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Among her many published translations are retranslations of Hermann Hesse's *Siddhartha* (Modern Library, 2006), Franz Kafka's classic black comedy of nightmarish transformation, *The Metamorphosis* (Norton, 2014), and Jeremias Gotthelf's 19th century tale of horror, *The Black Spider* (NYRB Classics, 2013). She specializes in the work of the great Swiss-German modernist author Robert Walser – she has translated eight of his books, including *Microscripts*, *Berlin Stories*, *The Walk*, and *Looking at Pictures*, and is writing his biography. Her new libretto for Mozart's *The Magic Flute* premiered in May 2014 at the Opera Theatre of St. Louis in a production by Isaac Mizrahi with choreography by John Heginbotham and conducted by Jane Glover. Her translation of Jenny Erpenbeck's novel *The End of Days* won the 2015 Independent Foreign Fiction Prize, The Schlegel-Tieck Translation Prize, the Ungar Award for Literary Translation, and the Oxford-Weidenfeld Translation Prize. Her translation of the novel *Memoirs of a Polar Bear* by Yoko Tawada won the 2017 Warwick Prize for Women in Translation. Her most recent translation is the novel *Go, Went, Gone* by Jenny Erpenbeck.

In 2014 she was named a Guggenheim Fellow. Her previous awards include the 2006 Helen and Kurt Wolff Translation Prize and the 2012 Hermann Hesse Translation Prize of the City of Calw, as well as grants and fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, the PEN Translation Fund, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Leon Levy Center for Biography at the CUNY Graduate Center and the Lannan Foundation.

From 2011 – 2014 she chaired the Translation Committee of the PEN American Center, and from 2013 – 2016 served on the Board of the American Literary Translators Association.

In 2013 she co-edited (with Esther Allen) the Columbia University Press anthology *In Translation: Translators on Their Work and What It Means*, featuring thoughts on translation by leading voices in the field.

She blogs about translation at www.translationista.com and is currently at work on a biography of Robert Walser for Yale University Press.

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