

**AASUA ATS Director Candidacy Information**  
**Dr. Laura Schechter**

**Bio**

Dr. Laura Schechter has taught on contract in the Department of English and Film Studies since 2011, when she completed her PhD in English at the University of Alberta, having also taught in the department as a graduate student. Her research areas include late medieval and early modern literature, focusing more specifically on theatre, gender, women's writing, and court culture. She has presented and published her work in various places, and she enjoys a wide range of hobbies when not at her desk or in front of the class.

**Statement of Vision**

Since my time as a graduate student at the University of Alberta, I have made departmental service and committee work key components of my labour—indeed, I see service to the profession as an important aspect of academic life—but in recent years I have become more interested in AASUA as a site of activism and intervention. I have been an active member of my Department Council since 2012, attending almost every meeting and speaking on various issues when I felt moved to do so. I have also served as an ATS Humanities Representative on Arts Faculty Council (2020-2022), and I have been an ATS Councillor with AASUA for the past year. As ATS Director, I would continue to advocate for better ATS working conditions, and I would relay the concerns of ATS members to the Executive. I see Fair Employment Week as an important opportunity for ATS employees to make our labour concerns more visible on campus, and I would also bring regular attention to relevant challenges (and achievements!) through the ATS Twitter feed. I look forward to working with other members of AASUA, and I commit to bringing the same high levels of reliability, accessibility, and transparency to this role as I do my teaching.