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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, 08/2007 – 08/2010
Graduate/Adjunct Instructor, English Department

English 10103: Introduction to Fiction
English 10803: Introductory Composition
English 20403: Major British Writers
English 20803: Intermediate Composition
English 30493: Women Poets & Poetic Traditions (Directed Pedagogical Study with Prof. Linda Hughes)
Economics 40003: Senior Seminar in Economics (New Media Teaching Assistant for Prof. Steve Quinn)

Columbia College, Fort Worth, Texas, 10/2010 – present
Adjunct Instructor, English Department

English 111: English Composition I
English 112: English Composition II

University of Houston, Houston, Texas, 01/2006 – 05/2007
Teaching Assistant, English Department

English 1303: Freshman Composition I
English 1304: Freshman Composition II
English 2305: Introduction to Fiction

Alamo Heights High School, San Antonio, Texas, 08/2003 – 05/2004
High School English Teacher, World Literature & American Literature

Center Point High School, Center Point, Texas, 01/2002 – 05/2003
High School English Teacher, Introduction to Literature, American Literature, & Dance

OTHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Blue Engine, New York, New York, 05/2011 – 04/2012
Site Director for English and Literacy

Designed and executed pilot program placing Blue Engine Teaching Assistants (BETAs) in English/Language Arts classrooms in three high-need high schools in low-income communities. Provided daily support for BETAs and lead teachers at each school through curriculum design and planning, professional development, data tracking systems and analysis, and relationship management. Designed and executed three weeks of training for incoming BETAs on English content, pedagogical practices, data tracking and analysis, diversity and cultural awareness, and team building. Created and maintained systems for internal communications, team reporting and data tracking, corporate retreat and management training, and 360° review process. Designed cross-content literacy model to support reading and writing skills for English, social studies, and science classes to be modified and implemented in 2012-2013 academic year.

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, 08/2007 – 05/2011

Assistant Director of Composition, English Department (2010 – 2011)

Coordinate and manage a week long Pre-Semester Workshop and weekly meetings for new Graduate Instructors, Assessment of Composition Program Core Outcomes, and monthly meetings of Composition Committee. Schedule sections of courses taught by Graduate Instructors in spring and fall 2011. Maintain Composition Program Wiki of shared files and materials. Provide daily support for all Graduate Instructors as needed. Complete general daily and weekly tasks and projects assigned by Director of Composition. Substitute in graduate-level Teaching College Composition course as needed.

First-Year Experience Programs Assessment, Student Development Services (summer 2010)

Revised and created surveys to assess the First Year Experience programs, including a parent survey for Academic Orientation and student surveys for Academic Orientation, Academic Advising, and Frog Camp. Scanned and assessed results for surveys, providing quick feedback for 20 First-Year Experience events. Prepared reports of the results of the assessment of First-Year Experience programs. Developed user guides for internal University users of SnapSurvey 10.

Graduate Assistant, Office of the Associate Provost and Dean of University Programs (2009 – 2010)

Coordinated and managed Graduate Forum, Audit of Graduate Assistant Responsibilities, and Responsible Conduct of Research Plan and Training. Participated monthly in Women's Studies Advisory Board, Graduate Council, Meetings of Associate Deans of Graduate Studies for each College, and Associate Provost's Directors Meetings.

London Assistant, Center for International Studies (summer 2008, January 2010)

In summer 2008, coordinated London summer study abroad programs on-site. Ensured safety of students through developing and presenting orientation with safety procedures and emergency plans to protect TCU students while studying in London and providing on-call support 24 hours a day. Supported professors and students through general office tasks. Facilitated transition of TCU programs in London. Developed system to make ID process more efficient for TCU faculty and students as well as facility managers at Florida State University London Centre.

In January 2010, guided students studying abroad in London for upcoming semester. Introduced students to the city and provided general orientation to living in London. Transported students to housing at University of Westminster.

EDUCATION

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, 08/2007–05/2011

Ph.D. English, with distinction, Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies (GPA 4.0)

Dissertation: *In A Sentence of Death Had Been Passed on Her: Representing the Experience of Breast Cancer in Britain through the Long Nineteenth Century*, I recover nineteenth-century narratives of breast cancer in fiction, medical nonfiction, and life writing. Through a discussion of these genres, narratives, and experiences, I argue for revised understandings of breast cancer in the nineteenth century, including a more nuanced understanding of the agency of women patients and the importance of community in facing the illness. My committee for this project includes Dr. Linda Hughes (chair, English), Dr. Karen Steele (English), Dr. Mona Narain (English), and Dr. Suzy Lockwood (Nursing).

Comprehensive Exams in Nineteenth-Century Women's Writing, Victorian Poetry, Feminist Theories of Disability Studies and Cultural Memory with Dr. Linda Hughes (chair, English), Dr. Anne Frey (English), Dr. Mona Narain (English), and Dr. Rebecca Sharpless (History)

University of Houston, Houston, Texas, 01/2006–05/2007

M.A. English, Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies (GPA 4.0)

Thesis: *She that lives must mourn: Elegiac Performances in the Legacy of Victorian Women Poets* with Dr. Natalie Houston (chair, English), Dr. Lynn Voskuil (English), and Dr. Jeanne Scheper (Women's Studies)

University of Texas—San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, 06/2003–12/2004

Worked toward M.A. and Ph.D. in English (15 hours completed, GPA 4.0)

Schreiner University, Kerrville, Texas, 08/1999–05/2002

B.A. English, Secondary Teacher Certification, Summa Cum Laude with Honors

AWARDS RECEIVED

TCU English Department Graduate Student of the Year, 3-5th Year Literature (2010-2011)

Travel Grant, TCU English Department (2011)

Ashgate/RSVP Travel Award for Travel to Research Society for Victorian Periodicals Conference (2010)

Travel Grant, TCU Graduate Studies (2010)

Travel Grant, TCU English Department (2009)

Travel Grant, TCU Graduate Student Senate (2009)

Runner-up for TCU's English Department Graduate Instructor of the Year (2008-2009)

TCU English Department Graduate Student of the Year (2007-2008)

Mirabeau B. Lamar Award of Excellence in Teaching, High School Teacher of the Year (2002-2003)

Outstanding Sigma Tau Delta English Major (2001-2002)

Top Paper at Schreiner University Popular Culture Symposium (2000)

PUBLICATIONS

"Bibliographic Databases and the 'Golden Stream': Constructing *The Periodical Poetry Index*." *Victorian Review* 38.2 (Sept. 2013). Print. With Natalie Houston and Lindsay Lawrence.

"Teaching and Learning with *The Periodical Poetry Index*." *Victorian Periodicals Review* 45.2 (Summer 2012): 224-7. Print. With Natalie Houston and Lindsay Lawrence.

Periodical Poetry: An Index of Poetry in Nineteenth-Century Periodicals. Co-Editor. First Release, Summer 2011. www.periodicalpoetry.org

Periodical Poetry indexes poetry published in nineteenth-century periodicals, including texts by nineteenth-century British and American poets, poets from earlier periods, and poems in translation. This digital humanities resource offers full bibliographic citations as well as information such as first lines, poetic form, length, and notes on illustration and other poem features through searching and browsing.

"Approaching the Last Hour': Agency and Rhetoric in Women Patients' Breast Cancer Narratives of Nineteenth-Century Britain." Submitted to *Victorian Literature and Culture* in June 2012. Suggested substantial revision and a new submission. Revisions in progress.

"A Review of *Trends and Teaching Composition: A Professional Development DVD* by Pearson Longman." *Kairos: A Journal of Rhetoric, Technology, and Pedagogy* 13.2 (2009): n. pg. Web. With Angela Bullard, Kelly Cameron, David Elder, Charlotte Hogg, Amanda Irvin, Jason King, Laura Knudson, Matthew Koch, Joddy Murray, and Kristi Serrano.

Contributor to *Routledge Annotated Bibliography of English Studies, 2008-2012*

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

"Digital Bibliographic Scholarship: New Forms of Traditional Research." Research Society for Victorian Periodicals. University of Salford. Manchester, UK. July 2013.

"Revealing the Cultural Work of Poetry in Periodicals Through the *Periodical Poetry Index*." Research Society for Victorian Periodicals. Canterbury Christ Church University. Canterbury, UK. July 2011.

"Curious Medical Narratives: Breast Cancer and Woman's Experiences with Medicine of the 1890s." British Women Writers Conference. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. March 2011.

"Not to keep it concealed': Coverage of Breast Cancer in Victorian Women's Periodicals." Research Society of Victorian Periodicals. Yale University. New Haven, CT. September 2010.

"Breast Cancer in the Nineteenth Century: Narrating the Journey through Diagnosis, Treatment, and the Aftermath." British Women Writers Conference. Texas A&M University. College Station, TX. April 2010.

"How to Live and Grieve: Instructions from Early Victorian Women's Memorial Poetry." Research Society for Victorian Periodicals. University of St. Thomas. Minneapolis, MN. August 2009.

"Our Sense of National Loss': Collective Memory and Royal Death, 1861-1865." North American Victorian Studies Association & British Association for Victorian Studies Joint Conference. Cambridge University, UK. July 2009.

"A Sentence of Death Had Been Passed on Her': Breast Cancer and Friendship in Victorian Women Writers, 1875-1895." British Women Writers Conference. University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. April 2009 (accepted but did not present)

"Periodical Mourning: The Character of the Woman Author as Created in Victorian Elegies and Obituaries." Research Society for Victorian Periodicals Conference. Roehampton University, London, UK. 5 July 2008.

"[S]he that lives must mourn': Dual Marginality in Nineteenth-Century Women's Memorial Poetry." British Women Writers Conference. Indiana University, Bloomington IN. 29 March 2008.

"A Would-Be Laura': Lady Mary Wroth's Voice and Apostrophic Language." South Central Renaissance Conference. San Antonio, TX. 8 March 2007.

Invited Presentations

- "Navigating the Alt-Ac Track." Society for the Study of American Women Writers. Denver, CO. October 2012.
- "Alternative Assignments to Engage Students with Literature." TCU English Department Seminar in Literature Pedagogy. Fort Worth, TX. 18 February 2011.
- "Taking the PhD Comprehensive Exams." TCU English Department Graduate Student Professionalization Series. Fort Worth, TX. 23 September 2010.
- "Conferencing as a Graduate Student." TCU English Department Graduate Student Professionalization Series. Fort Worth, TX. 10 November 2009.
- "Library and Online Research." TCU English Graduate Instructor Pre-Semester Workshop. Fort Worth, TX. 19 August 2009.
- "Incorporating Technology: Blogging." TCU English Graduate Instructor Pre-Semester Workshop. Fort Worth, TX. 21 August 2008.
- "Library and Online Research." TCU English Graduate Instructor Pre-Semester Workshop. Fort Worth, TX. 20 August 2008.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & ORGANIZATIONS

Texas Christian University

- Nineteenth Century Transatlantic Discussion Group Member (2008-present)
- English Department Composition Committee (2010-2011)
- Koehler Center Advisory Council, Graduate Student Representative (2010-2011)
- Frog Camp, Faculty Facilitator (2010)
- Graduate Student Mentor, English Department (2008-2009, 2010-2011)
- Vision in Action Strategic Planning, Graduate Student Focus Group (2010)
- Graduate Student Senate, Vice President (2008-2009)
- Instructional Development Committee, Graduate Representative (2008-2009, 2010-2011)
- Grade Appeals Committee, Graduate Representative (2008-2009)

University of Houston

- Graduate English Society, Member (2006-2007)