

Why this website?

Some people may have mixed feelings about this website: Professors who create their own websites must feel self-important; being represented on the institutional website of their university department is (more than) sufficient as a gesture towards the undistinguished facility of the internet. I am fully aware of this. But I hope they will also grant me a different kind of motivation.

As a professor of literature, I have been interested in other media, perhaps just because I was socialized in literary studies where the so-called New Criticism, focussing exclusively on the text, was still reigning supreme. I became involved in theatre studies, did an internship with a television company, designed my own website, and, my latest venture (which perhaps should have been my first), helped making a physical book from scratch to distribution. I learned a great deal on the way.

Designing my website, I realized how it forced me to become clearer about what kind of image of myself I wanted to project to a diverse audience. No easy task, but an interesting one. I hope the result is tolerable.