Diane L. Shoos

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Education

Ph.D. French, Ohio State University, 1986

Dissertation: *Memory and Subjectivity in the Films of Alain Resnais and Marguerite Duras*. Director: Judith Mayne

Minor: Cinema Studies

M.A. French, Ohio State University, 1977

B.A. French, Denison University, 1974 summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Professional Experience (Michigan Technological University)

Associate Professor of Visual Studies and French, Department of Humanities, 1993-present

Director of Modern Languages and Literatures, 2009-12; 1995-96; 1993-94

Director of Graduate Programs (M.S. and Ph.D.) in Rhetoric and Technical Communication, 1996-99

Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities, 1986-93

Instructor, Department of Humanities, 1984-86

Research and Teaching Interests

Film and Media Studies, Gender and Visual Media, Feminist Theory and Criticism, Domestic Violence in Media, French Cinema, French Literature and Language

Publications

Book (monograph)

Domestic Violence in Hollywood Film: Gaslighting (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017).

Book Media

BBC, Nov. 22, 2019. Extensive quotation from Domestic Violence in Hollywood Film: Gaslighting in article by Arwa Haider, "A Cultural History of Gaslighting."

Chicago Tribune, Feb. 15, 2018. Extensive quotation in column by Contact Reporter Nina Metz, "How We Talk about Domestic Violence in Movies."

Michigan Tech News, March 3, 2018. Interview conducted by Stephanie Sidortsova.

Special Journal Issues Edited

- Co-editor with Diana George of "Public Rhetoric and Activist Documentary," special issue of *Reflections: A Journal of Rhetoric, Civic Writing, and Service Learning*, vol. 12, no. 1, Fall, 2012.
- Co-editor with Diana George of "Reading the Image," special issue of *Reader: Essays in Reader-Oriented Theory, Criticism, and Pedagogy*, no. 23, Spring, 1990.

Refereed Articles

- George, Diana and **Diane Shoos.** "Public Rhetoric and Activist Documentary." Introduction to special issue of *Reflections:A Journal of Public Rhetoric, Civic Writing, and Service Learning*, vol. 12, no. 1, Summer, 2012, pp. 1-8.
- George, Diana and **Diane Shoos.** "Deflecting the Political in the Visual: Images of Execution and the Death Penalty Debate." *College English*, vol. 67, no. 6, July, 2005, pp. 579-601.
- **Shoos, Diane L.** "Representing Domestic Violence: Ambivalence and Difference in *What's Love Got to Do with It.*" *NWSA Journal*, vol. 15, no. 2, Summer, 2003, pp. 57-75.
- **Shoos, Diane L.**, Diana George, and Joseph Comprone. "*Twin Peaks* and the Look of Television: Visual Literacy in the Writing Class." *Journal of Advanced Composition*, vol. 13, no. 2, Fall, 1993, pp. 459-475.
- **Shoos, Diane L.** "The Female Subject of Popular Culture," Review essay, "Philosophy and Language," special issue of *Hypatia*, vol. 7, no. 2, Spring, 1992, pp. 215-226.
- Dieter Adolphs, Sandra Boschetto, and **Diane Shoos**. "A Nondepartmentalized Model for Intercultural Studies of Foreign Literature and Film," *Association of Departments of Foreign Languages Bulletin*, vol. 22, no. 3, Spring, 1991, pp. 20-27.
- **Shoos, Diane** and Diana George. "*Top Gun* and Postmodern Mass Culture Aesthetics." *Post Script*, vol. 9, no. 3, 1990, pp. 21-35.
- **Shoos, Diane L.** "Language and Repression in Alain Resnais' *Providence*." *Film Criticism*, vol.13, no. 3, Spring, 1989, pp. 3-12.
- **Shoos, Diane.** "Sexual Difference and Enunciation: Resnais' *Last Year at Marienbad.*" *Literature and Psychology*, special issue, "Sexuality and Cinema," vol. 34, no. 4, Fall, 1988, pp. 1-14.

Refereed Book Chapters

- **Shoos, Diane L.** Reprint of "Representing Domestic Violence: Ambivalence and Difference in What's Love Got to Do with It." Masculinity Lessons: Rethinking Men's and Women's Studies, edited by James V. Catano and Daniel A. Novak, Johns Hopkins UP, 2011, pp. 222-240.
- **Shoos, Diane L.** Reprint of "Representing Domestic Violence: Ambivalence and Difference in What's Love Got to Do with It." Being and Becoming Visible: Women, Performance, and Visual Culture, edited by Olga M. Mesropova and Stacy Weber-Fève, Johns Hopkins UP, 2010, pp. 115-133.
- George, Diana and **Diane Shoos.** "Dropping Breadcrumbs in the Intertextual Forest: Critical Literacy in a Postmodern Age." *Passions, Pedagogies, and 21st Century Technologies*, edited by Cynthia L. Selfe and Gail E. Hawisher, Utah State UP, 1999, pp. 115-126.
- George, Diana and Diane Shoos. "Issues of Subjectivity and Resistance: Cultural Studies and

Composition," *Cultural Studies in the English Classroom*, edited by James A. Berlin and Michael J. Vivion, Boynton/Cook, 1992, pp. 200-210.

Refereed Encyclopedia Entry

George, Diana and **Diane Shoos**. "Representation in Media." *Encyclopedia of English Studies and Language Arts*, edited by Alan C. Purves. Scholastic Inc. for the National Council of Teachers of English, 1994, vol. 2, pp. 1032-1035.

Non-Refereed Article

George, Diana and **Diane Shoos**. "The Culture of the Bath: Cigarette Advertising and the Representation of Leisure." *Reader*, no. 23, Spring, 1990, pp. 50-66.

Reviews of Books and Films

- **Shoos, Diane L.** Book review of *Mothering in Marginalized Contexts: Narratives of Women Who Mother in and through Domestic Violence. Journal of Mothering Initiative*, vol. 9, no.1, Summer, 2018, pp. 223-225.
- **Shoos, Diane.** Film review of *Pink Saris. Women and Language*, vol. 35, no.1, Spring, 2012, pp. 149-50.
- **Shoos, Diane.** Book review of *Domestic Violence at the Margins: Readings on Race, Class, Gender, and Culture. Women and Language*, vol. 30, no. 1, Spring, 2007, pp. 50-51.

Forthcoming Publications

Edited Book

Sotirin, Patricia, Victoria L. Bergvall, and **Diane L. Shoos** (Eds.) *Feminist Vigilance*. Includes **Section Introduction** authored by Shoos. Forthcoming Fall 2020, Palgrave Macmillan.

Book Chapter

Shoos, Diane L. "Watching with Feminist Vigilance: Domestic Violence in Popular Media." *Feminist Vigilance*, edited by Patricia J. Sotirin, Victoria L. Bergvall, and **Diane L. Shoos**. Forthcoming Fall 2020, Palgrave Macmillan.

Refereed Article

Shoos, Diane L. "Birthmothers and Adoptive Mothers Onscreen: Iconography and Ideology in Rodrigo García's *Mother and Child*." "Visualizing Kinship: Politics, Challenges, Opportunities," special issue of *Adoption and Culture*, edited by Lucy Curzon, vol. 7, no. 2, forthcoming Spring 2020.

Refereed Book Chapter (invited)

Shoos, Diane L. "Hollywood and Beyond: Re-screening Domestic Violence." **Invited chapter** *Gendered Domestic Violence and Abuse in Popular Culture*, edited by Michele Lloyd, Shulamit Ramon, and Bridget Penhale. Emerald Publishing, forthcoming Spring 2020.

Presentations

Invited Presentations

- Panelist, Panel on Domestic Violence Awareness, Michigan Tech, Houghton, Michigan, October 2019
- Keynote Address (university and public presentation), "Beyond Multiple Perspectives: Power and Enunciation in Visual Media," Virginia Tech English Graduate Student Conference, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, March 2011
- Graduate Seminar Presentation: English Department, Virginia Tech, March 2011
- Symposium Presentation: Feminist Research Methodology Symposium, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, April 2007
- Speaker and Facilitator: Screening of "Killing Us Softly 3 and The Strength to Resist: Media's Impact on Women and Girls," Women's Film Series sponsored by the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Michigan Tech, Houghton, Michigan, January 2012
- Interdisciplinary Honors Seminar Presentation: "Memory and Time in *Hiroshima mon amour*," Montana State University College of Arts and Sciences, Bozeman, Montana, March 1983

Conference Presentations

- "Feminist Vigilance, Toxic Masculinities," Roundtable with Victoria Bergvall, Laura Ellingson, Nancy Henaku, Bren Ortega Murphy, Karla Scott, Siobhan Smith, and Patty Sotirin, Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 2019
- "Re-viewing Motherhood and Domestic Violence," Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement Conference, Toronto, Canada, April 2019
- "The March, Princess Leia, and Feminist Activism," with Patricia Sotirin, Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, October 2017
- "Abused Mothers in Contemporary Hollywood Film: Dilemmas, Risks, Stakes," Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement Conference, Toronto, Canada, October 2016
- "Adoptive Motherhood in U.S. Popular Film," Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement Conference, Toronto, Canada, October 2015
- "Technologically Speaking: Voice, Body, and Desire in *Her*," Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference, Santa Clara, California, October 2014
- "Enough: The Body Politics of the Domestic Violence Film," National Women's Studies Association Conference, "Negotiating Points of Encounter," Cincinnati, Ohio, November 2013
- "All Children Smile in the Same Language': Feminist Perspectives on Transnational Adoption in the Media," National Women's Studies Association Conference, Oakland, California, November 2012
- "Adoptees, Identity, and Kinship in Contemporary Cinema," Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2012
- "Panel Organizer and Chair, "From Jerry to Juno: Pregnancy and Parenthood in Context and

- across Cultures," including Shoos paper presentation "Film Narratives of Adoption," Society for Cinema and Media Studies, Los Angeles, California, March 2010
- "Then She Found Me: Imag(in)ing Birthmothers in Contemporary Film," Feminisms and Rhetorics Conference, Michigan State University, Lansing, Michigan, October 2009
- "Domesticating Violence: Seeing Abuse in Made-for-television Movie Narratives," Thomas R. Watson Conference in Rhetoric and Composition, Louisville, Kentucky, October 2006
- "Feminist Film Studies: Engaging Diversity," Fifth Biennial Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) Conference, Houghton, Michigan, October 2005
- "Gleaning the Other: Class in Agnès Varda's *The Gleaners and I*," Fourth Biennial Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) Conference, Columbus, Ohio, October 2003
- "Rewriting Arnold: Post 911 Heroes on Film," Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 2002
- "Documentary Migrations: Genre, Technology, and the Case of *Dead Man Walking*," with Diana George, Visible Evidence IX Conference, Brisbane, Australia, December 2001
- "A Hollywood Rhetoric of Domestic Violence: The Case of *Dolores Claiborne*" Second Biannual Feminism(s) and Rhetoric(s) Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 1999
- "Martha and Ethel: In Search of a Mother," 23rd Florida State University Conference on Literature and Film, Tallahassee, Florida, January 1998
- "The Truth We See: Documentary and Docudrama as Fiction and History," with Diana George, International Conference "Global Conversations on Language and Literacy" (sponsored by National Council of Teachers of English), Heidelberg, Germany, August 1996
- "A Family Matter: Reconfiguring Domestic Violence in *What's Love Got to Do with It*," Society for Cinema Studies Conference, New York, New York, March 1995
- "Naked Lunch: The Film," Society for Humor Studies, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, October 1993
- "Gender, Violence and Performance in *La Femme Nikita*," Society for Cinema Studies Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 1993
- "Performing Gender: Authority and Transgression in *La Femme Nikita*," with Marilyn Cooper, Florida State University Conference on Literature and Film, Tallahassee, Florida, February 1993
- "Gender, Age, Race and Class and the Sociocultural Landscapes of Agnès Varda's *Vagabond*," Society for Cinema Studies Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 1992
- "The Terminator: Postmodern Hero," with Marilyn Cooper, Florida State University Conference on Literature and Film, Tallahassee, Florida, February 1992
- "Reading and Writing the Popular: *Twin Peaks* and the Composition Classroom," with Diana George, Conference on College Composition and Communication, Boston, Massachusetts, March 1991
- "Female Spectatorship and *House of Games*: Case Her/History," Society for Cinema Studies Conference, Iowa City, Iowa, April 1989
- "Language and Representation in Alain Resnais' *Providence*," Twentieth-Century Literature Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, February 1989
- "A Most Dangerous Game: Playing at War in Top Gun," with Diana George, Conference

- on The War Film: Contexts and Images, Boston, Massachusetts, March 1988 "Détruire, dit-elle: Language and Subjectivity in the Works of Marguerite Duras," Florida State Conference on Literature and Film, Tallahassee, Florida, January 1988
- Respondent, Panel on Psychoanalysis and Literature, Midwest Modern Language Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 1986
- Respondent, Panel on Feminist Film Theory, Midwest Modern Language Association Conference, Bloomington, Indiana, November 1984
- "Reality, Image, and Memory in Women's Film," National Women's Studies Association Conference, New Brunswick, New Jersey, June 1984
- "The Cinematic Apparatus and Big Daddy: Current Cinema's Insistent Female Mold," "1984: Vision and Reality," Conference on Orwell's 1984, Columbus, Ohio, May 1984

Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grants

- (Co-PI) Co-principal investigator with Dieter Adolphs and Sandra Boschetto for \$226,968 NEH grant for the project "Strengthening Foreign Language and Intercultural Study at Michigan Technological University," 1987-1990
- Accepted (unable to attend because of conflict with SCT seminar): NEH Summer Institute, "Literary and Cinematic Images of Urban and Rural France," \$3000, State University of New York, Albany, New York, June-August 1991

Applied for but not funded: NEH Fellowship for University Teachers, 1995

University and Professional Grants

- (PI) Michigan Tech Faculty Development Grant for Research, \$3000, 1996-7
- (PI) School of Criticism and Theory, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, \$1000 grant to attend the seminar "Aesthetic Fetishism: Postmodern Notions of Literature, Architecture and the Visual Arts," directed by Wendy Steiner, June-July 1991
- (PI) Ohio State University Women's Studies Grant, \$800 in support of dissertation research, 1983-84

Graduate Student Advising

Ph.D. Dissertation Chair (completed)

Lindsay Hingst, Visiting Lecturer, Department of English, Purdue University Northwest A Pedagogy of Witnessing: Linguistic and Visual Frames of the Dark Side in the Multimodal Classroom, Ph.D. dissertation, 2017

Diane Keranen, Graphic Designer

"Veteranness" and PTSD in Popular Visual Media, Ph.D. dissertation, 2014 Christine Garceau, Associate Professor of Photography, Department of Photographic Communication, Northwest College

Interrogating the Spaces of Personal Photography, Ph.D. dissertation, 2013

Shawn Apostel, Assistant Professor and Director of Design, Art, and Technology, Department of Communication, Bellarmine University

An "Army of One" to "Army Strong": Visual Media and U.S. Army Recruitment during Bush's War on Terror, Ph.D. dissertation, 2011

Jeannie Patrick, Director, Office of Research Administration, Michigan State University Not Your Mother's Latinas: Film Representations for a New Millennium, Ph.D. dissertation, 2009

Martine Danan, Assistant Dean, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center From Nationalism to Globalization: France's Challenges to Hollywood's Hegemony, Ph.D. dissertation, 1994

Ph.D. Qualifying Exams Committee Chair (in process)

April Lindala Donna Mathew

Ph.D. Qualifying Exams Committee Member (in process)

Nada Alfeir Nancy Henaku Sara Potter Lyz Renstrom Modupe Yusuf

Ph.D. Committee Member for 13 students (completed)

M.S. Thesis/Project/Coursework Paper Chair (completed)

Cynthia Delaney, "Envisioning Queer Through Digital Media: Developing a Community-Based Workshop in Media Analysis for LGBTQIA+ Youth," M.S. project, 2013

Fatimata Mohammed, "A Visual and Discourse Analysis of the Representation of Women in Ghanaian Media: The Tamale Sex Scandal as Case Study," M.S. coursework paper, 2013

Rebecca Frost, "I died the day I said I do": The Post Secret Project and Cultural Myths of Identity and Gender, M.S. thesis, 2011

Heather Tahtinen, "Examining the 'Cougar' in Contemporary Visual Media: Postfeminism, Representation, and the Myth of Feminine Power," M.S. coursework paper, 2011

Kristen Arola, Women's Online Weight Loss Narratives: Controlling Gendered Spaces, M.S. thesis, 2001

Colleen Brennan, "I Never Thought I'd Be So Happy to Be a Virgin: An Analysis of Stereotypical Representations of Female Sexuality in *Scream*," M.S. coursework paper, 1998

Justin Cannock, Textual Mutation and Narrativized Structuring: Eruption and Convention in MTV Texts, M.S. thesis, 1997

Andrea Zander, "Victor/Victoria Frankenstein," M.S. coursework paper, 1997

Pam Moravec, "Aging in America: Visual Representations in Advertising," M.S. coursework paper, 1990

Steven R. Syrja, "The Lacunes and the 'Little Places': One Rhetor's Beginnings," M.S. coursework paper, 1989

M.S. Committee Member for 18 students (completed)

Undergraduate Student Advising

Advisor, Scientific and Technical Communication, 1984-89 Advisor, First-Year Mentor Program, 1987-89

Teaching

Graduate seminars

Feminism and Visual Media

Visual Theory and Analysis

The Body in Visual Media

Race and Visual Representation

Gender and Visual Representation

Documentary Theory and Practice (team-taught)

Alternative Voices in Feminism (team-taught)

Postmodernism (team-taught)

Theories of Visual Representation

Film Theory

Undergraduate courses

Film and Media Studies

Introduction to Film (in-class and online)

Film Style and Genre

Film History and Theory

Visual Media Analysis

Advanced Film Appreciation

French Language, Literature, and Film

Francophone Cultures

Topics in French Literature and Film

Advanced Modern Language Literature and Film Seminars developed through NEH grant (team-taught with faculty in German and Spanish): Language and Power,

The Individual and Society, Technology in Literature and Film

Twentieth-Century French Literature

Survey of French Literature (17th-19th Centuries)

French I A and B

French II A and B

Transitional French

French Composition and Conversation

French Literature in Translation

Diversity Studies and English

Topics in Diversity Studies: Feminism Past, Present and Future (team-taught) Honors English

Service

Professional Service

Conference Co-organizer

with Patricia Sotirin and Victoria Bergvall, 36th Annual Conference of the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender (OSCLG), Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Michigan, October 2013

Mission Statement Committee

Women's Caucus, Society for Cinema and Media Studies, 2010

Textbook Reviewer

Looking at Movies: An Introduction to Film (Barsam & Monahan, W.W. Norton), 2012 Analyzing Movies (J. Lewis), 2011

Journal Manuscript Reviewer

Transatlantica, 2018-present

Women and Language, 2015-2017

Rocky Mountain Review of Language and Literature, 1990-92

Reader: Essays in Reader-Oriented Theory, Criticism, and Pedagogy, 1989-91

Technical Communication Quarterly, 1989

External Tenure Reviewer

Department of English, New Mexico State University, 2008

Michigan Technological University Service

Diversity Council, 2016-present

Title IX Awareness Committee, 2018-present

General Education Global Literacy Committee (appointed), 2017-present; 2011

General Education Global Literacy Assessment Group, Summer 2019; 2015-17

General Education Critical and Creative Thinking Assessment Group, Summer 2016-18

Faculty Distinguished Service Award Committee (elected), 2007-201cy, chair 2010-11

AQUIP International Experience Committee, 2009-2011

Graduate Council, 1996-1999

Harassment and Code of Conduct Committee (drafted university policy on discriminatory harassment), 1992-93

Academic Women's Caucus, 1990-1992

Faculty Development Committee, 1988-1991

International Film Series Committee, 1986-87

Michigan Technological University/Community Service

Symposium Film Coordinator

Organized screenings and co-designed and distributed publicity for film series as part of "World War I and the Copper Country Symposium," a community-wide collaboration of exhibits and events in Houghton, Michigan, June-November 11, 2018 provided free to the public, sponsored by Michigan Tech, the Carnegie Museum of the Keweenaw, and Finlandia University and funded in part through grants awarded by the Michigan Humanities Council and the Michigan Council on Arts and Community Affairs.

College of Sciences and Arts Service

Tenure, Promotion and Review Committee, Humanities Department Representative (appointed), 2010-2011

Humanities Department Service

Graduate Program

RTC Graduate Program Steering Committee, 2019-present; 2014-2016; 2005-6; 1996-1999 (Chair); 1988-1990 (helped to design and successfully propose the RTC Ph.D. program) M.S. Degree Review Committee, 2001

Film and Media Studies

Media Committee, 2009-2017, chair 2012-13

Digital Cinema Degree Committee, 2010-2012

Digital Media Search Committee, 2010-11

Emergent Media Search Committee, 2007-08

Humanities Film Series Coordinator, 1989-1993

Faculty Mentor for 5 GTAs teaching film courses

Modern Languages and Literatures

Modern Language Steering Committee, 2018-present; 2000-2011

French Minor, International Minor, and Certificate Advisor, 2000-2005; 2009-2015

Modern Language Certificate Advisory Board, 1990-20100

Modern Language Placement Coordinator, 2005-2007

French Search Committee, 2013-14, 2012, 2009-10, 1998-99, 1997-98, 1994-95, 1990-91

Spanish Search Committee, 2013-14, 1990-91

German Search Committee, 2005-06

World Cultures Coordinating Committee, 2003-05

International Programs Study Abroad Committee, 2003-04

Diversity Studies

Diversity Studies Minor Steering Committee, 2008-2011

Feminists Reading Feminists Event, Co-facilitator, 2015-2018

Diversity Studies Minor Ad-hoc Planning Committee, 2007-08

Department Governance

Department Steering Committee, 2009-2015 (last 2 yrs. elected); 2005-06

Promotion and Tenure Committee (elected), 2017-2019; 2014-2016;

2007-8 (Chair)

Performance Evaluation Committee, 2018-2019 Ad Hoc Student Credit Hour Committee (appointed), 2019 Grievance Committee (elected), 2013-2015 Charter Committee, 1992-93

Other Department Committees

Visiting Speaker Committee, 2015-2017 Communication Search Committee, 1992-93 Core Curriculum Committee, 1990-91 General Education Coordinating Committee, 1985-86 Faculty Mentor for 5 junior faculty members

Community Service

Board Chair, Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter Home for Abused Women and Children, 2006-2008; Vice-Chair, 2005-6; Board member, 1990-2008 Selection Committee, Copper Country Habitat for Humanity, 1991-1993

Professional Memberships

Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture Modern Language Association National Women's Studies Association Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender Society for Cinema and Media Studies

Languages

French (near-native)
Spanish (reading knowledge)