

MA American Cultural Studies 2012

Master's Research Project

"Time is on my Side": Masculinity, Trauma, and Time in Michael Herr's *Dispatches*.

Current Position

In 2014 I'll be starting a PhD in English at Western, specializing in American Literature. I am also the Editor-in-Chief of the Centre for the American Studies graduate journal, *Body Electric*. "My love of American literature during my undergraduate degree in English led me to apply to the MA program at the Centre for American Studies. My experience with the program was a stimulating and highly rewarding one. The program's coursework introduced me to a broad range of texts and methods that ignited within me a desire to continue in academia. The faculty was very supportive and encouraged me to take risks and learn new things. As a result, I graduated with a sense of accomplishment as well as a desire to expand my horizons.

In my time since graduating, I've travelled through Europe, the United States, and South Africa. I also lived in the Yukon teaching French. I started a graduate journal at the Centre for American Studies for papers on American topics, called *Body Electric.* In the fall, I'll be starting a PhD in English at Western. My primary area of study will be American literature, and I'll be able to work with the fantastic faculty I met through the Centre for American Studies."