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Associate Professor of English
Associate Director, Center for the Advancement of Teaching & Faculty Development
Xavier University of Louisiana

Education

- Ph.D., University of Southern Mississippi, May 2006
  - Major Field: Creative Writing, Fiction
  - Minor Field: Mass Communications
- M.A., University of Southern Mississippi, May 2003
  - Major Field: Creative Writing, Fiction
- B.A., Webster University, December 1996
  - Major Field: Literature and Language, Creative Writing
  - Minor Field: Religious Studies

Employment History

Current

- Associate Professor of English, Xavier University of Louisiana, 2007-present.
- Associate Director, Center for the Advancement of Teaching & Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana, 2015-present.

Previous

- Quality Enhancement Plan Director, Xavier University of Louisiana, 2010-2015.
- Writing Center Director, Xavier University of Louisiana, 2007-2010.
- Adjunct Instructor, Ohio Dominican University, Summer 2007.
- Instructor, English Department, Southeastern Louisiana University, 2006-2007.
- Teaching Assistant, English Department, University of Southern Mississippi, 2003-2006.
- Summer Writing Center Director, University of Southern Mississippi, 2005.
- Trainer, Center for Education & Learning Technology, University of Southern Mississippi, 2004.
- Tutor, Writing Center, University of Southern Mississippi, 2003.
- Graduate Assistant, PT3 Grant, University of Southern Mississippi, 2001-2003.
- Electronic Media Specialist, The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod Foundation, 1997-2001.
- Archives Assistant, Concordia Historical Institute, 1995-1998.

Honors and Awards

- CCE Digital Humanities Fellowship, Xavier University of Louisiana, 2016/2017.
- FaCTS Fellowship, Xavier University of Louisiana, 2014/2015.
- Honorable Mention, Leapfrog Press Fiction Contest, Stupid, Stupid Men: Stories. 2013.
- Nomination, Pushcart Prize for Fiction, "When Will It End?" 2011.
- Nomination, NCF Excellence Award for Service, Xavier University of Louisiana. 2010.

- Second Place Award, Southern California Review Fiction Prize, "This Is Where." 2009.
- Member, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. 2006.
- Excellence Fellowship, Center for Writers, University of Southern Mississippi. 2005/2006.
- Writer-in-Residence, All Write! Initiative, Mississippi Arts Commission. 2003-2004.

Publications

Academic

- "The A-Word: The Role of Faculty Developers in Assessment." With Elizabeth Yost Hammer. *Assessment: Individual, Institutional, and International Approaches*. Eds. Susan Nola, Chris Hakala, and Eric Landru. APA Books, forthcoming.
- "Interdisciplinarity through Graphic Novels." *Phi Kappa Phi Forum*, vol. 95, no. 3. 2015.
- "What If We Dared to Ask?" Rev. of *What If? Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions*, by Randall Munroe. *Phi Kappa Phi Forum*, vol. 95, no. 2, 2015.
- "A Good Carpenter: Cash Bundren's Quest for Balance and Authority." *The Southern Literary Journal*, vol. 46, no. 1. 2013.
- "Kane, Bob." *Greenwood Encyclopedia of Comic Books & Graphic Novels*. 2010.
- "O'Neil, Denny." *Greenwood Encyclopedia of Comic Books & Graphic Novels*. 2010.
- "Read Today, Lead Tomorrow." *Xavier Gold Spring*. 2010.
- "Steinke, Darcey." *New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture, Vol. 9, Literature*. 2007.
- "Entry Level Technology Standards for Professional Education: Basic Technology Literacy Exam." With Edward Mann, Mary Nell McNeese & April Miller. *Proceedings of The Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education International Conference (SITE) 2003*. Ed. Caroline Crawford et al. AACE, 2003.

Online Scholarly Contributions

- "Conversation #86: Richie Gebauer on Intentionality." *Teaching, Learning, and Everything Else*, 10 Sep. 2019, https://cat.xula.edu/food/conversation-86.
- "Making Writing Assignments Meaningful and Transparent." *GSTA Blog*, 12 Aug. 2019, https://teachpsych.org/page-1784686/7824094.
- "Unerasing Gert Town." *WikiEdu Blog*, 22 Jul. 2019, https://wikiedu.org/blog/2019/07/22/unerasing-gert-town.
- "Conversation #84: Xavier Students React to the New Core Curriculum." *Teaching, Learning, and Everything Else*, 30 Apr. 2019, https://cat.xula.edu/food/conversation-84.
- "Conversation #83: Jeremy Tuman on Service Learning at Xavier." *Teaching, Learning, and Everything Else*, 16 Apr. 2019, https://cat.xula.edu/food/conversation-83.
- "Conversation #77: Amber Fallucca on ePortfolios." *Teaching, Learning, and Everything Else*, 15 Jan. 2019, https://cat.xula.edu/food/conversation-77.
- "Gamifying Grammar, Part I." *CAT FooD*, 9 Sept. 2018, https://cat.xula.edu/food/gamifying-grammar-part-i.
- "Conversation #70: Laurie Ruettimann on the Future of Work." *Teaching, Learning, and Everything Else*, 28 Aug. 2018, https://cat.xula.edu/food/conversation-70.
- "How Do You Know When Your Course Is Ready?" *CAT FooD*, 6 Aug. 2018, https://cat.xula.edu/food/how-do-you-know-when-your-course-is-ready.
- "Conversation #69: Xavier Students Talk About Brightspace." *Teaching, Learning, and Everything Else*, 24 Apr. 2018, https://cat.xula.edu/food/conversation-69.
- "How to Find the Information to Request a Course Migration." *CAT FooD*, 24 Oct. 2017, https://cat.xula.edu/food/how-to-find-the-information-to-request-a-course-migration.

- "Slow Writing." *CAT FooD*, 24 Sept. 2017, https://cat.xula.edu/food/timelessness-and-writing.
- "Team-Teaching Means Team-Grading." *CAT FooD*, 15 Feb. 2017, https://cat.xula.edu/food/team-teaching-means-team-grading.
- "Grant Writing Success." *CAT FooD*, 13 Jan. 2017, https://cat.xula.edu/food/grant-writing-success.
- "On Innovation and Procrastination." *CAT FooD*, 21 Nov. 2016, https://cat.xula.edu/food/on-innovation-and-procrastination.
- "Support for First-Time Grant Writing Award Recipients." *CAT FooD*, 30 Sept. 2016, https://cat.xula.edu/food/support-for-first-time-grant-writing-award-recipients.
- "Empowerment through EPortfolios." *CAT FooD*, 8 Sept. 2016, https://cat.xula.edu/food/empowerment-through-eportfolios.
- "The End of the Deadline?" *CAT FooD*, 25 Aug. 2016, https://cat.xula.edu/food/the-end-of-the-deadline.
- "2016 FaCTS Fellows." *CAT FooD*, 2 Mar. 2016, https://cat.xula.edu/food/2016-facts-fellows.
- "The 8-Minute Lecture." *CAT FooD*, 31 Aug. 2015, https://cat.xula.edu/food/the-8-minute-lecture.

Fiction

- "Something Resembling Normal." *Writing Raw* Oct. 2015: n. pag. Web.
- "Green." *Red Savina Review* 3.1 (Spring 2015): n. pag. Web.
- "Goodbye, Mr. Wonderful." *The Xavier Review* 33.1 (2013): 31-40. Print.
- "When Will It End?" *971 Menu* (Sep. 2011): n. pag. Web.
- "We Have a Safe?" *The Journal of College Writing* 10 (2010): 109-121. Print.
- "The Man Who Shot Henry McCarty." *Fiction Weekly* (Jul. 2009): n. pag. Web.
- "This Is Where." *Southern California Review* 2.1 (2009): 100-112.
- "Not Josef." *Paradigm* Fall 2007: n. pag. Web.
- "Horatio." *Phantasmagoria* 5.2 (2006): 29-42. Print.
- "Goodnight, Reilly." *Chicago Quarterly Review* 8 (2006): 50-58. Print.
- "Outside Evansville." *The Armchair Aesthete* 22 (2004): 42-50. Print.
- "Still." *The Muse Apprentice Guild* Spring 2003: n. pag. Web.
- "Cleaning Out." *The Muse Apprentice Guild* Spring 2003: n. pag. Web.

In Circulation

- *Stupid, Stupid Men: Stories*. Short story collection in circulation.
- "Something Worth Nothing." Short story in circulation.

In Progress

- "The Truth about Trolls." Short story in progress.
- "Batman and Modernism". Article in Progress.
- "Finding the Truth, Losing the Self: Spider Jerusalem, Hunter S. Thompson, and Herman Melville's Confidence-Man." Article in progress.
- "'Under the Dominion of Mild Laws': The Politics of Gender in The Pioneers." Article in progress.
- *A Handful of Dust*. Novel in progress.

Invited Talks

- "Making Writing Meaningful in the Psych Classroom." With Elizabeth Yost Hammer. 26th Annual APS-STP Teaching Institute, Washington, DC. 22 May 2019.

Presentations

Faculty Development

- "The Rubrics Cube." With Richard Peters. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 12 Sep 2019.
- "Academics Beyond the Classroom: Brightspace ePortfolio and XULA Digital Commons." With Kayla Siddell. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 18 Feb 2019.
- "Social Hour with a Purpose." With Elizabeth Yost Hammer. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 12 Feb 2019.
- "Teaching Portfolio Working Group." Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 14 Jan 2019.
- "Writing to Learn, Writing for Transfer." With Bonnie Noonan. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 28 Nov 2018.
- "Student Motivation and Brightspace." With Elizabeth Yost Hammer & Janice Florent. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 12 Nov 2018.
- "Unworkshop." Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 29 Oct 2018.
- "EAB: New Users & Refresher." With Elizabeth Yost Hammer. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 10 Oct 2018.
- "Introducing ePortfolios." Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 19 Sep 2018.
- "Feedback and Brightspace." With Elizabeth Yost Hammer & Janice Florent. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 17 Sep 2018.
- "Building the Core through XCOR." With Richard Peters & Wendy Gaudin. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 10 Sep 2018.
- "Get Your Game On: Gamify your Brightspace Courses." With Janice Florent. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 25 Apr 2018.
- "Using iPads in the Classroom." With Elizabeth Yost Hammer, Janice Florent & Bart Everson. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 09 Mar 2018.
- "Writing-in-the-Disciplines Saturday Workshop." Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 03 Mar 2018.
- "Writing in the Disciplines: From XCOR 1000 to XCOR 3000." With Richard Peters. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 29 Jan 2018.
- "Measuring Student Learning Outcomes." With Elizabeth Yost Hammer. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 10 Nov 2017.
- "Brightspace: Using Turnitin (Plagiarism Detection Tool)." With Janice Florent. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 08 Nov 2017.
- "Brightspace: Using Turnitin (Plagiarism Detection Tool)." With Janice Florent. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 07 Nov 2017.
- "Writing to Learn Saturday Workshop." Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 21 Oct 2017.
- "Teaching Writing-Intensive Courses." With Bonnie Noonan, Ronald Dorris, Tia Smith, Shearon Roberts & Terry Watt. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 21 Sep 2017.

- "Writing Student Learning Outcomes." With Elizabeth Yost Hammer. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 15 Sep 2017.
- "Student Motivation Workshop (Pharmacy)." With Elizabeth Yost Hammer. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 20 Apr 2017.
- "Connecting Communities: Ideas for Xavier's Newest Course." With Steve Salm. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 10 Apr 2017.
- "Transparency in Learning and Teaching Workshop." With Karen Nichols. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 31 Mar 2017.
- "Emotional Intelligence Workshop (Pharmacy)." With Elizabeth Yost Hammer. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 23 Mar 2017.
- "Motivation and Engagement in the Flipped Classroom." With Megan Osterbur. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 26 Jan 2017.
- "Advising with the Online Catalog." With Anil Kukreja, Kim Vaz-Deville, Elizabeth Yost Hammer & Tiera Coston. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 27 Oct 2016.
- "Flipped Classroom Workshop (for PsyD faculty)." Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 15 Sep 2015.
- "Flipped Classroom Workshop." With Elizabeth Yost Hammer, Janice Florent & Karen Nichols. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 14 Sep 2015.
- "Blackboard: Using Turnitin for Plagiarism Detection." With Janice Florent. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 25 May 2015.
- "Blackboard: Using Turnitin for Peer Review." With Janice Florent. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 25 May 2015.
- "The Impact of Read Today, Lead Tomorrow." With Danielle Duffourc. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 09 Feb 2015.
- "Reading Textbooks." With Tiera S Coston. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 29 Oct 2014.
- "Blackboard: Using Turnitin for Peer Review." With Janice Florent. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 26 May 2014.
- "Reading: The Problem with Word Problems." With Andrea Edwards & Tiera Coston. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 20 Feb 2014.
- "Critically Reading in the News." With Brenda Edgerton-Webster. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 22 Jan 2014.
- "The Problem with Word Problems." With Tiera Coston, Andrea Edwards. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 17 Oct 2013.
- "Reading as Service." With Mark Gstohl. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 21 Mar 2013.
- "iPads: Possibilities for Teaching and Learning." With Janice Florent, Elizabeth Yost Hammer, Bart Everson, Gloria A. Thomas, Yamlak Tsega & Vincent Simmons. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 14 Nov 2012.
- "Reading Guides." Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 30 Oct 2012.
- "Assessment Help." With Brenda Edgerton-Webster. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 19 Sep 2012.

- "Giving Useful Feedback on Reflective Writing Assignments." Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 01 Mar 2012.
- "Reflective Writing Assignments." Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 19 Jan 2012.
- "Read Today, Lead Tomorrow." With Sindhu Unnithan & Michele Woods. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 15 Sep 2011.
- "Reading in College: What Should We Expect of Our Students?" With Elizabeth Hammer. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 07 Apr 2011.
- "Classroom and Course Assessment of Active Reading Tasks." With Jacques Detiege. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 24 Mar 2011.
- "Reading Across the Curriculum." Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 27 Jan 2011.
- "Student Learning Outcomes." With Elizabeth Yost Hammer & Glenda Hembree. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 07 Oct 2010.
- "Commenting on Student Writing." With Leslie Richardson. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 05 Oct 2009.
- "Blackboard: Using Assignment and Plagiarism Detection Tools." With Janice Florent. Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Faculty Development, Xavier University of Louisiana. 30 Sep 2009.
- "Writing Effective Emails." With Bonnie Zakotnik. Human Resources Office, Xavier University of Louisiana. Oct 2009.
- "Writing Personal Statements." Department of Psychology, Xavier University of Louisiana. Xavier University of Louisiana. Apr 2008.
- “Paraphrasing and Plagiarism." Dr. Elizabeth Yost Hammer's Experimental Psychology Class, Xavier University of Louisiana. Mar 2008.
- "Thesis Statements." Dr. Phillip Linden's Introduction to Theology Class, Xavier University of Louisiana. Nov 2007.
- "Writing Center Workshops." English Department Graduate Assistant Orientation, University of Southern Mississippi. Aug 2006.
- "Plagiarism and Turnitin." English Department Teaching Assistant Practicum, University of Southern Mississippi. Nov 2005.

Scholarship of Teaching

- "Re-igniting Reading: Energizing the Campus Literary Climate." With Danielle Duffourc. SACS/COC Annual Meeting. Dec 2015, Houston, TX. Conference Presentation.
- "Social Justice and the Graphic Novel." With Shayna Blum. Popular Culture Association / American Culture Association 2015 Annual Conference. Apr 2015, New Orleans, LA. Conference Presentation.
- "The Reading Course Portfolio: Guiding Critical Readers." With Oliver Hennessey. College Reading and Learning Association 47th Annual Conference. Nov 2014, St. Paul, MN. Conference Presentation.
- "Faculty Communities of Teaching Scholars: Learning to Teach Interdisciplinarily." With Robin Runia. Association for Interdisciplinary Studies 36th Annual Conference. Oct 2014, East Lansing, MI. Conference Presentation.
- "Diversity and Collaboration: Reading in the Disciplines." College Reading and Learning Association 46th Annual Conference. Nov 2012, Houston, TX. Conference Presentation.

- “Reading Scholars.” With Elizabeth Yost Hammer & Paul Schafer. College Reading and Learning Association 45th Annual Conference. Nov 2011, San Diego, CA. Conference Presentation.
- "Writing Center Roundtable." Louisiana Association of College Composition 2009 Annual Conference. Nov 2009, Monroe, LA. Roundtable Discussion.
- "The Center Cannot Hold." Louisiana Association of College Composition 2008 Annual Conference. Nov 2008, Alexandria, LA. Conference Presentation.
- "Entry Level Technology Standards for Professional Education: Basic Technology Literacy Exam." With Edward Mann, Mary Nell McNeese & April Miller. Mississippi PT3 Convocation and Creating Futures through Technology Conference. Feb 2003, Biloxi, MS. Conference Presentation.
- "Using Technology during the Teacher Candidacy Experience." With Mary Nell McNeese. Mississippi PT3 Convocation and Creating Futures through Technology Conference. Feb 2003, Biloxi, MS. Conference Presentation.
- "Using Technology in the Elementary School Classroom." With Mary Nell McNeese. Mississippi Educational Computing Association Conference. Jan 2003, Jackson, MS. Conference Presentation.

Literary Scholarship

- "Changamire's Bookshelf: Intertextual Advocacy in Ta-Nehisi Coates's Black Panther." South Atlantic Modern Language Association Annual Conference. Nov 2018, Birmingham, AL. Conference Presentation.
- "'Make It New': Reconsidering the Early Batman Stories as Modernist Literature. South Atlantic Modern Language Association Annual Conference. Nov 2017, Atlanta, GA. Conference Presentation.
- "Finding the Truth, Losing the Self: Spider Jerusalem, Hunter S. Thompson, and Herman Melville's Confidence-Man." Popular Culture Association / American Culture Association Annual Conference. Mar 2016, Seattle, WA. Conference Presentation.
- "Finding the Truth, Losing the Self: Spider Jerusalem, Hunter S. Thompson, and Herman Melville's Confidence-Man." Xavier University of Louisiana English Department Faculty Colloquium. Mar 2016, New Orleans, LA. Presentation.
- "'Doubtless, sir, your title is both legal and equitable': The Intersection of Gender, Law, and Civilization in Cooper's The Pioneers." South Central Modern Language Association 69th Annual Conference. Nov 2012, San Antonio, TX. Conference Presentation.
- "'Hit's What Paw Says': Language, Balance and Authority in Faulkner’s As I Lay Dying." Mississippi Philological Association 2009 Annual Conference. Jan 2009, Clinton, MS. Conference Presentation.
- "Political Housecleaning: How Two Mississippi Editors Used Woman Suffrage to End the State's Era of Shame." American Journalism Historians Association National Convention. Oct 2005, San Antonio, TX.
- "A Good Symbol: José Bové's Performative War for Tradition." Graduate Student Symposium on Globalization. Apr 2005, Hattiesburg, MS. Conference Presentation.
- "Melville's American Didactic: The Search for Identity in Redburn." Mississippi Philological Association Conference. Jan 2005, Itta Bene, MS. Conference Presentation.
- "The Books Inventing: Romance and Fiction in Dreiser and Faulkner." Mississippi Philological Association Conference. Jan 2004, Columbus, MS. Conference Presentation.

Fiction Reading

- "Goodbye, Mr. Wonderful." English Department Faculty Colloquium, Xavier University of Louisiana. Mar 2013, New Orleans, LA. Fiction Reading.
- "The Man Who Shot Henry McCarty." National Library Week Literary Event, Southeastern Louisiana University. Apr 2007, Hammond, LA. Fiction Reading.

- "This Is Where." Kafe Night Reading Series, University of Southern Mississippi. Nov 2005, Hattiesburg, MS. Fiction Reading.
- "Even Anarchists Deserve a Day Off." Kafe Night Reading Series, University of Southern Mississippi. Apr 2005, Hattiesburg, MS. Fiction Reading.
- "White Space." Mississippi Philological Association Conference, Mississippi Valley State University. Jan 2005, Itta Bene, MS. Fiction Reading.
- "You Never Know." Kafe Night Reading Series, University of Southern Mississippi. Oct 2004, Hattiesburg, MS. Fiction Reading.
- "White Space." Kafe Night Reading Series, University of Southern Mississippi. Jan 2004, Hattiesburg, MS. Fiction Reading.
- "We Have a Safe?" Mississippi Philological Association Conference, Mississippi University for Women. Jan 2004, Columbus, MS. Fiction Reading.
- "We Have a Safe?" Kafe Night Reading Series, University of Southern Mississippi. Sep 2003, Hattiesburg, MS. Fiction Reading.
- "Goodnight, Reilly." Kafe Night Reading Series, University of Southern Mississippi. Nov 2002, Hattiesburg, MS. Fiction Reading.
- "Outside Evansville." Kafe Night Reading Series, University of Southern Mississippi. May 2002, Hattiesburg, MS. Fiction Reading.

Grants

Creating a Culture of Critical Reading

- $330,000 Implementation Grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- To help fund the final two years of Read Today, Lead Tomorrow
- January 2013 – December 2015

The Big Read New Orleans

- $13,900 Big Read Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts
- To promote and enhance reading and discussion of Ernest Gaines's A Lesson Before Dying
- February 2013 – March 2013

Planning Grant

- $91,000 Planning Grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- To fund the first two years of faculty development for Read Today, Lead Tomorrow
- September 2010 – May 2012

Teaching Experience

The College Experience

Introduced first-year students to the rigors and requirements of college life. Engaged students through personal reflection and critical analysis.

The City as Text [New]

Created a course to teach students how to analyze an urban space using literary techniques. Incorporated digital humanities projects to teach students to write of global audiences and to correct the erasure of poor, Black neighborhoods in New Orleans.

The American Short Story [New]
Developed a curriculum to expose students to the evolution of this uniquely American form of literature. Taught students to analyze short literary texts through close reading and through a cultural/historical context.

The Graphic Novel & Social Justice [New]
Designed and co-taught an interdisciplinary course that investigates how comics can be used as a medium to address important issues of social injustice. Taught students methods for analyzing and interpreting comics through textual, visual, and socio-historical lenses.

The Postmodern American Novel [New]
Developed a curriculum to introduce students to the evolution of postmodern literature in America in the second half of the 20th century. Taught students methods for analyzing and interpreting significant texts within the genre.

Advanced Writing (Undergraduate)
Helped upper-level students strengthen writing skills by focusing on questions of style and effectiveness. Encouraged students to better consider the purpose of any given writing task by giving them new and unique writing assignments.

Advanced Writing (Graduate)
Helped beginning Education graduate students strengthen their writing skills by focusing on purpose and effectiveness. By asking students to write about their own attitudes and experiences with education, helped them become more comfortable with the writing process.

Modern English Grammars
Built upon secondary school and common grammar to help students develop a stronger understanding of the fundamental aspects of English language and syntax.

Intensive Composition and Rhetoric
Introduced students with weak writing skills to the essentials of college writing while also working to improve basic writing skills.

Freshman English/Composition and Rhetoric
Introduced students to the process of college writing with an emphasis on thesis, development, and organization. Concentrated on increasing critical reading and critical writing skills.

Critical Reading and Writing/Composition and Literature
Introducing students to argument and research, emphasizing audience and appeals. Introduced students to building logically sound cases and analyzing written arguments with a critical eye.

Introduction To Literature For Honors Students
Introduced advanced first-year students to the process of college writing through the lens of literary analysis. Emphasized developing logical, insightful arguments with textual evidence.

American Literature / American Literature I and II
Developed a curriculum focusing on the Individual and the Other as a means of introducing students to American Literature and to the study of literature in general.

World Literature
Developed a curriculum to give students an overview of the development of literature within and across cultural borders showing how certain themes reappear throughout history.

Fiction Writing
Introduced students to the fundamentals of story creation and development. Moderated peer workshops to allow students to form and explain their own theories of the short story.

Technical Writing
Taught the essential forms of business writing by emphasizing the proper use of those tools during the job search process. Focused attention on audience and method of presentation.

Teaching and Research Interests
- American Literature
- Contemporary American and British Literature
- Comic Books and Graphic Novels
- Inverted Teaching
- Classroom Technology
- Fiction Writing
- Literary Journalism

Service

Public
- Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 111 — Istrouma Area Council, 2019-present.
- Member, St. Tammany BRIDJ (Building Respect, Inclusion, Democracy, and Justice in St. Tammany Parish), 2017-present.
- Cubmaster, Cub Scout Pack 113 — Istrouma Area Council, 2016-2019.
- Den Leader, Cub Scout Pack 113 — Istrouma Area Council, 2015-2019.
- Member, Christ Episcopal Church Habitat for Humanity Build Team, 2015-present.
- Chair, Big Read Grant Working Group, 2010-2012.
- Member, LDRC Strategic Planning Group, City of Bogalusa, 2011-2012.

Professional
- Chair, "Heroes from the Gutters: Comics as Activism." South Atlantic Modern Language Association Annual Conference. Nov 2018, Birmingham, AL. Conference Panel.
- Chair, "Contextualizing Comics: Breaking the Frame of Low Art." South Atlantic Modern Language Association Annual Conference. Nov 2017, Atlanta, GA. Conference Panel.
- Editor, Journal of College Writing, 2015-present.
- Lead QEP Evaluator, SACS/COC On-Site Accreditation Review Committee for Covenant College, 2016-2017.
- Session Chair, College Reading and Learning Association 2015 Conference.
- Session Chair, Louisiana Association for College Composition 2015 Conference.
- Session Chair, College Reading and Learning Association 2014 Conference.
- Creative Editor, Journal of College Writing, 2009-2014.
- Session Chair, College Reading and Learning Association 2013 Conference.

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University

- Chair, Coordinating Committee for the University Academic Assembly, 2019-present.
- Member, University Academic Council, 2018-present.
- Member, Learning Management System Review Team, 2017.
- Member, SACS/COC 5-Year Report Working Group, 2010-2017.
- Member, Assoc. Vice President for Institutional Advancement Search Committee, 2016.
- Member, Grant Writer (Institutional Advancement) Search Committee, 2016.
- Member, Student Ratings Review Team, 2015-2016.
- Faculty Mentor, 2014-2015.
- Co-coordinator, Books into Film Series, 2010-2015.
- Chair, QEP Implementation Committee, 2010-2015.
- Member, Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs Search Committee, 2015.
- Member, Howard Hughes Medical Initiative Grant Working Group, 2010-2012.
- Vice-chair, QEP Development Committee, 2009-2010.
- Secretary, University Academic Assembly Coordinating Committee, 2008-2010.

College of Arts & Sciences

- Member, Core Governance Council, 2018-present.
- Chair, College Writing Faculty Area Committee, 2018-present.
- Member, Embedded Outcomes Faculty Area Committee, 2017-2018
- Convener and Secretary, Core Curriculum Working Group, 2015-2017.
- Member, Academic Assembly Coordinating Committee, 2015-2017.
- Member ex officio, Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning Working Group, 2015-2016.
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Integrity, 2007-present.
- Member, Academic Misconduct Hearing Committee, 2012-2015.
- Chair, Core Curriculum Assessment Committee, 2011-2015.
- Member, Core Curriculum Assessment Committee, 2010-2011.
- Member, First-Year Experience Committee, 2010-2011.
- Member, Freshman Seminar Ad Hoc Committee, 2010-2011.
- Member, Student Success Academy Taskforce, 2009-2010.

Division of Fine Arts & Humanities

- Member, Interdisciplinary Committee, 2014.

Department of English

- Chair, English Curriculum Committee, 2018-present.
- Chair, English Program Review Committee, 2018-present.
- Chair, Senior Comprehensive Exam Review Committee, 2014-2016.
- Writing Resource Center Liaison, 2015-present.
- Chair, American Literature Committee, 2013-present.
- Assessment Liaison, 2011-present.
- Member, Composition Committee, 2007-present.
- Member, Writing Center Instructor Hiring Committee, 2010-2011.
- Member, Composition Instructor Hiring Committee, 2009-2010.
- Member, Retention Committee, 2009-2010.

Southeastern Louisiana University

- English Department Creative Writing Committee, 2006-2007.
- English Department Technology Committee, 2006-2007.
- English Department Instructional Technology Committee, 2006-2007.

University of Southern Mississippi

- Writing Center Workshop Committee (Chair), 2005-2006.
- English Department Teaching Assistant Mentor, 2004-2006.
- English Department TA Evaluation Committee (Chair), 2004-2005.
- English Graduate Organization (President), 2004-2005.
- English Department CLEP Evaluator, 2004-2005.
- English Department Composition II Textbook Committee, 2003-2004.
- Kafe Night Reading Series (Organizer), 2003-2004.
- English Graduate Organization (Co-chair), 2003-2004.
- Fiction Reader, The Mississippi Review Contest, 2001-2004.

Professional Memberships

- Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education
- Popular Culture Association / American Culture Association
- Louisiana Association for College Composition
- South Atlantic Modern Language Association
- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- Xavier University of Louisiana Faculty Association