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Education

Ph.D., English Literature, University of Kentucky (2011)

Dissertation: "Knowing, Seeing, and Transcending Nature: Judaic Holiness and the Control of the Environment in Early Modern English Literature and Culture"

M.L.S., Library and Information Science, SUNY at Buffalo (2005)

M.A., English Literature, SUNY at Buffalo (2005)

B.A., English Literature, Eastern University (2003)

Academic Positions

2014 - present

Assistant Curator, Librarian for Geospatial Information Systems, New York University

2011 - 2014

Assistant Professor, Information Literacy and Reference Librarian, University of Montevallo

2005 - 2011

Teaching Assistant, Department of English Writing Program, University of Kentucky

Publications

Book Chapters

Battista, A. & Conte, J. (2016, forthcoming). Teaching with data: Visualization and information as a critical process. In N. Pagowsky and K. McElroy, (Eds.), *#critlib: A workbook in Critical Library Pedagogy*. Chicago: ACRL Press.

Wallis, L. & Battista, A. (2016). The politics of information: Students as creators in a metaliteracy context. In T. Mackey and T. Jacobson, (Eds.), *Metaliteracy in Practice* (pp. 23-46). Chicago: American Library Association.

Battista, A. (2014). Changing the game: Using badges to catalyze information literacy instruction. In B. Kirsch (Ed.), *Games in libraries: Essays on using play to connect and instruct* (pp. 80-91). Jefferson, NC: McFarland.

Battista, A. (2013). From 'a crusade against ignorance to 'a crisis of authenticity': Curating information for a participatory democracy. In L. Gregory and S. Higgins (Eds.), *Information literacy and social justice: Radical professional praxis* (pp. 81-97). Duluth, MN: Library Juice Press.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Battista, A., Ellenwood, D., Gregory, L., Higgins, S., Lilburn, J., Harker, Y.S., & Sweet, C. (2015). Seeking social justice in the ACRL framework. *Communications in Information Literacy*, 9(2), 111-125.

Tetloff, M., Battista, A., Hitchcock, L.I. & Lowry, D. (2014). Multimodal composition and social Justice: Videos as a tool of advocacy in social work pedagogy. *Journal of Technology in Human Services*, 32, 1-17.

Hitchcock, L.I. & Battista, A. (2013). Social media for professional practice: Integrating Twitter with social work pedagogy. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*, 18(1), 33-45.

Battista, A. (2012). From 'a crusade against ignorance' to 'a crisis of authenticity': Cultivating information literacy for a 21st century democracy. *LOEX Quarterly*, 38(4), 4-6.

Battista, A. (2010). After the garden is gone: Megachurches, pastoral, and theologies of consumption. *disClosure: A Journal of Social Theory*, 19, 83-96.

Battista, A. (2006). Re-mythologizing the Pauline tradition in evangelicalism. *Proteus*, 23(2), (2006), 41-46.

Proceedings Papers

Battista, A. (2014). Simple geographic information systems (GIS): Maps and information literacy. *2014 LOEX Conference Proceedings (Library Orientation Series, No. 47)*.

Battista A. (2012). From 'a crusade against ignorance' to a 'crisis of authenticity': Cultivating information literacy for a 21st century democracy. *2012 LOEX Conference Proceedings (Library Orientation Series, No. 45)*.

Book Reviews

Battista, A. (2015, September 15). [Review of the book *HyperCities: Thick mapping in the digital humanities*, by Todd Presner, David Shepard, and Yoh Kawano.] *Southern Spaces*. Retrieved from <http://southernspaces.org/2015/spatial-humanities-and-modes-resistance-review-%C2%A0hypercities>

Battista, A. (2012). [Review of the book *Public parts: How sharing in the digital age improves the way we work and live*, by J. Jarvis]. *Journal of Social Media in Society*, 1(1), 57-59.

Battista, A. (2012). [Review of the book *Now you see it: How the brain science of attention will transform the way we live, work, and learn*, by C. N. Davidson]. *portal: Libraries and the Academy*, 12(1), 104-06.

Battista, A. (2007). [Review of the book *Kenneth Burke on Shakespeare* by S.L. Newstok, Ed.]. *The Kenneth Burke Journal*, 4(1). Retrieved from <http://kbjournal.org/shakespeare>

Battista, A. (2006, November 10). [Review of the book *Vita: life in a zone of social abandonment* by J. G. Biehl]. *Anthropology Review Database*. Retrieved from <http://wings.buffalo.edu/ARD/cgi/showme.cgi?keycode=3029>

Battista, A. (2005). [Review of the book *Making nature sacred: Literature, religion, and environment in America from the Puritans to the present* by J. Gatta]. *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and the Environment*, 12(2), 269-70.

Teaching

New York University

- EXEC-GP 4119 Data Visualization and Presentation, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service (2016, 1.5 credit)

University of Montevallo

- HNRS 308 The Politics of Information (2014, 1 credit, team-taught)
- ART 327 The National Parks: Art, Wilderness, and the American Imagination (2012, 3 credits, team-taught)
- HNRS 308 Curation Culture: Brain Science, Social Media, and Information Literacy (2012, 1 credit)

University of Kentucky

- ENG 230 Introduction to Literature: The Pastoral in Western Literature and Culture (2009-2011)
- ENG 270 The Old Testament as Literature (2008-2011)
- ENG 271 The New Testament as Literature (2007-2010)
- ENG 102 Introduction to Writing (2008)
- ENG 203 Fundamentals of Business Writing (2007)
- ENG 104 The Engaged Citizen: First-Year College Composition (2005-2007)

Presentations

Refereed National Conference Presentations

- Battista, A. (2016). Creating Twitterbots: Automation, technogenesis, and hermeneutics in the literature classroom. 2016 College English Association (CEA) Annual Meeting. Denver, CO, March 29-April 2, 2016
- Battista, A., Durante, K., Hardy, D., Harlow, C., McKinley, M. & Reed, J. (2015). Increasing geospatial awareness: Storing, managing, describing & sharing geospatial data. Digital Library Federation Forum. Vancouver, BC, October 26-28, 2015.
- Battista, A. (2015). John Stow's urban time: Ecology, Christian Hebraism, and polychronic reading in the spatial humanities. Sixteenth Century Society and Conference. Vancouver, BC, October 22-25, 2015.
- Battista, A. & Pagowsky, N. (2015). Digital badges and general education curriculum revision: Recognizing learning across an integrative curriculum. The CUNY Games Festival 2.0, New York, NY, January 15, 2015.
- Alexiou-Ray, J., Raulston, C., Cook, T. & Battista, A. (2014). Leveraging social media to enhance course content. ISTE Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 30, 2014.
- Battista, A. (2014). Digital badges and information literacy instruction. American Library Association Annual Meeting. LIA Gamesmaking Interest Group. Las Vegas, NV, June 29, 2014.
- Battista, A. (2014). Simple geographic information systems (GIS): Maps and information literacy. Library Orientation Exchange (LOEX) Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, May 9-10, 2014.
- Hitchcock, L.I. & Battista, A. (2014). Videos as tools of advocacy in social work pedagogy. 2014 Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD) Annual

Conference, Louisville, KY, March 20-23, 2014.

- Alexiou-Ray, J., Raulston, C., Cook, T. & Battista, A. (2013). Leveraging social media to enhance course content. Teaching Professor Technology Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 4-6, 2013.
- Battista, A. (2013). The nature of information literacy: cultivating complexity in a liberal arts curriculum. 2013 College English Association (CEA) Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, April 4-6, 2013.
- Tetloff, M., Battista, A. & Hitchcock, L.I. (2013). Multimodal composition and social justice: videos as a tool of advocacy in social work pedagogy. Gulf South Summit on Service Learning and Civic Engagement, Louisville, KY. February 27-March 1, 2013.
- Battista, A. (2012). Changing the game: Using badges to assess information literacy learning outcomes. Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy, Savannah, GA, September 21-22, 2012.
- Battista, A. (2012). From 'a crusade against ignorance' to a 'crisis of authenticity': Cultivating information literacy for a 21st century democracy. Library Orientation Exchange (LOEX) Annual Conference, Columbus, OH, May 3-5, 2012.
- Battista, A. (2011). Ecocriticism, activism, and scholarly production. 2011 College English Association (CEA) Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL. March 29-April 2.
- Battista, A. (2010). 'In want of a supplement': Deeper meaning and difficulty in writing literary critical essays on the New Testament. 2010 College English Association (CEA) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, March 25-27, 2010.
- Battista, A. (2009). 'Impure by likeness': Holiness, pastoral nostalgia, and Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale*. Association for Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE) Biennial Conference. Victoria, BC, June 3-6, 2009.
- Battista, A. (2009). Recuperating pastoral and georgic: Milton's *Paradise Lost* and Crèvecoeur's *Letters From an American Farmer*. 2009 American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ASECS) Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA, March 26-29, 2009.
- Battista, A. (2008). Resting 'vpon the soiled gras': Ritual purity as a paradigm of holiness in Book One of *The Faerie Queene*. 2008 Renaissance Conference of Southern California Annual Meeting, Pasadena, CA, February 2, 2008.

- Battista, A. (2007). The *Aspidistra Elatior* in George Orwell's *Keep the Aspidistra Flying*. Association for Study in Literature and the Environment (ASLE) Biennial Conference, Spartanburg, SC, June 9-12, 2007.
- Battista, A. (2006). 'Unprofitably traveling toward the grave': Wordsworth's *Prelude*, ecocriticism, and ethics. 2006 South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAML) Annual Convention, Charlotte, NC, November 10-12, 2006.
- Battista, A. (2006). 'Every day is a God': Re-mythologizing the Pauline tradition in evangelicalism. NEXUS: Religion & Nation, Knoxville, TN, April 7-8, 2006.

State and Local Presentations

- Guss, S., Mistry, H. & Battista, A. NYU's spatial data repository: Past, present, future. METRO, Science Librarian Special Interest Group. New York, NY, December 11, 2014.
- Wallis, L. & Battista, A. (2013). Ghostly voices greet the freshmen. 2013 Alabama Library Association Annual Convention, ALIRT Program, Montgomery, AL, April 23-26, 2013.
- Hitchcock, L.I., Tetloff, M., Battista, A. & Lowry, D. (2013). Multimodal composition and social justice: Videos as tools of advocacy in social work pedagogy. Alabama Region 4 Conference on Multicultural Education, Montevallo, AL, March 29, 2013.
- Battista, A. (2011). 'Trampling the heads of the poor': Payday lending in Alabama and civic engagement in the undergraduate liberal arts classroom. Alabama Possible 2011 Lifetime of Learning Conference, Montevallo, AL, September 30, 2011.

Invited Presentations

- Battista, A. (2014). Digital badges for assessment of information literacy. LITA Webinar, "Games in Libraries for Outreach and Instruction." May 19, 2014.
- Battista, A. & Wallis, L. (2014). Apps for active seniors. Alabama Gerontological Society 2014 Annual Meeting. Montgomery, AL, April 10, 2014.
- Battista, A. (2011). The heuristic potential of Twitter, or how I learned to stop worrying and love social media. University of Montevallo Faculty Development & Collaboration Symposium, Montevallo, AL, September 8, 2011.
- Battista, A. (2010). "The Rhetoric of Blogging." University of Kentucky Division of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Media professional development session, Lexington, KY,

March 12, 2010.

Workshops

- ACRL Information Literacy Immersion '13 Program Track participant. Seattle University, Seattle, WA, July 29-August 2, 2013.
- Getting Started in the Digital Humanities with DHCommons, pre-convention workshop participant, 2012 Modern Language Association (MLA) Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, January 5-8, 2012.
- Klal Rhetorica: Jewish rhetorical traditions workshop participant. 2011 Rhetorical Society of America (RSA) Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO, June 20-26, 2011.

Sample GIS Library Instruction

*A selection of NYU classes with which I have facilitated GIS learning.

- **INTRL-GA 1731 Conflict Resolution**, Overview of creating maps with Fusion Tables and finding spatial data (http://guides.nyu.edu/INTRL_GA1731)
- **EDLED-GE 2367 Demographic Analysis School/Community Planning**, Introduction to community demographics with Simply Map, Social Explorer, and Policy Map
- **GLOB1-GC 1000 International Relations in the Post Cold War Era**, Overview of creating maps with Fusion Tables and finding spatial data (<http://guides.nyu.edu/GLOBGC1105>)
- **GLOB-GC 1050 Global Civil Society**, Colette Mazzuceli, October 20, 2014 (2 sections). Overview of creating maps with Fusion Tables and finding spatial data.
- **FRSEM-UA 540 In their own words: Oral History and Irish New York**, Overview of finding historic census data for Irish American communities with Social Explorer and creating simple maps.
- **IDSEM-UG1810 Art and Politics in the City**, Introduction to styling Fusion Tables and creating layers with CartoDB. (<http://tiny.cc/graffiti>)
- **INTM-SHU 10J Neighborhood, Map, Phone**, Introduction to China data resources and mapping resources at NYU. (<http://guides.nyu.edu/nmp>)
- **MCCUE -14 Media and Cultural Analysis**, Overview of data sources for social media consumption around the world. (<http://guides.nyu.edu/mccue14>)

Service

Profession-level

- Community Representative, Digital Public Library of America (2014 - present)
- Member of the organizing committee for THATcamp Alabama (2012-2013)
- Member of the Alabama Association of College & Research Libraries (AACRL) Government Relations Committee (2012 - present)

Institution-level

New York University

- Member, Faculty Committee on the Future of Technology-Enhanced Education (FTEE) (2015 - present)
- Member, Strategic Plan, Goal 4.5 Working Group
- Co-chair, LibGuides Global Working Group (2015 - present)
- Secretary, Division of Libraries Faculty (2015-2016)
- Member, Research Data Management Librarian search committee (2015)
- Member, Data Services Librarian search committee (2015)

University of Montevallo

- Member, Faculty Development & Collaboration Committee (2013 - 2014)
- Member, Honors Program Committee (2013 - 2014)
- Member, Quality Enhancement Plan Implementation Committee (2011 - 2014)
- Co-Facilitator, Alternative spring break experience. Led students on weeklong health care coverage advocacy trip in partnership with Bama Covered (March 22-26, 2014)
- Organizer, Faculty Learning Community on Peace Studies (2013)
- Essay judge, Joyce Greathouse Advocacy Writing Contest for Social Work (2013)
- Discussion Group Leader, faculty and staff common reading experience (2012)

University of Kentucky

- Writing Program Peer Mentor (2008 - 2009)
- President, English Graduate Student Organization, (2007 - 2008)

Awards and Honors

University of Montevallo

- Montevallo Information Literacy Innovator (MILI) Award, 2013
- ILLUMinate Grant, Mapping Information and Spatial Literacy with Geographic Information Systems (with Prof. Virginia Ochoa-Winemiller), 2013

- Green Fund Sustainability Grant, 2013
- University Teaching Fellowship Award, 2012

University of Kentucky

- Provost Outstanding Teaching Award, 2010
- William J. Sowder Award, Best Critical Paper by a Graduate Student, 2007
- Writing Program Excellent Instructor, 2007

Professional Memberships

- Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)
- International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology (IASSIST)
- American Library Association (ALA)
- College English Association (CEA)
- Library Orientation Exchange (LOEX)
- Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD)

Groups

- Hydra Geospatial Interest Group
- OpenGeoPortal Metadata Working Group

References

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