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Greetings, and welcome to “Clasp Hemispheres, and Homes,” our Emily Dickinson International Society Annual Meeting! Thanks to intensive collaboration between EDIS and the Emily Dickinson Museum, with the support of Amherst College and the creative and thoughtful work of the EDIS Annual Meeting Program Committee, we are looking forward to an exciting series of events over the next few days! For the last three summers, while EDIS has gathered online and in Seville, the Emily Dickinson Museum was closed. The Museum used the time to undertake a major, impeccably researched and executed restoration of the Dickinson Homestead; they also launched the first comprehensive cataloging of the Museum’s collection of over 8,000 objects. The EDIS Annual Meeting features this work. Participants will be able to tour the magnificently restored Homestead, learn about the restoration from museum staff, and view objects relating to Dickinson’s home from the Museum’s collection that have never been exhibited.

The conference theme, “Clasp Hemispheres, and Homes,” comes from Dickinson’s poem “The Sunrise runs for Both – ” (M 355, Fr765, J710). 16 panels with nearly 50 presentations will delve into the relation between Dickinson’s mental and material interiors and her expansive embrace of wider, external spheres. Special events include the screening of two recent Dickinson Opera films: Lesley Dill’s capacious *Divide Light* (2020) and Dana Kaufman’s intimate *Emily & Sue* (2022) as well as a live performance of music from the Dickinson choral opera *ADRIFT* (2023). The meeting will include special interest circles on research, pedagogy, translation, and the arts.

During this meeting, we celebrate 35 years of EDIS, which was founded in 1988 and has been an important means of promoting and sharing scholarly and creative work on Emily Dickinson. EDIS has also worked on cultivating a sense of community among all those interested in reading and learning from and about the poet. Please come to a special commemorative event Friday afternoon featuring a roundtable of Founding Members, who will share memories and reflections on the history of EDIS: a short reception will follow, providing an opportunity to express appreciation for those who built the Society and to celebrate future possibilities!

Finally, we hope you’ll attend the Members’ Meeting early Sunday morning: there will be coffee and muffins! We’ll share glimpses of future plans and projects, including the 2025 EDIS International Conference in Taiwan, the launching of our new website, and our plans to establish small special-interest “Dickinson Communities.” We’ll also share with you the results of our recent EDIS Members’ survey. I and other Board Members are eager to hear your thoughts and suggestions as well as discuss possibilities for future programming and opportunities for Member participation.

We hope you enjoy the program and feel the warmth of our collective welcome!

Eliza Richards

President, Emily Dickinson International Society

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Program Committee: Juan Carlos Calvillo, Páraic Finnerty, Eliza Richards, Karen Sánchez-Eppler, Christa Holm Vogelius, Jane Wald, and Cheryl Weaver

Thursday July 20: Emily Dickinson International Society Critical Institute

Participants: Vanessa Cook, Margaret Dryden, Isabel Evans, Kacie Fodness, Susen Halank, Gerard Holmes, Emma Horst, Eva Kerins, Victoria O'Dea, Nicole Salama, Rocío Saucedo Dimas, Mridula Sharma, Kimberly Southwick-Thompson, and Ting-An Wu

Facilitators: Renée Bergland, Ryan Cull, Páraic Finnerty, Marianne Noble, Elizabeth Petrino, and Karen Sánchez-Eppler

Exhibitions

Dickinson manuscripts and other Dickinson related materials from Amherst College Archives and Special Collections will be on exhibit on A level at the Frost Library on Thursday July 19 and Friday July 20 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

During the Open House, an exhibit of herbarium specimens will be on display in the Dickinson Conservatory and Library, featuring orchids collected in Amherst by other botanists during Dickinson's lifetime. The specimens are part of the Amherst College Herbarium, now housed within the University of Massachusetts Herbarium, which was initiated by Prof. Edward Hitchcock and substantially expanded upon by Prof. Edward Tuckerman (husband to Dickinson correspondent, Sarah Tuckerman). This exhibit is intended as a complement to Peter Grima's talk "Wild Orchids of Emily Dickinson's Herbarium."

Biographies of all participants follow the program schedule.

A map of program venues is printed on the last page.

Eduroam and Amherst Guest provide wifi access everywhere on the Amherst campus. See www.amherst.edu/offices/it/services/network/amherstguest for login information.

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Emily Dickinson International Society Annual Meeting

Friday July 21

Annual Meeting Registration available in Valentine Hall starting 8:00 Friday Morning

Friday 8:45 – 9:00 Welcome to the EDIS Annual Meeting

Valentine Hall
Lewis-Sebring

Friday 9:15 – 10:45

1. Reading Encounters
Valentine Hall, Lewis-Sebring
Chair, Marianne Noble
 - “For woman’s cause is man’s; they rise or sink / Together dwarfed or godlike”: Dickinson, Susan and Tennyson’s The Princess
Páraic Finnerty
 - “Strong Draughts of Their Refreshing Minds”: Emily Dickinson, George Eliot, and Tropes of Brook and Sea
Elizabeth Petrino
 - “I shall keep singing!": Dickinson’s Revitalization of the Melodies of Keats’s Nightingale
Yu-Hung Tien
2. Enfolding the Self in the World
Valentine Hall, Valentine Terrace
Chair, Li-hsin Hsu
 - Thinking Like the Sun with Ribbons, Bonnets, and Brooms: Emily Dickinson's My Wilderness
Barbara Mossberg
 - The Sunrise Runs for Both
Masako Nishioka
 - Folding Dickinson
Jonathan Elmer

Friday 11:00 -12:30

3. Dualities Valentine Hall, Valentine Terrace
Chair, Jonnie Guerra
- Emily Dickinson on the Brain and Other Hemispheres
Vanessa Cook
 - The Sunrise Runs for Both Dickinson and the Book of Ecclesiastes
Eleanor Linafelt and Tod Linafelt
 - “An Exchange of Territory - or World”: The Event Horizon in Emily Dickinson’s Poetics
Greg Darms
4. Slavery, Abolition, Civil War Valentine Hall, Lewis-Sebring
Chair, Eliza Richards
- The Soul Left Alone: Emily Dickinson and John Brown
Kimberley Ann Southwick-Thompson
 - “The Slave--is Gone”: The Role of Enslavement and Black Labor in Emily Dickinson’s Life and Writings
Anna Smith
 - The Intersection of Emily Dickinson’s Internal and External Wars in Fascicle 25
Ariane Cloutier
5. Interiors Chapin 101
Chair, Juan Carlos Calvillo
- Pudding, Plants, and Paradise
Gailanne Mackenzie
 - “Hostile Spaces” and the Poetic Universe: The Ecology of Home in Emily Dickinson’s Poems
Muhammad Manzur Alam
 - Emily Dickinson: Queering the Home of the Poem at Home
Nathan Spoon

Friday 12:30 – 2:00

Lunch

Valentine Hall, Lewis-Sebring

Friday 12:00 – 3:00

Dickinson manuscripts and other Dickinson related materials
on exhibit in Amherst College Archives and Special Collections
at the Frost Library

Friday 3:00 – 4:30

Valentine Hall, Lewis-Sebring

Celebrating 35 years of EDIS
Founding Board Members Roundtable

Remembering
The Dimensions
Of Possibility.
(Fr 1267A)

Opening Remarks: Eliza Richards, EDIS President

Moderator: Dan Manheim, EDIS *Bulletin* Editor

Discussants:

1. Jane Eberwein, Distinguished Professor of English, Oakland University.
2. Margaret Freeman, Professor Emerita of Los Angeles Valley College, co-director of the Myrifiend Institute for Cognition and the Arts
3. Cristanne Miller, SUNY Distinguished Professor and Edward H. Butler Professor of Literature at the University at Buffalo SUNY.
4. Barbara Mossberg, Professor of Practice, Clark Honors College of the University of Oregon
5. Vivian Pollak, Professor of English Emerita, Washington University in St. Louis.
6. Martha Nell Smith, Distinguished Scholar-Teacher, Professor of English, and Founding Director of the Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities (MITH <http://www.mith.umd.edu>) at the University of Maryland.
7. Gary Stonum, Oviatt Professor Emeritus, English Department, Case Western Reserve University

4:00 - 4:30 EDIS 35th Anniversary Reception

Friday 7:00 PM

Dickinson Opera Films at Amherst Cinema

Divide Light by Lesley Dill and Ed Robbins
and
Emily & Sue by Dana Kaufmann

Tickets distributed with registration materials.
Must have ticket for admission to Amherst Cinema, 28 Amity Street.



Divide Light Film goes beyond documenting a unique performance piece/opera: *Divide Light*. The title of the performance piece originates with poet Emily Dickinson, whose texts form the basis for all the many lyrics of this multimedia live performance.

In capturing this performance, director Ed Robbins followed the intention of doing more than simply documenting the action. The film takes as its premise that the audience's attention is selective in the live event. And yet, simultaneously we can retain a vivid sense of the whole. So rather than document the Opera he created a layered experience out of the voices of the performers, the projections of images and poems, one that is uniquely its own.

The opera *Divide Light* was conceived and created by acclaimed visual artist Lesley Dill under a Ford Foundation grant. Richard Marriott is the composer. Ms. Dill is one of the most prominent artists working at the intersections of language and fine art, with over 100 solo exhibitions. She has been honored with many awards, including a recent "Tell It Slant" lifetime achievement from the Emily Dickinson Foundation. The singers wear lavish handmade costumes, designed by Ms. Dill, that expand, unfold, unravel and transform during the performance. The eight opera trained singers of the New Camerata Opera Company perform alongside the Curiosity Cabinet Quintet.

The twelve composed pieces that form the opera follow an arc that begins in darkness, fear, and isolation and opens in the end to a wide inner world: "the ecstasy within" of the mind. The two poles of this journey arise at the start from Dickinson's "I am Afraid to Own a Body, I am Afraid to Own a Soul" and end with "Exhilaration is the key" and "Ecstasy." These are the poles Dickinson frequently vacillated between in her indelibly original use of words. With Dickinson's underlying yearning for transcendence running throughout: "To be alive—is Power—Existence—in itself—Without a further function—Omnipotence—Enough."

The music of composer Richard Marriott propels the text with his own eclectic mix of styles, blending classical, jazz and Balinese trance music to produce a driving, powerful and hypnotic experience.



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Synopsis

Emily & Sue focuses on the little-known romantic relationship between Emily Dickinson and her sister-in-law, Susan Huntington Dickinson. Emily spent much of her life in seclusion and particularly in her room, where *Emily & Sue* takes place. Letters between Emily and Sue, as well as Emily's poetry, document an intimate relationship that wasn't socially acceptable or legally recognized in 19th-century Massachusetts; the plot of *Emily & Sue* extrapolates from their correspondences.

When the piece opens, Emily sits in her room writing on the evening before her brother, Austin, and future sister-in-law Sue are to leave for their impending wedding. Suddenly, a letter from Sue slides into her room. Within it, Sue asks Emily to meet her at dawn so they can travel to the wedding together. Emily, torn between her desire to support Sue and her intense romantic love, spends the night contemplating her decision. Morning arrives and Emily despairs. Then, there's a knock at the door—it's Sue. The two have a conversation through the door. When Emily doesn't come out of her room, Sue leaves. Emily considers how her life will be from now on, and how hope can sustain her even though she cannot be with the love of her life.



Photo credit Aiden Feltkamp

Production History

Emily & Sue is an a cappella pop opera/musical from composer Dana Kaufman and librettist Aiden K. Feltkamp. The piece exists in album, live performance, and film formats.

The album was recorded in April 2022 in New York City and released by Adhyâropa Records in November 2022. Featured artists are soprano Jasmine Muhammad and the Iris Vocal Trio.

The live opera premiered in June 2022 at Amherst College, which commissioned the work for its Bicentennial Celebration. It is composed for a fixed media a cappella pop trio (Iris Vocal Trio) backtrack and a singer portraying Dickinson (Jasmine Muhammad). It was performed at OPERA America in New York City in November 2022 and Lowbrow Opera Collective in May and June 2023; Synchrony will produce it in Los Angeles in 2024.

The film version of the opera, first screened in November 2022, was directed by Ron Bashford, created in collaboration with Four/Ten Media, and filmed in Dickinson's actual room. The film has been screened at The Tank, the Howland Cultural Center, and in collaboration with the Emily Dickinson Museum.

Saturday July 22

Saturday 9:00 – 10:30

6. Emily Dickinson's Herbarium Fayerweather Hall 113
Chair, Cheryl Weaver
- Of Hemispheres and Horticulture in the Emily Dickinson Herbarium
Marta McDowell
 - "This Earthen Door" – A photographic reworking of Emily Dickinson's Herbarium
Amanda Marchand and Leah Sobsey
 - The Wild Orchids of Emily Dickinson's Herbarium
Peter Grima
7. Divide Light if You Dare – Fayerweather Hall 115
Lesley Dill and Ed Robbins in conversation with Emily Seelbinder
- They dared. Visual artist Lesley Dill dared to take her work at the intersection of language and fine art into the fullness of opera. The ephemeral performances of that opera have continued life because filmmaker Ed Robbins dared to film them. *Divide Light Opera Film* is more than a documentation of the performances: it is an operatic and cinematic immersion in Dickinson's language. How did they pull it off? Emily Seelbinder hosts a conversation with this daring duo to find out.
8. Housing Dickinson Valentine Hall, Valentine Terrace
Chair, Daniel Manheim
- Conveying Emily Dickinson's lyric "now" in the EDM "Homestead"
Melba Jensen
 - Emily Dickinson and the Poetics of Household Items
Junko Kanazawa
 - Housing Dickinson's Manuscripts
Katherine Chase
9. Dickinson's Queer-Feminist Transgressions Valentine Hall, Lewis-Sebring
Chair, Karen Sánchez-Eppler
- Living "Out of Joint" and "Out of Time": Three Modalities of Queercrip Time in Emily Dickinson's Poetry
Katie Chappell
 - Wild Nights and New England Women: Romantic Transgression in Emily Dickinson and Elizabeth Stoddard
Vera R. Foley
 - Emily Dickinson, George Sand, and Making Noise
Gerard Holmes

Saturday 10:45 -12:15

10. The Formula of Sound Fayerweather Hall 113
Chair, Cristanne Miller
- Emily Dickinson's original New England pronunciation and rhymes
Vladislav Areshka
 - "...Before they drop full Music on"
Kit Young
 - (Dis)inhabiting the house of common meter and nature: an ecological reading of
"Four Trees – upon a solitary Acre"
Rocio Saucedo Dimas
11. Daily Routines or Unknown Futures Valentine Hall, Lewis-Sebring
Chair, Ryan Cull
- "To Make Routine a Stimulus": The Value of Daily Routine in Emily Dickinson's
Writings
Irene Lopez Sánchez
 - Bustling about: Dickinson, housework and the philosophy of Jolanta
Brach-Czaina
Pola Biblis
 - Dickinson's Human and Nonhuman Futures
Magdalena Zapędowska
12. Letters and Landscapes Fayerweather Hall 115
Chair, Renée Bergland
- "The flowers of speech": an Ecocritical Reading of Emily Dickinson's Letters
Susen Halank
 - "An Exchange of Territory, or World": Dickinson to Higginson, February 1863
Judith Scholes
 - Emily Dickinson's Early Epistolarity: Convention and Creativity in Letters and
Poems From 1845-1858
Cheryl Weaver

Saturday 12:15 – 2:00	Lunch	Valentine Hall, Lewis-Sebring
Saturday 2:00 – 4:00	Tours of the restored Dickinson Homestead Emily Dickinson Museum, 280 Main Street	
Saturday 4:30 – 6:00	Guided Meadow Wildflower Walk with Peter Grima Meet at the Amherst College Tennis Courts	
Saturday 6:30	Banquet at the Emily Dickinson Museum with a performance of music from <i>ADRIFT</i> by Nightingale	



Nightingale is a Boston-based vocal ensemble dedicated to curating unique and imaginative concert experiences by performing members' original compositions, presenting varied ensemble and chamber works, and engaging in innovative collaborations. We create conceptual concert experiences with exceptional musicianship, authentic expression, and thoughtful audience engagement. We aim to address every listener in the room with holistic, eclectic performances presented as a collage of art forms. Featuring compositions from inside and outside the ensemble, our music seeks to encourage meaningful reflection on human experience.

A staged choral opera first performed at the Boston Center for the Arts in March 2023, *ADRIFT* tells a love story through the words of queer New Englander Emily Dickinson. Featuring entirely new musical settings by Nightingale resident composers, and under the direction of Angela Yam, this theatrical experience brings to life a carefully curated selection from Dickinson's nearly 2,000 poems.

Performed by Chihiro Asano, Judah Coffman, Nicholas Fahrenkrug, Benjamin Kapp Perry, Juan Suarez, and Connor Vigeant

Sunday July 23

Sunday 8:30 – 10:00

Guided Meadow Wildflower Walk with Peter Grima
Meet at the Amherst College Tennis Courts

Sunday 8:30 – 10:00

Annual Members Meeting (with coffee, tea, and muffins)
Valentine Hall, Lewis-Sebring

Sunday 10:15 – 11:15 Interest Communities

- Research Chapin 101
Páraic Finnerty & Eleanor Heginbotham facilitators
- Pedagogy Chapin 103
Cheryl Weaver & Karen Sánchez-Eppler facilitators
- Translation / International Dickinson Chapin 119
Juan Carlos Calvillo & Christa Vogelhuis facilitators
- Arts Fayerweather 113
George Boziwick facilitator

Sunday 11:30 – 1:00

13. Emily Dickinson Museum Collections Valentine Hall, Lewis-Sebring
Chair, Karen Sánchez-Eppler
 - ‘I had some things that I called mine – ’:
Caring for the Emily Dickinson Museum Collections
Megan Ramsey and Barbara Moore
14. “Find the Music” Fayerweather Hall 115
Chair, Jane Wald
 - The Red Skies Music Ensemble:
Animating Dickinson Through Research and Performance
George Boziwick and Trudy Williams
 - Composing *Emily & Sue*
Dana Kaufman and Ron Bashford
 - Nightingale’s *ADRIFT*
Benjamin Kapp Perry

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Participants**

Muhammad Manzur Alam

Dr. Muhammad Manzur Alam is an Assistant Professor of English at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas. He earned a Ph.D. in Literary and Cultural Studies from West Virginia University in 2022. His doctoral dissertation focuses on the representation of material rifts in South Asian Anglophone fiction and examines how colonial and capitalist interventions disintegrate postcolonial environments. His research interests lie in the areas of ecocriticism, South Asian Anglophone literature, and world literature. He has made conference presentations and publications on South Asian literature, political discourses, ecocriticism, and the Indo-Caribbean writer V.S. Naipaul.

Vladislav Areshka

I am a PhD candidate in American literature at the University of Portsmouth (United Kingdom). My research focuses on Anglo-American poetry, historical linguistics, and stylistics. I am currently working on the project regarding Emily Dickinson's original pronunciation, whose preliminary findings are presented at the American Literature Association conference in Boston in May 2023. Previously, I received my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in European and American languages and literatures at the University of Rome "Tor Vergata" (Italy), and undertook creative work with several local cultural associations.

Chihiro Asano

Mezzo-Soprano Chihiro Asano from Tokyo, Japan, graduated with her Master of Music in Vocal Pedagogy from NEC in 2022. Her staged performances include opera, chamber works, and contemporary experimental music. Most recently, Chihiro was seen playing Ms. Gross in Benjamin Britten's *Turn of the screw* and Hiroko Watanabe in Jack Perla's *An American Dream*. In addition to performance, Chihiro is also passionate about teaching and voice science. In August 2021, she presented her research on the Japanese female voice in Anime at the Pan American Vocology Association (PAVA) Conference.

Ron Bashford

Ron Bashford directed the live theater premiere of *Emily & Sue* in June of 2022 in Amherst, just before filming the work at the Emily Dickinson Museum. Bashford has also directed the Sawyer/Erdman opera *The Scarlet Professor* in 2017, and also their musical, *My Evil Twin*, which performs at the Toronto Fringe Festival this summer. Currently, Sawyer and Bashford are collaborating on a new opera, *The Onion*. Bashford has directed more than 90 productions of plays, musicals, opera, and multimedia works at regional theater companies, and at NYC venues such as Carnegie Hall, The Joyce Soho, The Knitting Factory, and Joe's Pub at The Public Theater. He teaches at Amherst College.

Renée Bergland

Renée Bergland is a professor of Literature & Writing at Simmons University in Boston. Her next book, *Natural Magic: Emily Dickinson, Charles Darwin, and the Dawn of Modern Science*, will come out from Princeton University Press in Spring 2024.

Pola Biblis

Pola Biblis is a Polish and Comparative Literature undergraduate student in the Inter-Faculty Individual Studies in the Humanities at Jagiellonian University. Her BA thesis examines the image of George Sand in poems by Elizabeth Barrett-Browning and Isa Blagden. Her interests include 19th-century women's writing, Polish and Anglo-American literature, gender studies, postcolonialism, and translation.

George Boziwick

George Boziwick is a musicologist, music librarian, composer, and performer. His thirty-one years with The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts included eleven years as Chief of the Music Division. As a composer, his *Magnificat* is published by C.F. Peters, and his music has been recorded on the Opus One and other labels. George Boziwick and Trudy Williams co-founded The Red Skies Music Ensemble. Since 2012, they co-authored and co-produced seven performance programs on various aspects of Dickinson and music. George contributed articles on Dickinson and music to the *Journal of the Society for American Music* (2014), and the *Emily Dickinson Journal* (2016). His book, *Emily Dickinson's Music Book and the Musical Life of An American Poet*, is published by the University of Massachusetts Press (2022). George currently serves on the Board of the Emily Dickinson International Society. www.georgeboziwick.com

Juan Carlos Calvillo

Juan Carlos Calvillo is a Mexican poet-translator and scholar. He is Professor of Translation at the Center for Literature and Linguistics, The College of Mexico, but previously held teaching positions at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), where he taught poetry, Shakespeare, and 19th-century literature. He has published a number of essays and scholarly articles in peer-reviewed journals, including *The Emily Dickinson Journal*. On or by Emily Dickinson he has published two books: *Emily Dickinson. A Study of Poetry in Spanish Translation* (2020) and *The Wheels of Birds* (2020), the first Spanish translation of the envelope poems and other fragments. He also serves on the Board of the Mexican Literary Translators Association (Ametli) and as Editorial Secretary of The College of Mexico's main review, *Otros Diálogos*. His forthcoming book is entitled *Dickinson in Our Tongue*.

Katie Chappell

Having received their master's degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder, Katie Chappell (she/they) is a PhD candidate at the University of California, Davis, researching queer and trans poetics as well as disability studies. They plan to write their dissertation on representations of gender and sexuality in the temporal and spatial liminality of four women's poetry, including Emily Dickinson.

Katherine A. Chase (nee Humes)

Katherine received her MA in English Literature from New York University and is an independent scholar studying visual poetics, feminist poetics, and female writers of the Renaissance. She teaches middle school ELA and writing and writes nonfiction essays and

poetry. Her nonfiction essays have been published online and a piece of hers on visual poetics and Dickinson was featured in the Spring 2021 Emily Dickinson International Society Bulletin. She recently participated in the 2022 Dickinson Critical Institute in Seville, Spain.

Ariane Cloutier

Ariane Cloutier graduated from Southern Connecticut State University with a Master's degree in English in May 2023. In her final year of graduate school, she completed a thesis on Emily Dickinson's Fascicle 25. In this work, she has examined the themes of Dickinson's tensions with religion and the impact of the War Between the States which defined Dickinson's life and poetry.

Judah Coffman

Praised for his "deeply expressive singing" (Cleveland Classical), Judah Coffman, Soprano and Early String Player, has performed a variety of repertoire from the Middle Ages to the present. Now based in Boston, Judah has appeared with The Boston Camerata, The Thirteen, The New York Philharmonic, Apollo's Fire, Schola Cantorum Boston, Les Délices, and the Ashmont Bach Project, among other ensembles. Judah recently graduated from Case Western Reserve University's Historical Performance program, where his dissertation received the Adel Heinrich Award for Excellence in Musicological Research.

Vanessa E. Cook

Vanessa E. Cook is currently completing her doctoral dissertation, which explores and situates Emily Dickinson's poetry in the context of nineteenth-century Anglophone psychological discourse. A dual citizen of Britain and Germany, she is a non-resident PhD candidate at University College London and lives in Berlin. She holds a M.A. in English Literature from Cambridge University and a M. St. in Women's Studies from Oxford University.

Ryan Cull

Ryan Cull is Associate Professor of English at New Mexico State University. He has published in *Nineteenth-Century Literature*, *Criticism*, the *Emily Dickinson Journal*, *MELUS: Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States*, and other journals. He is completing revisions on a book, *Unlimited Eligibility?: Inclusive Democracy and the American Lyric*, and is editor of the *Emily Dickinson Journal*.

Greg Darms

Greg Darms is a retired middle school teacher of English, Creative Writing and Science. He has been an active participant in the monthly discussion group of the Amherst Chapter of EDIS since moving here in 2018. His paper "Certain Uncertainties: Speculative Readings of Emily Dickinson's 'This World is not conclusion'" was published in 2019 and translated into Russian in the St. Petersburg literary and cultural journal, "Apraksin Blues." He lives in Shutesbury, near Amherst, where he enjoys "The Hills in Purple / syllables."

Lesley Dill

Lesley Dill is an American artist working at the intersection of language and fine art in sculpture, printmaking, installation and performance, exploring the power of words to cloak and reveal the psyche. Dill transforms the emotions of the writings of Emily Dickinson, Salvador Espriu, Tom Sleight, Franz Kafka, and Rainer Maria Rilke into works of paper, wire, horsehair, foil, bronze and

music—works that awaken the viewer to the physical intimacy and power of language itself. Dill's artworks are in the collections of over fifty museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art New York, and the Whitney Museum of American Art. She has had over 100 solo exhibitions. She lives and works in Brooklyn, New York. She is represented by Nohra Haime Gallery in New York City and Arthur Roger Gallery in New Orleans, LA.

Margaret Dryden

Maggie Dryden is a first-year doctoral student in the English Department at Emory University. She studies nineteenth- and twentieth-century American literature, focusing mostly on poetry written by women. Her recent work has focused on the late poetry of Emily Dickinson and how her late compositional processes are revealing of her poetics at large. Responding to Susan Howe's call to "ask what form for the form," Maggie considers how textual studies and digital humanities methodologies can aid in the collection and curation of Dickinson's poems.

Jane Donahue Eberwein

Jane Donahue Eberwein is Distinguished Professor of English at Oakland University. She is the author of *Dickinson: Strategies of Limitation* and articles on American writers from Anne Bradstreet through Robert Frost. She is the editor of *Early American Poetry: Bradstreet, Taylor, Dwight, Freneau, and Bryant* and *An Emily Dickinson Encyclopedia*, and co-editor of *Reading Emily Dickinson's Letters: Critical Essays* (with Cindy MacKenzie) and *Dickinson in Her Own Time* (with Stephanie Farrar and Cristanne Miller). A founding member of the Emily Dickinson International Society and longtime member of the *Emily Dickinson Journal* editorial board, Professor Eberwein has also served on the editorial boards of *Early American Literature* and *Studies in Puritan American Spirituality*.

Jonathan Elmer

Jonathan Elmer is Professor of English at Indiana University. He is author of *Graphic and Atmospheric: what re-mediations of Poe tell us about modern aesthetics* (forthcoming), *On Lingering and Being Last: Race and Sovereignty in the New World* (Fordham) and *Reading at the Social Limit: Affect, Mass Culture, and Edgar Allan Poe* (Stanford). He has published essays on figures ranging from Richard Wright and Mary Shelley to Niklas Luhmann, Jacques Lacan, and Jeffrey "the Dude" Lebowski.

Isabel Evans

Isabel Evans (she/her) will graduate with a dual BA in English and BA in Environmental Analysis (Policy Emphasis) from Scripps College in Claremont, California in May 2023. She first encountered Emily Dickinson's manuscript for the Vanderbilt variant of the "Further in Summer in the Birds" while working as the Student Staff Chair at Ella Strong Denison Library, the special collections library at Scripps College, and originally presented a version of this paper for her senior thesis in English. In the fall, Isabel will be pursuing an MA in Library and Information Studies at University College London.

Nick Fahrenkrug

Baritone Nick Fahrenkrug, lauded for his supple sound in concert and expressive story-telling on stage, has recently been awarded an Acknowledgement for Artistic Achievement for his guerilla-style art film "Dichterliebe: Within and Without" from The American Prize. Nick

recently graduated from Louisiana State University where he received a M.M. degree in Vocal Performance, and co-founded the Apollo Duo with pianist Eleonora Apostolidi. Since moving to Boston, he has appeared with Nightingale Vocal Ensemble, and the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra. Learn more about his recent and future engagements at nickfahrenheit.com.

Páraic Finnerty

Páraic Finnerty is Reader in English and American Literature at the University of Portsmouth. He is the author of *Emily Dickinson's Shakespeare* (2006) and co-author of *Victorian Celebrity Culture and Tennyson's Circle* (2013). His next book, *Dickinson and her British Contemporaries: Victorian Poetry in Nineteenth-Century America*, will connect Dickinson with her transatlantic contemporaries.

Kacie Fodness

Kacie Fodness is a PhD candidate specializing in American literature at the University of South Dakota (Vermillion, SD). She plans to graduate in Fall 2023. Kacie's research considers the poetics of possibility, conclusion, and unfinished forms in the long nineteenth-century. Her dissertation, titled "Unfinished American Writing," explores how Emily Dickinson, Edith Wharton, and Walt Whitman challenge the requirements for closure in the text and how the practice of unfinished writing creates new conditions for readerly participation.

Vera R. Foley

Vera R. Foley is a visiting assistant professor of early American literature at Gustavus Adolphus College, where she teaches courses covering American women, the Atlantic World, and environmental literature. She earned her doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a focus on American women writers of the Civil War and Reconstruction eras and has recent publications in *Legacy* and *Western American Literature*. Her current research explores nineteenth-century American women's literary responses to Victorian bestseller Jane Eyre.

Margaret H. Freeman

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Dana Kaufman

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Cheryl Weaver's scholarly interests include nineteenth-century American literature, epistolary fictions, and the pragmatics of postal delivery and postal history. She received the 2022 Emily Dickinson International Society Graduate Fellowship in support of research related to her dissertation "Emily Dickinson's Epistolary Network: The Influence of Nineteenth-Century Conventions, Education, and Postal Practice on Her Letters and Poems." Most recently she presented papers on Margaret Fuller's international postal use at the 2022 Thoreau Gathering and "Postal Horizons: The British Postal Service in Richardson's Pamela and Haywood's Anti-Pamela" at the 2022 Epistolary Research Network Conference.

Trudy Williams

Trudy Williams, PhD is the Artistic Director of The Red Skies Music Ensemble (RSME), which she co-founded with George Boziwick. Since 2012, Trudy and George have co-authored and co-produced seven performance programs on various aspects of Dickinson and music. Trudy presented her RSME model for bringing humanities and musicological research to the stage at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Public History in 2017. She is a recipient of the American Antiquarian Society Visiting Fellowship for Historical Research by Creative and Performing Artists and Writers (2019) for her RSME performance program *Complex Harmony: Music, Walt Whitman, and the Railroads*. Trudy plays acoustic-electric bass in a variety of styles and settings and is a member of the Fiddle Orchestra of Western Massachusetts. www.theredskiesmusicensemble.com

Ting-An Wu

Ting-An Wu is currently a Master Student at National Chengchi University, Taiwan. Her research interest lies in Romanticism and Emily Dickinson's poetry. Her recent project, supervised by Dr. Li-Hsin Hsu, explores the thingness in Dickinson's poetry from the perspective of absence, with a particular focus on thingness and the idea of mourning. Ting-An has recently participated in many conferences and round table discussion about poetry, including the British Association for Romantic Studies (BARS). She also works as a teaching assistant in the introduction to western literature course in National Chengchi University, and teaches debate and philosophy in National Taiwan University.

Kit Young

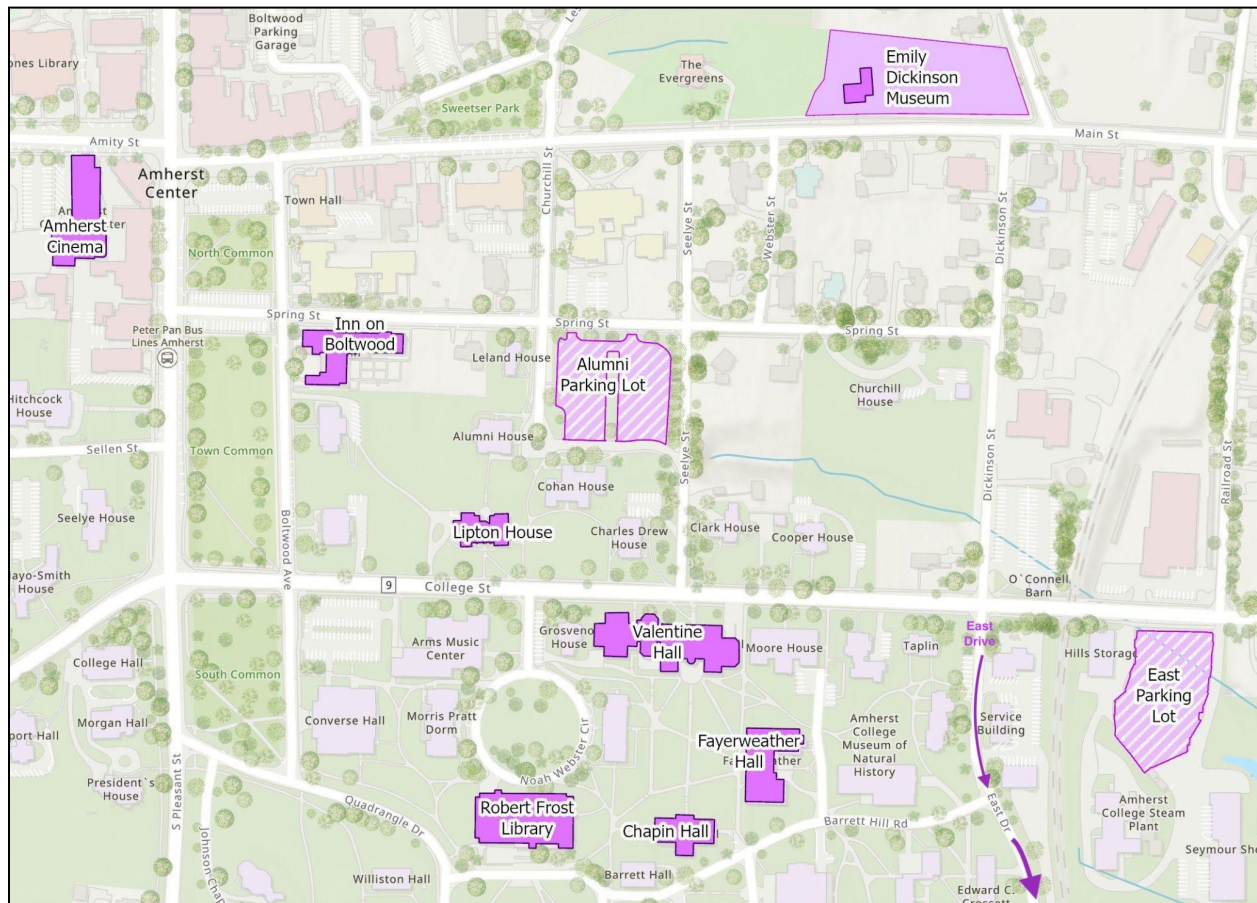
As a pianist/improviser/composer, Kit Young continues to find a synergy of ecologies throughout Dickinson's poems embracing sound and music. Ms. Young devised a libretto "What Miss Dickinson Heard - and Didn't" for an improvised chamber opera performed at the EDIS Asilomar Conference in 2019. Collaborating in 2022 with George Boziwick, she recorded repertoire on 19th century square pianos for his book, "Emily Dickinson's Music Book and the Musical Life of an American Poet". From 1991 to 2011, Ms. Young was resident in Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar and China performing with colleagues from those countries, on faculty at various universities. In 2003, she co-founded Gitameit Music Institute, continues to compose,

perform and study Burmese Sandaya (Burmese music on the western piano). She lives in Washington, DC.

Magdalena Zapędowska

Magdalena Zapędowska [za-pen-doff-ska] (she/her) is a lecturer in English language and literature at Smith College. Her essays have appeared in *J19*, *ESQ*, *Women's Studies*, *the Emily Dickinson Journal*, *Emily Dickinson in Context*, and Polish journals and edited collections. She was the 2004 Fraser Fallon Scholar in Amherst. Zapędowska's book project, "Forms of Black Future: Speculative Thinking in African American Poetry and Print Culture in the Long Nineteenth Century," examines how Black poets mobilized literary genre and the materiality of print to see the future in the present. She currently serves as an at-large member of the C19 executive committee.

EDIS Annual Meeting Map



Wildflower walks start down East Drive.

- Parking available in the marked Alumni and East parking lots
- Dickinson manuscripts are on exhibit at the Frost Library
- Registration, Lunches, the EDIS Board Meeting, the Annual Meeting, and the Celebrating 35 Years of EDIS event all take place in Valentine Hall
- Annual Meeting panel presentations are in Chapin, Valentine and Fayerweather Halls
- Critical Institute Sessions and Research Circles use seminar rooms in Chapin, Valentine, and Fayerweather Halls.
- Wildflower walks leave from the tennis court parking lot at the southeast corner of the Amherst College campus at the end of East Drive
- The Friday Night Screening is at Amherst Cinema
- Saturday Banquet/Picnic and Homestead tours are at the Emily Dickinson Museum
- Dorm rooms for graduate students, international scholars, and Critical Institute participants are in Lipton House

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