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I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name and Title

Name: Dr. Gabriel L. Duckels Title: Assistant Professor

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
PHD	2023	University of Cambridge	Education	
MA	2019	University of Cambridge	Education	

C. University Experience

Position	*University*	*Dates*
Assistant Professor of Children's and Young Adult Literature, Department of English	Texas State University	2024 - Present
Early Career Research Fellow	Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge	2023 - 2024
Visiting Lecturer	Anglia Ruskin University	2023 - 2024
Study Skills Advisor	Homerton College, University of Cambridge	2022 - 2024
Visiting Lecturer	University of Roehampton	2022 - 2023
Teaching Assistant	University of Cambridge	2020 - 2023
Research Assistant, DIALLS Project	University of Cambridge	2018 - 2019

II. TEACHING

B. Courses Taught:

Texas State University:

ENG 3301 - CRITICAL APPROACHES FOR MAJORS

ENG 3385 - CHILDRENS LIT

ENG 4385 - ADV CHILDREN'S/ADOLESCENT LIT

ENG 5388 - STUD IN LIT FOR CH

ENG 5399A - THESIS

ENG 5399B - THESIS

Anglia Ruskin University:

Theorizing Children's Literature

Theorizing Children's Literature

University of Cambridge:

Literature and Culture

Research Pathways

Study Skills

University of Roehampton:

Children's Literature and Childhood Literacy

Unversity of Cambridge:

Compulsory Dissertation

C. Directed Student Learning (i.e. theses, dissertations, exit committees, etc.):

Master's Thesis, "Gender in The Chronicles of Narnia", Status: In Progress. (December 2022 - Present). English, Texas State University.
Student(s): Sarah Venables, Graduate, MA Lit.

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

A. Works in Print (including works accepted, forthcoming, in press):

1. Books:

a. Scholarly Monographs:

Non-refereed:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard, and David Levithan. *Fight of Our Lives: AIDS in America*. Random House, n.d.

d. Chapters in Books:

Refereed:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "AIDS, innocence, and the antisocial subject in queer biographical children's picturebooks: a case study on Keith Haring." In *Reading LGBTQ+ Children's Picture Books*, 2025.

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "Sentimentality and Sensation." In *Cambridge History of Children's Literature*. Cambridge University Press, n.d.

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "Emergency Children's Literature: Some Observations on Pandemic Picture Books." In *Alt Kid Lit: What Children's Literature Might Be*. 99–113. University Press of Mississippi, 2024.

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard, and Amy Ryder. "Emergency children's literature about COVID-19 in the United Kingdom." In *COVID-19 and Education in the Global North: Storytelling as Alternative Pedagogies*. 137–161. Palgrave, 2022.

2. Articles:

a. Refereed Journal Articles:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "Queer Youth in Trouble: Gender Insubordination and HIV/AIDS in the New Gay Young Adult Novel." *The Lion and the Unicorn* (n.d.).

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "Young Adult Novels, AIDS Pedagogy, and Queer History: Reevaluating Night Kites by M. E. Kerr." *Minnesota Review* 2025.104 (n.d.): 141–151.

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "AIDS Melodrama Now: Queer Tears in It's a Sin and Pose." *European Journal of Cultural Studies* 26.1 (2023).

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "From heterosexualisation to memorialization: queer history and heterosexuality in Young Adult literature about the AIDS crisis." *Mortality* 26.4 (2021): 424–438.

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "Melodrama and the Memory of AIDS in American Queer Young Adult Literature." *Children's Literature Association Quarterly* 46.3 (2021): 304–324. Available: https://muse.jhu.edu/article/840217. https://muse.jhu.edu/article/840217

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "Popular music and AIDS Crisis Revisitation in Young Adult novels." *Journal of Historical Fictions* 4.1 (2021). Available: http://historicalfictionsjournal.org/pdf/JHF%202022-004.pdf. http://historicalfictionsjournal.org/pdf/JHF%202022-004.pdf

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard, and Jaques Zoe. "Visualizing the Voiceless and Seeing the Unspeakable: Understanding International Wordless Picturebooks about Refugees." *Jeunesse* 11.2 (2019): 124–150.

b. Non-refereed Articles:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard, and Nicol Hilton. "Editors' Introduction." *International Journal of Young Adult Literature* 3.1 (2022). Available: https://ijyal.ac.uk/9/volume/3/issue/1/. https://ijyal.ac.uk/9/volume/3/issue/1/

3. Conference Proceedings:

b. Non-refereed:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "How to have children's literature in a pandemic." In *Rainbows in Our Windows: Childhood in the Time of Corona*, 2021.

5. Reports:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "Bibliography of Cultural Texts." In *DIALLS Project*, 2018. Available: https://dialls2020.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Bibliography-of-Cultural-Texts.pdf. https://dialls2020.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Bibliography-of-Cultural-Texts.pdf

6. Book Reviews:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "Review of The Transformative Potential of LGBTQ+ Children's Picture Books." *Children & Society*, 2022.

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "Review of Meidän piti lähteä, by Sanna Pelliccioni." *Migration Studies*, 2021.

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "Review of Queer Anxieties of Young Adult Literature and Culture", 2021.

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "Review of Beyond the Blockbusters: Themes and Trends in Contemporary Young Adult Fiction." *International Journal of Young Adult Literature*, 2020.

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. "Review of Literary Studies Deconstructed: A Polemic." *International Research in Children's Literature*, 2020.

10. Other Works in Print:

Encyclopedia Entries:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. “Philadelphia.” In *The Encyclopedia of LGBTQIA+ Portrayals in American Film*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2023.

Magazine / Trade Publications:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. “The First Young Adult Novels about AIDS in America.” *The Book Collector*, 2022.

Other:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard, and Nicol Hilton, eds. *Special Issue: Let’s Talk about Sex in Young Adult Literature*. *International Journal of Young Adult Literature*. Vol. 3. 1st ed., 2022. Available: https://ijyal.ac.uk/9/volume/3/issue/1. https://ijyal.ac.uk/9/volume/3/issue/1

B. Works Not in Print:

3. Consultancies:

Academic, HarperCollins. (2023 - Present).

5. Other Works not in Print:

a. Works "submitted" or "under review":

Book Reviews:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. “Male Homosexuality in Children’s Literature, 1867–1918 (The Young Uranians).” *Victorian Studies*, n.d. (September 2025)

b. Works "in progress":

Books:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. *Children’s Classics, Critically: Heartstopper*, n.d.

I am co-editors:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard et al., eds. *Fight of Our Lives: A Youth History of AIDS and Activism in America (British Edition)*, n.d.

C. Scholarly / Creative Grants and Contracts:

1. Funded External Grants and Contracts:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. Bibliographical Society Minor Grant, Other, $750.00. (Funded: 2023). Grant.

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. International Youth Library Fellowship, Other, $5,000.00. (Funded: 2022). Sponsored Research.

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. Antiquarian Booksellers Association Bursary, University of London, $500.00. (Funded: 2021). Grant.

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. Hannah Beiter Graduate Student Research Grant, Other, $1,000.00. (Funded: 2021). Grant.

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. Let's Talk about Sex in Young Adult Literature, University of Cambridge, Other, $2,500.00. (Funded: 2020). Grant.

3. Funded Internal Grants and Contracts:

Duckels, Gabriel Leonard. Let's Talk about Sex in Young Adult Literature, University of Cambridge, $750.00. (Funded: 2020). Grant.

D. Scholarly / Creative Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

Award / Honor Recipient: St John’s College MPhil Scholarship Prize, St John's College, University of Cambridge.
2018 - Present

Award / Honor Recipient: Harding Distinguished Postgraduate Scholarship.
2019 - 2024

Award / Honor Recipient: Article Honor Award, Children's Literature Association.
2023

Award / Honor Recipient: Rose Book Collection Prize, Cambridge University Library.
2021

F. Media Recognition:

Internet, Bright Young Collectors: Gabriel Duckels (Fine Books & Collections). (2021).

Podcast, Hedge Your Betch. (2024).

IV. SERVICE

A. Institutional

3. Department/School:

(November 2024 - Present).

Advanced Studies Committee. (2024 - Present).

Bobcat Day Committee. (2024 - Present).

Therese Kayser Lindsey Literary Series Committee. (2024 - Present).

B. Professional:

Reviewer / Referee, ALAN (Assembly on Literature for Adolescents). (2024).

Reviewer / Referee, American Journal of Sexuality Education. (2024).

Reviewer / Referee, Children's Literature in Education. (2024).

Reviewer / Referee, English Studies in Africa. (2024).

Reviewer / Referee, International Journal of Young Adult Literature. (2024).

Reviewer / Referee, Inscription. (2023).

Reviewer / Referee, Jeunesse: Young People, Texts, Cultures. (2023).

Reviewer / Referee, Prose Studies. (2023).

Reviewer / Referee, Teacher and Teacher Education. (2023).

Reviewer / Referee, ALAN (Assembly on Literature for Adolescents). (2022).

Reviewer / Referee, Children’s Literature Association Quarterly. (2022).

Reviewer / Referee, Fantastika. (2022).

Reviewer / Referee, International Research in Children’s Literature. (2022).

Reviewer / Referee, Journal of Popular Television. (2022).

Reviewer / Referee, ALAN (Assembly on Literature for Adolescents). (2021).

Reviewer / Referee, Cambridge Educational Research e-Journal. (2021).

Reviewer / Referee, International Journal of Young Adult Literature. (2021).