Q: What are you reading for fun?
I usually read about six books at once: lots of fantasy (for children, teens, and adults) and science fiction (for adults and teens; there’s still less available for child readers), and some murder mysteries. I avoid violence and politics when reading for fun.

Q: What are your hobbies outside academia?
Music (singing, recorder, ukulele, guitar), family history (for myself and others), yoga (I lead a group as a volunteer job), sewing (I design and make historical outfits).

Q: What book might we be surprised to see on your bookshelf?
Das Buch im Buch im Buch by Jörg Müller, which is the weirdest, most mind-blowing book I’ve ever experienced (“read” is too small a word).

Q: What “classic” have you not actually read but maybe occasionally pretend to have read?
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee.

Q: What defines “English” for you?
Thinking about how words work to define us and the world, and at the same time how words open us to new ways of being in the world.