

Elliot Frank

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Research interests

20th century American literature, sociology of literature, Latin American literature, Caribbean literature

Education

Rutgers University

New Brunswick, New Jersey

PhD in English (*in progress*)

Aug 2022 - present

Supervisor: Andrew Goldstone

Dissertation: "Commitment and Autonomy in the Literature of the Americas"

UNAM-CEPE

Mexico City, Mexico

Spanish intensive, level 7 of 8

July 2024- August 2024

University of Maryland

College Park, Maryland

BA in English, BS in Mathematics *cum laude*

Aug 2014 - May 2018

Supervisor: Mary Helen Washington

Thesis: Black Nature in Yusef Komunyakaa's *Magic City*

Research abroad

Instituto Tepoztlán in Morelos, Mexico

Mentors: Mario Rufer and Araceli Masterson-Algar

July 2025

Responded to four papers in English and Spanish on Latin American literature and social movements. Participated in multiple days of group discussion on shared reading list with scholars from across Latin America.

Fulbright Summer Institute at the University of Bristol, UK

Mentors: Cassandra Newland and Mark Horton

June 2016

Conducted archival research, archaeological excavation, and architectural inquiry to study how Bristol, UK's development and built environment are intertwined with the slave trade and British imperialism. Presented to colleagues and professors an original talk on the abolitionist Thomas Clarkson's practice of collecting artifacts and evidence of the slave trade.

Public-facing writing

On Solidarity and Poetry

Review of Roque Dalton's *Stories and Poems of a Class Struggle*
Full Stop, 2023.

How Wall Street Trapped American Cities

Review of Destin Jenkin's *The Bonds of Inequality*
Rampant Magazine, 2021.

Reflection and Refraction in "The Hard Crowd"

Review of Rachel Kushner's *The Hard Crowd*
Chicago Review of Books, 2021.

Public engagement	coLAB Arts Documenters Program	May 2025 - Sept 2025
	Public Humanities Intern	
	Interned for a local nonprofit, coLAB Arts, in collaboration with the Rutgers Public Humanities Initiative. Developed two research reports about the right to observe local government meetings and homelessness in Middlesex County. Attended and published notes on 5 local government meetings. Presented to Rutgers professors about challenges of local journalism in New Brunswick, NJ.	
	New Labor	September 2022 – September 2023
	English Instructor	
	Assisted classes for adults learning English as a second language in the New Brunswick area. Developed grammar lessons, practiced pronunciation, and participated in role-playing exercises.	
	Chicago Tenants Movement	October 2020 – May 2022
	Tenant Organizer	
	Informed tenants in Chicago of their legal rights to safe housing. Strategized with tenants to help them organize meetings, petitions, canvassing events, delegations, and press conferences to defend their housing.	
Teaching experience	College Writing instructor, Rutgers	Sept 2023 - present
	Teach incoming freshmen English language composition in diverse nonfiction genres, and provide them personalized writing guidance across multiple writing projects.	
	ACT/SAT Teacher, Academic Approach	October 2019 - October 2020
Work experience	Taught weekly SAT and ACT classes to groups of 10-25 students of differing abilities and academic backgrounds.	
	Booli Project	Houston, TX (remote)
	Full-stack Developer	April 2021 - Aug 2022
	20C	Madison, WI (remote)
	Back-end Developer	May 2020 - April 2021
	Cogo Labs	Cambridge, MA
	Data Analyst	July 2018 - May 2019
Skills	Languages	Programming
	Spanish (C1)	Python, Javascript, HTML, CSS