

# ELIZABETH H. APPLE

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## EDUCATION

### Duke University

Ph.D., English, *in progress*  
Certificate in College Teaching, *in progress*

August 2021 –

### Vanderbilt University

M.Div.

2021

### Middlebury College

B.A., English, *magna cum laude*  
Minors: French; Creative Writing

2018

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

American literature of the long nineteenth century; health humanities; science studies; religion and literature; postsecular studies; witch studies

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

Apple, Elizabeth. "Narrative Exposures: Reading Immunity in Cotton Mather's Smallpox Writings." *The New England Quarterly* (in press, June 2026).

Apple, Elizabeth. "'I Hold Another Creed': Reading Helen Burns' Resistant Theology in *Jane Eyre*." *Nineteenth-Century Contexts*, 47.2 (2025): 117–133.

### Forum Essay (Peer-Reviewed)

Apple, Elizabeth. "'Where the mind is unfettered by religious dogmas': Reading Secularism in Noah Webster's *Letters on Yellow Fever*." *Advances in Nineteenth-Century Research* (in press, June 2026).

### Public-Facing Writing

Apple, Elizabeth, and Priscilla Wald. "Who Are We Now? Genetics, Genomics, and the Question of the Human." ELSIhub Collections, February 10, 2022.

[elsihub.org/collection/who-are-we-now-genetics-genomics-and-question-human](https://elsihub.org/collection/who-are-we-now-genetics-genomics-and-question-human)

Apple, Elizabeth. "By the Witness of the Martyrs." *The Bitter Southerner*, May 7, 2020.

[bittersoutherner.com/southern-perspective/2020/by-the-witness-of-the-martyrs-memphis-tennessee](https://bittersoutherner.com/southern-perspective/2020/by-the-witness-of-the-martyrs-memphis-tennessee)

## TEACHING AND TEACHING-RELATED EXPERIENCE

### Duke University

Instructor of Record: Women, Witchcraft, and Medicine in Early American Lit	Fall 2025
Instructor of Record: English Department Pedagogy Workshop	2025-2026
Instructor of Record: Literature and Medicine	Fall 2024
Graduate Distinction Thesis Advisor	Spring 2026
Teaching Assistant: Masterpieces of World Literature, Prof. Strandberg	Spring 2026
Teaching Assistant: American Crime, Prof. D'Alessandro	Fall 2025
Project Manager: Duke Initiative for Science & Society	Summer 2024
Teaching Assistant: American Movies, Profs. Black and Torgovnick	Spring 2024
Writing Studio Consultant: Thompson Writing Program	Fall 2023
Teaching Associate: Academic Writing, Prof. VanSant	Summer 2023
Teaching Fellow: Talking About Climate Change, Profs. Bernhardt & Wirzba	Fall 2022
Teaching Apprentice: The Environment in Lit, Law, & Science, Prof. Wald	Fall 2022
Teaching Apprentice: The Art of Reading, Prof. Ferraro	Spring 2022

## SELECTED RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Julian Price Fellowship in Humanities and History, Duke University Equivalent to an annual stipend with an additional \$5,000 budget for research	2026
Conference Travel Award, Society of Early Americanists	2025
Dissertation Research Travel Award, Duke University	2024
W. Kendrick Grobel Award, Vanderbilt University Award for outstanding achievement in Biblical Studies	2021
Elliot F. Shepard Prize, Vanderbilt University Award for outstanding work in History	2021
Brandon Honor Award, Vanderbilt University Full tuition award for superior academic records and professional promise	2018-2021
Henry B. Prickett Prize, Middlebury College Award for outstanding achievement in the English department	2018

## SELECTED TEACHING HONORS AND AWARDS

Dean's Recognition, Top 5% of Course Evaluations Across Trinity College of Arts & Sciences, Duke University	2026
Stephen J. Horne Award for Excellence in Teaching, Duke University Awarded on the basis of student nominations	2025

Advance Higher Education Fellow  
Professional recognition for teaching excellence

2026

Preparing Future Faculty Fellow, Duke University

2025-2026

## PRESENTATIONS

### Conference Presentations

“Praying in the Lab!?: Influenza, Literature, and Original Sin,” Health Humanities Consortium Conference, Indianapolis, IN, April 2026

“Begotten of the rotten flesh?: Exhuming Bodies in Charles Averill’s *The Cholera-Fiend*,” Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists Biennial Conference, Cincinnati, OH, March 2026

“A Strong Physic?: Medicine, Witchcraft, and the Body in Kathleen Kent’s *The Heretic’s Daughter*,” Society for the Study of American Women Writers Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2025

“An Epidemic Constitution?: Public Health, Faith, and the Body in the Yellow Fever Writings of Noah Webster and Charles Brockden Brown,” Charles Brockden Brown Society Conference, Boston, MA, October 2025

“Cotton Mather’s Reproductive Bodies: Political Theology Through the Ages,” Society of Early Americanists Conference, South Bend, IN, June 2025

“Dateless, indefinite endurance?: Melville at ‘The End’” Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists Biennial Conference, Pasadena, CA, March 2024

“A Moveable Public: Sentimental Fiction, Enslavement Narrative, and Social Reform,” Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies Conference, Knoxville, TN, April 2023

“The Rehabilitation of Cain in Baudelaire’s Poetry,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 2021

### Invited Presentations

“Close Reading Epidemiology: Influenza, Tomas Francis Jr., and the ‘Doctrine of Original Antigenic Sin,’” *Duke Medical Ethics Journal*, Duke University, Durham, NC, February 2025

“Porous Bodies in Milton’s *Samson Agonistes*,” Reception History Colloquium, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, April 2023

“Biblical Intertextuality in Baudelaire’s Poetry,” Reception History Colloquium, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, February 2022

## EXPERIENCE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

## Duke University Service

Consultant for Duke Pre-Health Advising	2026
Editorial Assistant for the journal <i>American Literature</i>	2024-
Duke-UNC Americanist Speaker Series Coordinator	2022
Writing Consultant for <a href="#">BOOST Beyond</a>	2022-
Research Assistant for Prof. Priscilla Wald	2022-
Assistant, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Science & Cultural Theory	2022-2023
Publication Assistant, <i>NOVEL: a Forum on Fiction</i>	2022

## Tennessee Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition

Community Organizer	2020-2021
Lead Canvasser	2018-2020

## LANGUAGES

Proficient in French  
Classical Hebrew and Greek

## REFERENCES

References available upon request