## Curriculum Vitae – Marijke Denger, M.A.

**Personal Information** 

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Education

01/2014-06/2014 University of Kent, Canterbury, School of English:

**Visiting Training Fellow** 

08/2011 onwards University of Bern, Institute of Advanced Study in the Humanities and

the Social Sciences:

Member of the Graduate School GS@IASH, three-year

interdisciplinary **Doctoral Programme**, focus on Key Concepts in the

Humanities and the Social Sciences

09/2010 onwards University of Bern, English Department:

PhD Project, working title Liminal Communities in Contemporary

Postcolonial Novels, Supervisor Prof. Dr. Virginia Richter

09/2008-08/2010 University of Bern, English Department:

Master of Arts in Modern and Contemporary Literatures in

English (summa cum laude)

Major: Modern and Contemporary Literatures in English

Minor: Theatre and Dance Studies

09/2005-08/2008 Leiden University, English Department:

**Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Culture** (with distinction)

09/2007-08/2008

Trinity College Dublin, School of English: Harting Scholar

09/2004-08/2005 Royal Conservatoire, The Hague, Dance Department:

Training in Academic Theatre Dance

09/1996-08/2004 Royal Conservatoire, The Hague, School for Young Talent:

VWO (Voorbereidend Wetenschappelijk Onderwijs) Atheneum

(cum laude) and training in Academic Theatre Dance

09/1995-08/1996 German School Shanghai:

Primary School

09/1992-08/1995 German Swiss International School Hong Kong:

Primary School

## **Work Experience**

06/2014-12/2015 University of Bern, 08/2013-01/2014 English Department:

08/2011-06/2012 Assistant, Chair of Modern English Literature, teaching BA

seminars in literary and postcolonial studies, supervision of BA thesis, providing study counselling, administrative tasks, co-organisation of the 2012 Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of the New Literatures in English ASNEL (responsible for Research Panel for Junior Scholars and PR), editorial work ASNEL 2012 Conference Proceedings, organisation of public readings by international authors, expert for Matura (Swiss matriculation examination) subject English

Canton of Bern

03/2009-12/2010 University of Bern, English Department:

Student Assistant, Chair of Modern English Literature, literature research regarding (forthcoming) research projects and courses,

organisational support

08/2009-12/2009 University of Bern, English Department:

**Student Assistant, Chair of Literary Theory**, literature research and organisational matters regarding (forthcoming) courses and research

projects

09/2007-05/2008 Trinity College Dublin, Department of Germanic Studies:

Dutch Language Assistant, teaching Bachelor courses in Dutch

language, literature and applied geography

# Languages

German: mother tongue

English: fluent, spoken/written

Dutch: fluent, spoken/written

French fair, spoken/written

# **Awards and Grants**

02/2012-02/2015 Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF):

Research Grant for PhD Project Liminal Communities in

Contemporary Postcolonial Novels

04/2012 Peer Mentoring-Fund of the GS@IASH:

Funds granted for the implementation of the PhD/Postdoc Workshop

Performing Identities, University of Bern, 21-22 June 2012. In

collaboration with Alexandra Portmann, M.A.

12/2011 Fund for the Promotion of Young Researchers

(Nachwuchsförderungs-Projektpool) of the University of Bern

Intermediate Staff Association (Mittelbauvereinigung der Universität

Bern MVUB):

Funds granted for the implementation of the Research Panel for Junior Scholars "Under Construction: Work-in-Progress on

Anglophone Literature, History and the Demise of Empires", held in the context of the ASNEL Annual Conference at the University of Bern, 18-20 May 2012. In collaboration with Prof. Dr. Barbara

Buchenau.

06/2011 ASNEL Graduate Award 2011:

Complimentary Prize for MA Thesis *Encountering the Liminal Body, Engaging with the Self. On the Externalised Repositioning of Identity* 

in Michael Ondaatje's The English Patient and Anil's Ghost

09/2007-08/2008 Harting Scholarship:

Visiting Student and Dutch Language Assistant at Trinity College

Dublin

# Memberships

- Gesellschaft f
   ür Anglophone Postkoloniale Studien (GAPS, formerly ASNEL)
- Postcolonial Studies Association
- Swiss Association of University Teachers of English (SAUTE)
- University of Bern Intermediate Staff Association (Mittelbauvereinigung der Universität Bern MVUB)
- Graduate School at the University of Bern's Institute of Advanced Study in the Humanities and the Social Sciences (GS@IASH)

## **Publications**

- Post-Empire Imaginaries? Anglophone Literature, History, and the Demise of Empires. Eds. Barbara Buchenau and Virginia Richter, with Marijke Denger. Leiden: Brill (forthcoming).
- "Michelle de Kretser's *The Lost Dog*: History and Identity in the Metropolis of Melbourne." *Re-Inventing the Postcolonial (in the) Metropolis*. Eds. Annika Bauer and Cecile Sandten. Leiden: Brill (forthcoming).
- "Writing Animals and (their) History: Review." Figurationen 15.1 (2014): 124-26.
- "Conference Report: Postcolonial Translocations 20th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of New English Literatures (GNEL/ASNEL), University of Münster, 21-24 May 2009." With Barbara Gafner. ACOLIT 64 (July 2009): 18-20.

#### Conferences

23-24/

10/2014 A Dialogue of the Arts: The Relationship of Exterior and Interior: Descriptions

of Architecture and Interiors in Literature of Early Modern Times to the

Present

International Symposium, Institute of Art History, University of Zurich Title of Paper: "The Room Which is Another Garden": Architecture and

Interiors in Michael Ondaatje's *The English Patient*"

12-13/

09/2013 History, Postcolonialism and Tradition

3rd Biennial Conference of the Postcolonial Studies Association, Kingston

University, London

Title of Paper: ""None Other than my Ghostly Self": Redeeming (Personal)

History in Wendy Law-Yone's The Road to Wanting"

09-11/

05/2013 Re-Inventing the Postcolonial (in the) Metropolis

24th ASNEL Annual Conference, Chemnitz University of Technology

Title of Paper: "Michelle de Kretser's The Lost Dog: Forming Identity in/of the

Australian Metropolis"

18-20/

05/2012 Post-Empire Imaginaries? Anglophone Literature, History and the Demise of

**Empires** 

23rd ASNEL Annual Conference, University of Bern

Chair, Participant in Panel Debate "New Directions in the Study of Literature

and Culture after the Demise of Empires"

### **Courses Taught**

AS 2014 BA Seminar: Questions of Travel in Postcolonial Literature

AS 2013 BA Seminar: Space in Postcolonial Literature

AS 2011 BA Seminar: 'Human Beasts' from Wuthering Heights to Winnie-the-Pooh

## Other

27/04/2015 Littérature et Vagabondage/Literature and Vagabondism

Organisation and implementation of public reading by Louis-Philippe Dalembert and Wendy Law-Yone, University of Bern. In collaboration with

Dr. des. Michael Toggweiler.

09/2014- Womentoring, Interdisciplinary Mentoring Programme University of Bern

08/2015 Mentor for female MA student English and Theatre Studies, providing

support regarding prospective dissertation and academic career plans, participation in Workshop "Coaching for Mentors" of the Bern Higher

**Education Counselling Centre** 

10-15/

02/2013 Timing TransFormations

International IASH Winter School, Münchenwiler, Switzerland

Poster Presentation

21-22/

06/2012

Performing Identities
Organisation and implementation of international, interdisciplinary Workshop for PhD and Postdoc Students, University of Bern. In collaboration with Alexandra Portmann, M.A. and Dr. Katharina Wessely.