



Sea Education Association

SEAScape Faculty: Session I



Kate Huber

B.A. - Universiteit Leiden, Comparative Literature, 2007

M.A. - Universiteit Leiden, Comparative Literature, 2008

Ph.D. - University of Oregon, English, anticipated June 2020

This is Kate's third year teaching at SEA and she has also spent several years working on historical tall ships. She even completed the SEA high school program herself many years ago!

Yet after three years of travel and work on tall ships in the early 2000s, Kate wanted to better understand what she had experienced of cultures while sailing in the Caribbean and other areas of the world. Chance and opportunity took her to the Netherlands in 2003 and by the spring of 2008, she was deeply immersed in postcolonial and globalization studies, with a particular interest in ecocriticism, which examines how different populations talk about their environments and use their natural resources.

After getting her M.A., Kate started working in the Netherlands as a journalist and communications writer, and she was intrigued to learn that many of the rhetorical devices she had analyzed in college were readily applied in an array of texts, from journalism to corporate marketing. This inspired her to keep up with current discussions in the field of literary theory generally and ecocriticism in particular. In 2014, Kate started pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Oregon, the university that founded the field of ecocriticism. Kate's research focuses on transatlantic literature of the twentieth century, and she examines how conceptions of nature in global systems influence local environmental justice debates. Kate also teaches literature and environmentally-themed writing classes.



Jessica Donohue

B.S. - Binghamton University, Geology, 2008

M.S. - University of Rhode Island, Environmental Science, 2013

Jessica has worked at SEA for the past five years conducting research on marine plastic debris, both from our sailing research vessels and in the laboratory. She also occasionally sails as an assistant scientist with SEA, running the shipboard lab, deploying oceanographic equipment and educating college students while out at sea.

She has an interest in science education outreach, having given numerous talks at public events and schools about the issue of plastic pollution in our oceans. She previously worked for the RITES Project; organizing and developing science professional development opportunities for teachers in Rhode Island and field trips for students. This opportunity showed her how important getting students outside to learn about the environment in person can be and solidified her interest in teaching.

In her free time Jessica enjoys swimming, cooking, yoga and exploring the outdoors. She is excited to be teaching oceanography this summer, particularly taking the students on field trips and exploring various aspects of marine science.



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Liz Sullivan

B.A. - University of Rhode Island, History and Political Science, 2001

M.A. - University of Rhode Island, American History Maritime Studies, 2003

M.A., ABD - Clark University, Atlantic World History / Caribbean Studies, 2013

Liz has lived and studied all things maritime throughout her career in sail training, experiential education, and higher education. She is a long-time member of the SEA community, having taught Maritime Studies for several years ashore and at sea intermittently between 2007-2015. She has also served as Education Director for organizations such as Ocean Classroom and Oliver Hazard Perry Rhode Island, logging years aboard Tall Ships across the fleet. In 2016, she moved from Woods Hole to Rhode Island with her young family, and has since taught Race & Ethnicity Studies and Food in World History courses at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI. She is beyond excited to return to Woods Hole this summer for the SEASCape program and dive back into her maritime roots. Liz is deeply connected- both personally and professionally- to the southern New England maritime communities, and is thrilled to introduce SEASCape students to regional maritime opportunities and experiences.



Maia Theophanis

B.S. – University of Maine, Marine Sciences, 2007

Maia worked with SEA for ten years on board our sailing research vessels. As an assistant scientist at sea Maia runs the shipboard lab, deploys oceanographic equipment and educates college students. This will be Maia's fifth summer teaching SEASCape. Other than SEA she has worked as a technician for the US Antarctic Program and as an educator for a small local sailing and science summer camp program.

Maia did an SEA high school program when she was a junior and it was an amazing experience. She has an interest in science technology and education. She is happy to combine these two interests working with students at SEA. In her free time Maia enjoys biking, gardening, cooking and being outdoors. She is excited about teaching this summer program because it offers high school students that are interested in marine sciences a taste of what the field has to offer.