

# MAPS Summer Faculty Profile

**Name:** Rachel Adams

**Title/Department:** Lecturer, English Department

**Learning Community & Theme:** Cohort 3: Political Science

**How long have you worked at WCU?** 2 years

**About Me:** The house I live in is filled with bookshelves and every shelf is filled with books, many of which I've actually read. I like black coffee, hiking, traveling, writing, tarot cards, sitting on cushions on the floor with friends, making art, mangoes, and pizza. I don't really like Star Wars but I loved the porgs. Favorite musician: John Coltrane. Favorite comedian: Eddie Izzard. Forever watching *Twin Peaks*. I think, research, and write about transnational literature, rhetoric and social justice, and empathy and community building.

**Why should students be excited about taking your course this summer?**

My course this summer is called "Shifting the Lens: Representation as Reality." We will examine the way that our experience of literature, film, art, etc. has been historically filtered and shaped through a specific sociocultural lens, and how that lens has in turn impacted the way we can see/understand literature, film, and art, and therefore the way we understand the world. We will examine works by writers and filmmakers who shift that lens, opening up new worlds and realities for us all to step into.