

## FACULTY PROFILE



## Carter Hanson, Associate Professor

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### Biography

Carter Hanson joined the Valparaiso English Department in 1999. From 2005 to 2007 he served as the Resident Director of VU's international study center in Cambridge, England.

Professor Hanson teaches upper-level courses on the English novel, Canadian fiction, Adolescent literature and Children's literature. He also enjoys teaching general education courses such as Core and Literary Studies.

In addition to these literary topics, Professor Hanson teaches a graduate course on the history of electronic dance music.

Professor Hanson's main areas of research expertise are Nineteenth-Century English literature, Canadian literature, and Utopian/Dystopian literature. In the classroom, Professor Hanson tries to help students fully explore individual texts through discussion, as well as to establish the important connections between texts, history and culture. Some of his favorite books and authors are *Lord Jim*, by Joseph Conrad, *The Englishman's Boy*, by Guy Vanderhaeghe, *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry, and *Winnie-the-Pooh*, by A.A. Milne.

Professor Hanson's interest in Canadian literature began when he started researching the history and literature of nineteenth-century English emigration to Canada. He has published articles on this topic in

Department of English - Valparaiso University  
journals like *Canadian Literature* and  
*The American Review of Canadian  
Studies*, and his book *Emigration,  
Nation, Vocation: The Literature  
of English Emigration to Canada,  
1825-1900* will be published in 2009  
by Michigan State University Press.  
His most recent article, "The Utopian  
Function of Memory in Lois Lowry's *The  
Giver*," will be published in the journal  
*Extrapolation*.

Along with his wife Michelle, Carter  
spends much of his free time parenting  
two daughters. His extracurricular  
passions include dance/electro/pop  
music and nearly anything related to  
*Star Wars*.

Professor Hanson's undergraduate  
degree was from Luther, and he earned  
his M.A. and Ph.D. in English literature  
from the University of Iowa.

## **Education**

Ph.D. - University of Iowa,  
M.A.--University of Iowa, B.A.--Luther  
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