KATHERINE ELKINS

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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS & GRANTS

Professor of Humanities, Kenyon College 2008–present

Director, Integrated Program in Humane Studies (IPHS)

Co-Founder, Human-Centered AI Lab (with Jon Chun) · 2016–present

Principal Investigator, NIST AI Safety Institute Consortium 2023–present

Representing the Modern Language Association · LLM evaluation and red-teaming

Principal Investigator, Schmidt Sciences HAVI Grant 2024–present

"Archival Intelligence" · AI for endangered cultural heritage · 1 of 23 awarded worldwide

Collaborators: Columbia University, LSU, Berklee College of Music

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

"A(I) University in Ruins" PMLA, 2024

Katherine Elkins

"Near to Mid-term Risks and Opportunities of Open-Source Generative AI" ICML 2024 · oral, top 2%

Eiras, Petrov, Vidgen, Schroeder, Elkins, et al.

"Comparative Global AI Regulation" 2024

Jon Chun, Christian de Witt & Katherine Elkins

"The Crisis of AI: A New DH Curriculum" IJHAC, 2023

Jon Chun & Katherine Elkins

"Beyond Plot: Sentiment Analysis and Narrative Structure" Journal of Cultural Analytics, 2025

Katherine Elkins & Jon Chun

"The Shapes of Cinderella: Emotional Architecture and Moral Difference" Humanities, 2025

Katherine Elkins

"Can GPT-3 Pass a Writer's Turing Test?" Journal of Cultural Analytics, 2020

Katherine Elkins & Jon Chun

Manuscripts under review: syntactic framing fragility in LLMs; negation sensitivity in LLMs

BOOKS

The Shapes of Stories: Sentiment Analysis for Narrative Cambridge University Press, 2022

Cambridge Element · SentimentArcs methodology developed with Jon Chun

Proust's In Search of Lost Time: Philosophical Perspectives Oxford University Press, 2022

Editor and contributor · With Pippin, Landy, Ladenson, McDonald, Moran, Zhang

The Modern Novel · Giants of French Literature Audible / The Modern Scholar

SELECTED AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

UNESCO Expert consultant · AI and multilingual cultural preservation

Meta AI Research Community · Transparency Working Group · 2022–2024

OpenAI Higher Education Forum Education Guild · 1 of 7 faculty worldwide · 2025

Modern Language Association AI Working Group · NIST consortium representative

Notre Dame–IBM Technology Ethics Lab Grant recipient · LLM and predictive policing

Helix Center, NYC Roundtable participant · 2022–2023

SELECTED INVITED TALKS & KEYNOTES

Weill Cornell Medicine–Qatar, METC Conference Keynote · Doha · 2025

OpenAI Higher Education Forum San Francisco · 2025

UNESCO MONDIACULT Cairo · 2025

RALLY Innovation Conference Indianapolis · 2025

Faith, Reason & World Affairs Symposium, Concordia College 2025

Smith College / Kahn Liberal Arts Institute 2025

WPI Global Lab 2025

Meta Open Innovation AI Research Community London · 2024

ICML 2024 Oral presentation · Vienna

Yale Northrup Lecture 2024

Deloitte HumanCentric Labs 2024

SELECTED PRESS & MEDIA

Christian Science Monitor Feb 2026 · Quoted as NIST AI Safety Institute PI

NPR / WOSU Feb 2026 · Archival Intelligence project

Forbes Nov 2025 · "Where AI Meets the Humanities"

Engineering (Chinese Academy of Engineering / Elsevier) 2025

Bloomberg / Emeritus 2024 · AI Strategy Course

Al Jazeera 2023 · "Is AI Better at Making Art Than Humans?"

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Comparative Literature University of California, Berkeley

B.A., Comparative Literature Yale University

Full publication list: scholar.google.com/citations?user=bUSgS6IAAAAJ