**Alexandra Bennett**, Professor of English, Director of Graduate Studies

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