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**Education** Ph.D. Yale University  
M.A. Yale University  
B.A. George Washington University

**Employment** 2001-present: Professor, University of Baltimore  
1994-2000: Associate Professor, University of Baltimore  
1991-1994: Assistant Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology  
1990-1991: Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Austin  
1986-1990: Assistant Professor, Yale University  
1984-1986: Acting Instructor, Yale University

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**Grants,  
Awards,  
Honors** Liberal Arts Advisory Council Distinguished Chair, 2008-2011.  
  
Ciutat de Vinaròs Prize for Electronic Narrative, 2007.  
  
Ciutat de Vinaròs Prize for Electronic Poetry (*ex aequo*), 2007.  
  
Visiting Researcher, Department of Humanistic Informatics,  
University of Bergen (Norway), 2007.  
  
Distinguished Chair in Research and Scholarship, Yale Gordon  
College of Liberal Arts, University of Baltimore, 2007-2008.  
  
Douglas Engelbart Award for Best Paper, Sixteenth ACM Conference  
on Hypertext and Hypermedia, Salzburg, Austria, 2005.  
  
National Science Foundation Grant EIA-0203323. "CRCD: An  
Human-Computer Interfaces (HCI) Partnership Serving  
Underrepresented Groups." 2002-2004, \$420,000. [Co-Principal  
Investigator with Ben Bedersen, Allison Druin, Nancy Kaplan, and  
Kathryn Summers.]

Communications Studies International Fellow, Royal Melbourne  
Institute of Technology, 1998.

Ellen Nold Award for Best Article in Computers and Composition  
Studies, 1991. [Shared with Nancy Kaplan.]

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**Forthcoming  
or In  
Progress** "After the Last Generation: Rethinking Scholarship in an Age of  
Serious Play." *Pre/Text*. 20: 1–4 [Spring, 2010]. (This is a revised  
version of a paper originally published in 2005.)

"*Watchmen* Meets *The Aristocrats*" [article] *Postmodern Culture* 19.2  
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Collection, Volume 2*. Electronic Literature Organization. Spring,  
2010.

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Jam in New Media Cultures*. Continuum Press, Fall 2010.

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pp. 287–303.

"Learning, Change, and the Utopia of Play." *Learning Inquiry* 1:1:  
Spring, 2007 [online:  
[www.springerlink.com/content/j610345350824825/](http://www.springerlink.com/content/j610345350824825/)].

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eds. *Second Person: Role-Playing and Story in Games and Playable  
Media*. MIT Press, 2007. 149–57.

(with Brittany Steiner as first author) "When Play Works: Turning  
Game-Playing into Learning." In Proceedings of the 2006  
Conference on Interaction Design and Children (IDC '06) (Tampere,

Finland, June 7–9, 2006). ACM Press, New York, NY, 2006.

"After the Last Generation: Rethinking Scholarship in the Days of Serious Play." *Proceedings of the 6th Digital Arts and Culture Conference*. Copenhagen, Denmark, 2005. pp. 208–215.

"What the Geeks Know: Hypertext and the Problem of Literacy." *Proceedings of the Sixteenth ACM Conference on Hypertext and Hypermedia*. Salzburg, Austria, 2005.

(with Nancy Kaplan) "New Literacies and Old: A Dialogue." *Kairos* 9.1 (Fall, 2004).

(with N. Kaplan, K. Knudtzon, R. Kulkarni, K. Summers, and H. Weeks) "Supporting Sociable Literacy in the International Children's Digital Library." *Interaction Design and Children 2004 Conference Proceedings*. Ed. A. Druin. ACM Press, 2004. 89–97.

"From Work to Play: Molecular Culture in the Time of Deadly Games." In N. Wardrip-Fruin and P. Harrigan, eds. *First Person*, MIT Press, 2004. 56–69.

(with Nancy Kaplan, Kathryn Summers, Kendra Knudtzon, Rahul Kulkarni, Yoram Chisik, and Holly Weeks) "Libraries in Computers: Working with Children as Research and Design Partners." *Computers in Libraries Proceedings*. Washington, D.C., 2003.

(with Nick Montfort as first author) "Face It, Tiger, You Just Hit the Jackpot: Reading and Playing Cadre's *Varicella*." Ed. Adrian Miles. *Proceedings of the fifth International Digital Arts and Culture Conference*. Melbourne, 2003.

"Testing the Wires." *Re-Imagining Textuality*. Ed. N. Fraistadt and E. Loizeaux. U. Wisconsin Press, 2002, 225–40.

"The Analog Experience of Digital Culture." *Cybertext Yearbook 2000*. Publications of the Research Centre for Contemporary Culture, University of Jyväskylä (Finland) 2001. 183–98.

"Error 404: Doubting the Web." *The World Wide Web and Contemporary Cultural Theory*. Ed. A. Herman and T. Swiss. Routledge, 2000. 259–76.

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184–203 [1999].

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Things." SIGWeb Newsletter, 7: 1–2 [1998]: 53–62.

"Pushing Back: Living and Writing in Broken Space." *Modern Fiction  
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Media*. Ed. J. Tabbi and M. Wutz. Cornell UP, 1997, 265–81.

"Getting Over the Edge." *Communication and Cyberspace*. Ed. L.  
Strate, R. Jacobson, and S. Gibson. Hampton Press, 1996, 233–43.

"Traveling in the Breakdown Lane: A Principle of Resistance for  
Hypertext." *Mosaic* 28/4 [1995]: 57–77.

(with John McDavid) "Not Yet Blindingly One: 'Gravity's Rainbow and  
the Hypertextualists.'" *Pynchon Notes* 32–33 [1995]: 132–51.

"Paragnosis, or The Story of Cyberspace." *Works and Days* 12[1995]:  
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(with Nancy Kaplan) "Where No Mind Has Gone Before: Ontological  
Design for Virtual Spaces." *Proceedings of the ACM Hypertext  
Conference*. Edinburgh: Association for Computing Machinery, 1994,  
212–223.

"Rhizome and Resistance: Hypertext and the Dreams of a New  
Culture." *Hyper/Text/Theory*. Ed. G.P. Landow. Johns Hopkins UP,  
1994, 299–322.

(with Nancy Kaplan) "They Became What They Beheld: The Futility of  
Resistance in the Space of Electronic Writing." *Literacy and  
Computers*. Ed. C. Selfe and S. Hilligoss. Modern Language  
Association, 1994, 220–37.

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"Electronic Fictions and 'The Lost Game of Self.'" *New York Review of Science Fiction* #66 [1994]: 1, 8-14.

(revised version) "You Say You Want a Revolution? Hypertext and the Laws of Media." *Essays in Postmodern Culture*. Ed. E. Amiran and J. Unsworth. Oxford University Press, 1993, 69-97.

"Writing Cyberspace: Literacy in the Age of Simulacra." *Virtual Reality: Applications and Explorations*. Ed. A. Wexelblat. Academic Press, 1993, 77-90.

(with Nancy Kaplan) "Seeing Through the Interface: Computers and the Future of Composition." *The Digital Word: Text-Based Computing in the Humanities*. Ed. G. Landow and P. Delany. MIT Press, 1993, 253-70.

"Informand and Rhetoric: A Hypertextual Experiment." *Writing on the Edge* 4[1992]: 103-27.

"Toward a Rhetoric of Informating Texts." *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Hypertext*. Ed. J. Nanard and M. Nanard. Milan: Association for Computing Machinery, 1992, 171-80.

"Beyond the Electronic Book: A Critique of Hypertext Rhetoric." *Hypertext '91 Proceedings*. Ed. P.D. Stotts and R.K. Furuta. San Antonio: Association for Computing Machinery, 1991, 291-99.

"Strobe's Stimulus," *Pynchon Notes* 24-25[1991]: 79-87.

(with Nancy Kaplan) "Something to Imagine: Literature, Composition, and Interactive Fiction." *Computers and Composition* 9[1991]: 7-23.

"You Say You Want a Revolution? Hypertext and the Laws of Media." *Postmodern Culture* 2.3[1991].

"Toward a Paradigm for Reading Hypertexts: Making Nothing Happen

in Hypermedia Fiction." *Hypertext/Hypermedia Handbook*. Ed. E. Berk and J. Devlin. McGraw-Hill, 1991, 65-78.

"Reading from the Map: Metaphor and Metonymy in the Fiction of Forking Paths." *Hypermedia and Literary Studies*. Ed. P. Delany and G. Landow. M.I.T. Press, 1991, 119-32.

"The Politics of Hypertext." *Evolving Perspectives on Computers and Composition Studies: Questions for the 1990s*. Ed. C. Selfe and G. Hawisher. NCTE, 1991, 253-74.

(with Nancy Kaplan) "Messages and Machines: Other Ways of Seeing." *Computers and Composition* 7[1990]: 89-102.

"Hypertext and 'the Hyperreal.'" *Hypertext '89 Proceedings*. Ed. N. Meyrowitz. Pittsburgh: Association for Computing Machinery, 1989, 259-68.

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**Creative  
Work**

Cover art for *Expressive Processing*, MIT Press publication, 2009.

"Under Language." *Iowa Review Web*, Spring, 2008.

"Radio Salience." *New River*, Spring, 2007.

"Marginal Effects: A Disorder of Attention." *Tekka* Fall, 2004.

"Pax: An Instrument." *Iowa Review Web*. June, 2003.  
<http://www.uiowa.edu/~iareview/tirweb/feature/moulthrop/moulthrop/>

"Reagan Library." *Gravitational Intrigue: A Little Magazine Publication*. "Vol. 22cd.: May, 1999.

"Hegirascope 2." *New River* 3 [1997].

(with Sean Cohen) "The Color of Television." *Media Ecology* [1996].  
<http://iat.ubalt.edu/moulthrop/hypertexts/cotv>

"Hegirascope." *World3* [1995].

"Dreamtime: A Hypertext." *Perforations* 3[1992].

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[HyperCard stack, Macintosh only; available as binary for download.]

*Victory Garden: A Hypertext Fiction*. Eastgate Systems, 1991.

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**Editorial Projects** "Instruments and Playable Texts." *Iowa Review Web* 9:2 (2008).  
Guest Editor.

Hypertext Issue [journal's first digital-only publication]. *Postmodern Culture* 7:3 (1997). Guest Editor.

Special Hypertext Issue, *Writing on the Edge* 2:2 [1991] [Edited print contributions and consulted on associated electronic texts "WOE" and "Izme Pass"].

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**Reprints and Translations** "Hegirascope." Polish translation by Mariusz Pizarski. *Techsty*.  
Forthcoming, 2011.

"What the Geeks Know: Hypertext and the Problem of Literacy." In M. Bernstein and D. Greco, eds. *Reading Hypertext*. Eastgate Systems, 2009. 249–59.

"Reagan Library." Chinese translation by Shuen-shing Lee. *The Garden of Forking Paths* (Web site). Spring, 2008.

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"Pushing Back: Living and Writing in Broken Space." Croatian translation in *Knjizevna smotra (Literature Review)*. Spring, 2006.

"The Shadow of an Informant: A Rhetorical Experiment in Hypertext." Croatian translation in *Knjizevna smotra (Literature Review)*. Spring,

2006.

"El hipertexto y la politica de la interpretacion." *Literatura hipertextual y teoria literaria*. Ed. Jose Maria Vega. Marenostrom, 2003, 23-31.

"Por el arcan. El principio de la resistencia al hipertexto." *Literatura hipertextual y teoria literaria*. Ed. Jose Maria Vega. Marenostrom, 2003, 41-62.

"You Say you Want a Revolution? Hypertext and the Laws of Media." *The New Media Reader*. Ed. N. Wardrip-Fruin and N. Montfort. MIT Press, 2003, 691-704.

"You Say you Want a Revolution? Hypertext and the Laws of Media." *The Norton Anthology of Theory and Criticism*. Ed. Leitch, Cain, Finke, Johnson, McGowan, Williams. W.W. Norton, 2001, 2504-2524.

"Rhizome and Resistance: Hypertext and the Dreams of a New Culture." *Contemporary Literary Criticism: Literary and Cultural Studies*. 4th Edition. Ed. R. C. Davis and R. Schleifer. Longman, 1998, 236-51.

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**Reviews and Occasional Pieces** "Some Joyces, Not an Eco." Editor's introduction to special issue of *Iowa Review Web*, 9:2 (2008). <http://research-intermedia.art.uiowa.edu/tirw/vol9n2/>.

"Peace in the Posthuman Valley." [Review of Hayles, *My Mother Was a Computer*, and Juul, *Half-Real*.] *American Book Review*. Spring, 2006.

"Having Designs." Review of B. Laurel, ed. *Design Research: Methods and Perspectives*. *Tekka*, Fall 2004.

"A Subjective Chronology of Cybertext, Hypertext, and Electronic Writing." In S. Rettberg, Ed., *State of the Arts: Proceedings of the*

*Electronic Literature Organization's 2003 Symposium.* 121–35.

"On Creating a Web Site." In N. Comley, D. Hamilton, C. Klaus, R. Scholes, and N. Sommers, eds. *Fields of Reading: Motives for Writing*, Sixth Edition. St. Martin's, 2001.

Review of Darren Tofts, *Parallax: Essays on Art, Culture, and Technology.* *Screening the Past* 10 (2000).

"Everybody's Elegies." *Passions, Pedagogies, and 21st-Century Technologies* Ed. G. Hawisher and C. Selfe. Utah State UP, 1999. 418–24.

"Where To? -- A Review of C. Marshall and J. Malloy, *Forward Anywhere.*" *Convergence* 3(3) [Fall, 1997]: 132–38.

"Decorating the Corpse: Hypertext after the Web." *Postmodern Culture* 7.3 [1997]. Online. [Editor's introduction to special issue.]

"Very Like a Book." *Wired* 3.11. October, 1995. 164.

"Fearful Circuitry: Landow's *Hypertext.*" *Computers in the Humanities* 28 [1994]: 53–62.

"Deuteronomy Comix: Neal Stephenson's *Snow Crash.*" *Postmodern Culture* 3:2 [1993].

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| <b>Lectures,<br/>Readings,<br/>Appearances<br/>(Last Five<br/>Years)</b> | Reading of new work in electronic literature. North Dakota Writers' Conference, University of North Dakota, March, 2010.                      |
|  | "I See America Singing Backwards." Department of English, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. January, 2010.                                   |
|  | "Wayback Machine Broke Down." Inaugural Conference, Association for the Study of Arts of the Present, University of Tennessee, October, 2009. |
|  | Dissertation Opponent, Markku Eskelinen, "Travels in  |

Cybertextuality: The Challenge of Ergodic Literature to Literary Theory." University of Jyvaskala, Finland, August, 2009.

"Releasing *Content*: Remembering the Future." Department of English, University of Pittsburgh, November, 2007.

"Secondary Literacy: Reading and Writing in the Content/Data World." NEH Seminar, Northern Virginia Community College, October, 2007.

Dissertation Opponent, Gonzalo Frasca, "Play the Message: Play, Game, and Videogame Rhetoric." Information Technology University, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 2007.

"Releasing *content*, or How to Do Things with *d&a*". University of Bergen (Norway), August, 2007.

Panel: The Future of Electronic Literature. ELO Symposium on the Future of Electronic Literature, Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities, University of Maryland, May, 2007.

"Playing with Worlds: Narrative, Fiction, and the Cultural Reception of Video Games." Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities; Entertainment Technology Center, Carnegie Mellon University. November, 2006.

AUTOSTART festival of electronic literature, Kelly Writer's House, University of Pennsylvania. November, 2006.

Retrospective and presentation of new cybertexts, Kelly Writer's House, University of Pennsylvania, 4/06.

"New Literacy and the Great Age of Code." Symposium on Multimedia Across the Curriculum, Institute for Multimedia Literacy, University of Southern California, 3/06.

Presentation of new works in progress, Electronic Literature Festival, Brown University, 3/06.

"Beyond Remedy: New Media at the Limits of Theory." Department of

English, University of Tennessee, 1/06.

"4-Ward: Taking Cyberculture Seriously (dude)." Sixth Digital Arts and Culture Conference, Information Technology University of Copenhagen, 12/05.

"Abstraction and Anathema: Rethinking Theory and Scholarship for New Media." Oslo University Doctoral Seminar, Norwegian Seamen's Church, New York, 11/05.

"After the Last Generation: Rethinking Theory, Writing, and Scholarship in the Days of Serious Play." Digital Gaming Seminar, Middlebury College, 7/05.

"Literacy in Play." Keynote address, Australian Association of Teachers of English/Australian Literacy Educators Association National Conference. Broad Beach, Australia, 7/05.

"Over the Horizon: Three Generations Think about Texts and Games." Conference on Computers and Writing, Stanford University, 6/05.

Dissertation opponent, Richard E. Parent II, "The Digital Affect: A Rhetorical Hermeneutic for Reading, Writing, and Understanding Narrative in Contemporary Literature and New Media." Department of English, University of Pittsburgh, 4/05.

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**Professional Societies** Association for Computing Machinery  
Digital Games Research Association  
International Game Developers' Association  
Electronic Literature Organization

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**Manuscript reviews (selected)** MIT Press (numerous proposals and manuscripts since 2000).  
Computers and Composition Digital Press (Ohio State University Press), 2008.  
Singapore Ministry of Education, 2008.  
University of Minnesota Press, 2008.

John Wiley and Sons (proposal), 2008.  
Duke University Press (manuscript), 2007.  
University of Nebraska Press (manuscript), 2007.  
McGill University Press (manuscript) (2003).

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**Editing,  
consulting,  
and external  
service (last  
five years)**

Proposal Review Panel, Creative IT, National Science Foundation, 2010.

Review Committee, PhD program proposal in Media Study, SUNY Buffalo, 2009.

Editorial Board, *Computers and Composition*, 1991 – present.

Co-Editor, *Postmodern Culture*, 1995–99; Editorial Board, 1999 – present.

Board of Directors, Electronic Literature Organization, 1999–2003 and 2007– present.

Association for Computing Machinery Hypertext Conference:  
Program Committee (1997–2010)  
Program Co-Chair (2002)  
Summary Reviewer and Program Committee (1996, 2000)

Editorial Board, *Iowa Review Web*, 2002 – present.

Editorial Board, *Game Studies*, 2002 – present.

Program Committee, Digital Humanities Conference, 2009–10.

Program Committee, Digital Arts and Culture Conference, 2008–10.

Advisory Board, International Computer Art Congress, 2008 (Mexico City).

Program Committee, "Visionary Landscapes" (ELO National Conference), 2008.

Planning Meeting for an Electronic Scholarly Press, Institute for the Future of the Book, Annenberg Center, University of Southern California (2006).

**External  
Dissertation  
Reviews**

Review: School of Letters, Arts, and Media, University of Sydney (Australia), 2010.

Opponent: University of Jyvaskyla (Finland), 2009.

Opponent: Information Technology University, Copenhagen (Denmark), 2007.

Respondent: Department of English, University of Pittsburgh, 2005.

Opponent: University of Volda/University of Bergen (Norway), 2004.

**External  
Tenure and  
Promotion  
Reviews**

Drexel University (Associate Professor, 2009).

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Associate Professor, 2008).

Temple University (Associate Professor, 2008).

United States Naval Academy (Associate Professor, 2007).

SUNY Buffalo (Professor, 2005).

Colorado State University (Professor, 2005).

University of Southern California (Professor, 2005).

Vassar College (Professor, 2002).

Clarkson University (Professor, 2002).

Georgia Institute of Technology (Distinguished Professor, 2001).

Illinois Institute of Technology (Associate Professor, 1997) .

Illinois Wesleyan University (Associate Professor, 1997).

Rutgers University (Associate Professor, 1994) .

A more recent version of this *curriculum vitae*, including active links to on-line materials, may be available at [http://iat.ubalt.edu /moulthrop/details/cv.pdf](http://iat.ubalt.edu/moulthrop/details/cv.pdf)