

# Stefan Veleski

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## Summary

Soon-to-be PhD graduate in English literature with a specialization in the digital humanities, seeking to transition from academia to an industry career in technical writing or entry level IT positions.

## Education

### Masaryk University

Brno, Czechia

PH.D. IN ENGLISH LITERATURE

Sep. 2017 - Present (defense on Dec. 8)

Dissertation: Theorizing Cultural Longevity: The Factors Behind the Divergent Levels of Popularity of Late Victorian Novels

### Masaryk University

Brno, Czechia

M.A. IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Sep. 2015 - Jun. 2017

Thesis: A Structural Approach to the Monomyth in Contemporary Action Cinema: Dredd, John Wick and Mad Max: Fury Road

### Ss. Cyril and Methodius University

Skopje, N. Macedonia

B.A. IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Sep. 2010 - Oct. 2014

Thesis: The Significance of Percy Bysshe Shelley as a Social and Religious Critic

## Experience

### Self-employed

Remote

FREELANCE WRITER AND TRANSLATOR

Oct. 2012 - Present

- Translating English texts to Macedonian and vice versa.
- Proofreading English texts.
- Creating subtitles for educational videos.
- Writing web-based content for various clients.

### Masaryk University

Brno, Czechia

DOCTORAL CANDIDATE

Sep. 2017 - Present

- Contributing to the teaching activities at the department.
- Publishing research articles in peer reviewed international journals and participating in international conferences.
- Serving as a reader of BA theses and supervising BA theses on my own.
- Helping grade state exam essays and entrance exams.
- Assisting with website maintenance for conferences organized by the department and involvement in recruitment of international students.

### Goce Delchev Elementary School

Skopje, N. Macedonia

ENGLISH TEACHER

Jan. 2015 - Sep. 2015

- Developing English lesson plans in agreement with national curriculum.
- Helping students understand, read, write, and speak English.
- Evaluating students' assignments and overall progress.
- Direct involvement in planning of extracurricular activities, events.
- Responsibility for international cooperation, including grant applications and arrangements of conference participation by school staff.

### Ocean Edge Resort and Golf Club

Brewster, MA

SERVER

Jun. 2012/2013 - Sep. 2012/2013

- Taking food and beverage orders using the ordering system, serving the customers, collecting and processing payments.
- Constant communication in English with staff and guests.
- Working in a dynamic, team environment.

- Scanning goods and ensuring accurate pricing.
- Collecting payments and balancing cash drawer by counting cash at beginning and end of work shift.
- Interacting with customers, solving potential issues and answering questions.

## Publications

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### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Crisis and Transformation: The Aftermath of First Contact in Three Mid-20th Century Science Fiction Novels

Stefan Veleski

*Aigine* 8 (2020) pp. 84–106. 2020

### ARTICLES IN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Weak Negative Correlation between the Present Day Popularity and the Mean Emotional Valence of Late Victorian Novels

Stefan Veleski

*Proceedings of the Workshop on Computational Humanities Research* (2020) pp. 32–43. CEUR Workshop Proceedings 2723, 2020

### REVIEW ARTICLES

A Scientific Turn in the Genre of How-to Fiction Writing Manuals?

Stefan Veleski

*Evolutionary Studies in Imaginative Culture* 4.1 (2020) pp. 91–104. 2020

### REVIEWS

Review of: Cultural Evolution in the Digital Age

Stefan Veleski

*Evolutionary Studies in Imaginative Culture* 4.2 (2020) pp. 135–140. 2020

## Conference presentations

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Sentiment Analysis of Late Victorian Novels: Opportunities and Challenges

Stefan Veleski

*Agency and Emotion in the Nineteenth Century*, 2020, Durham

Weak Negative Correlation between the Present Day Popularity and the Mean Emotional Valence of Late Victorian Novels

Stefan Veleski

*Workshop on Computational Humanities Research*, 2020, Amsterdam

Navigating “Extremistan”: Tracing the Factors behind the Divergent Cultural Longevity of Dracula and The Beetle

Stefan Veleski

*In/Outside the Frame*, 2020, Pardubice

“Doomed” from the Start: The Role of “Cultural Pollutants” in the “Cultural Death” of Late Victorian Bestsellers

Stefan Veleski

*Research Data and the Humanities* 2019, 2019, Oulu

Mimicking the Other: The Aftermath of First Contact in Mid-20th Century Science Fiction Novels

Stefan Veleski

*Aftermath: The Fall and the Rise After the Event*, 2018, Krakow

Ostracism on Film: Visualizing “Social Death”

Stefan Veleski

*Nature and Narrative: Literature and Pedagogy in the Anthropocene*, 2018, Madrid

## Peer review activities

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**Books:** Academic Studies Press

**Journal articles:** Evolutionary Studies in Imaginative Culture

## Teaching

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### R for Students of Literature

COURSE DESIGNER AND LECTURER

Masaryk University

Spring 2021

### Practical English II

LECTURER

Masaryk University

Spring 2019

### Practical English I

LECTURER

Masaryk University

Fall 2018

### B.A. Thesis Seminar (3 semesters)

LECTURER

Masaryk University

Fall 2017 – Fall 2018

### Fear for Your Life: Evolution, Cognition, and Frightening Entertainment

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Masaryk University

Fall 2021

### Video Games: Culture, Texts, Issues

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Masaryk University

Spring 2019

### Nationalism and the Canadian Identity

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Masaryk University

Fall 2018

### Topics in Digital Research

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Masaryk University

Fall 2018

## Supervision

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**Supervisor:** Three B.A. theses at the Department of English and American Studies at Masaryk University

**Reader:** Thirteen B.A. theses at the Department of English and American Studies at Masaryk University

## Service and prizes

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### Student ambassador

FACULTY OF ARTS

Masaryk University

Fall 2018 – Spring 2022

### 2020 František Chudoba Prize for Outstanding Publishing-Related Activities

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN STUDIES

Masaryk University

Fall 2020

### Student jury member

BRNO16 INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Kino Art and TIC Brno

Dec. 2020

### Webmaster

CENTER FOR NORTH AMERICAN STUDIES AND BREAKING THE BOUNDARIES CONFERENCE

Masaryk University

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

### Running the department's Keystone Academic Solutions service for incoming foreign students

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN STUDIES

Masaryk University

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

### 2018 Department Chair's Prize for Outstanding Contributions to the Department

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN STUDIES

Masaryk University

Fall 2018

## Research stays

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### Erasmus + exchange program

SUPERVISOR: DR. HAB. BOŽENA KUČAĽA, PROF.

Jagiellonian University

Oct. 2019 – Feb. 2020

## Skills and certificates

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**Programming** R

**Markup languages** LaTeX, Markdown, HTML, XML

**Software** RStudio, GitHub, Mendeley, Zotero, TexStudio, Aegisub, Adobe Illustrator, Microsoft Office

**Natural languages** Macedonian (native), English (C2 CEFR), Russian (B2 CEFR), Czech (B1 CEFR)