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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. **Texas Christian University** Fort Worth, Texas 2015  
English (Specialization: 20th/21st Century American Literature)
- M.A. **University of Central Florida** Orlando, Florida 2005  
Secondary English Language Arts Education
- B.A. **University of Miami** Coral Gables, Florida 2003  
English and Philosophy

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- Assistant Professor of English** 2015-Present  
English Department, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse  
La Crosse, Wisconsin
- Doctoral Teaching Fellow** 2014-15  
Department of English, Texas Christian University  
Fort Worth, Texas
- Graduate Instructor** 2011-14  
Department of English, Texas Christian University  
Fort Worth, Texas

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- University of Wisconsin-La Crosse** 2015-Present
- EDS 492: Student Teaching Seminar
  - ENG 405: Teaching and Learning English in the Secondary School
  - ENG 370: Early American Literature
  - ENG 341: Pedagogical Approaches to Adolescent Literature
  - ENG 210: Literature of Black America
  - ENG 202: American Literature II
  - ENG 201: American Literature I
  - ENG 110: College Writing I

**Texas Christian University**

2011-15

ENGL 30523: American Literature and Popular Culture

*Co-taught with Dr. Sarah Robbins*

ENGL 20833: The #epicfail as Argument

ENGL 20803: Intermediate Composition

ENGL 20503: Major American Writers

ENGL 10133: Introduction to Literature

ENGL 10113: Introduction to Poetry

ENGL 10803: Introduction to Composition

**Oviedo High School (Oviedo, Florida)**

2005-10

Certification: ENGLISH (Grades 6-12)

2005-15

Advanced Placement (AP) English Language &amp; Composition

American &amp; World Literatures

Creative Writing

Critical Thinking/SAT Preparation

## PUBLICATIONS

With Heidi Jones. "Manufacturing Manhood: Young Adult Fiction and Masculinity(ies) in the 21st Century." Chapter in *Beyond the Blockbusters: Themes and Trends in Young Adult Literature*. (Forthcoming)

With Tyler Branson, Sharon Harris, and Joel Overall. Rev. of *Kenneth Burke and Ralph Ellison: At the Roots of the Racial Divide*, by Bryan Crable. *KB Journal: The Journal of the Kenneth Burke Society*. Vol. 9, Issue 1 (Fall 2013).

## CONFERENCE PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

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| <p>"Raising (Critical) Voices: Preparing Teachers for Critical Pedagogies in the ELA Classroom"<br/> <i>2018 National Council of Teachers of English Conference (Houston, TX)</i></p>  | November 2018 |
| <p>"Voices of Advocacy in Imaginary Worlds: Teaching Speculative Fiction with Critical Literacy, Feminist and Queer Theory Perspectives"<br/> <i>2016 National Council of Teachers of English Conference (Atlanta, GA)</i></p> | November 2016 |
| <p>"Curating Capitalism: Walter Benjamin, Kenneth Goldsmith, and the 21st Century Archive"<br/> <i>2016 PAMLA Conference (Pasadena, CA)</i></p>  | November 2016 |

“Pedagogies of Poetry: The Transformational Rhetorics of Lyn Hejinian and Susanne Langer” <i>2016 Rhetoric Society of America Conference (Atlanta, GA)</i>	May 2016
“Kenneth Burke and the Poetics of Pure Persuasion” <i>2014 PAMLA Conference (Riverside, CA)</i>	November 2014
Reassessing Language Poetry: Thirty Years After <i>The L=A=N=G=U=A=G=E Book</i> <i>Chair, Special Session / 2014 PAMLA Conference (Riverside, CA)</i>	November 2014
“Rediscovering Russell Atkins: Heretofore and the Rhetoric of Rebirth” <i>2014 American Literature Assn. Poetry Symposium (Savannah, GA)</i>	October 2014
“Digital Poetics + You = Pure Persuasion” <i>The Ninth Conference of the Kenneth Burke Society (St. Louis, Missouri)</i>	July 2014
“Literature as Equipment for Living: Teaching the Texts of the 2010s” <i>The Society for Contemporary Literature Teaching Roundtable</i> <i>2014 American Literature Assn. Conference (Washington, D.C.)</i>	May 2014
“Reading Without Violence: The Poetics of Deliberate Inscrutability and Erica Hunt’s <i>Local History</i> ” <i>2013 PAMLA Conference (San Diego, California)</i>	November 2013
“Kenneth Burke, Louis Zukofsky, and the Comic Framing of “A-23”” <i>2012 PAMLA Conference (Seattle, Washington)</i>	October 2012
“‘Ghosts which have run mad in the subways’: Ashbery, George Oppen, and ‘A Language of New York’” <i>2012 NeMLA Conference (Rochester, New York)</i>	March 2012
“Assembling Reminders: Wittgenstein, Language, and Kenneth Goldsmith’s ‘Uncreative Writing’” <i>2012 CCTE Conference (Fort Worth, Texas)</i>	March 2012

## CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

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“What Ta-Nehisi Coates Says to Me” <i>Plenary Panel, UWL Social Justice Week</i>	April 2018
“La Crosse Reads: Creating a Community-Wide Reading Program” <i>UWL Social Justice Week</i>	April 2017
“Avant-Rhetoric: Innovation as Argument in Postwar American Poetry” <i>William J. and Yvonne Hyde Colloquium Series (UWL English Dept.)</i>	December 2015
“Dissertation Leftovers: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” <i>American Culture Interest Group</i>	February 2015
“Literature of the Here & Now: Toward a Postmillennial Pedagogy” <i>American Culture Interest Group</i>	April 2014
“Comprehensive Exams as Professional Development: Becoming a Better Teacher During the Most Stressful Time of Your Life” <i>American Culture Interest Group</i>	August 2013

Pearson LearningStudio Gradebook Training <i>2013 Pre-Semester Workshop for New TCU Graduate Instructors</i>	August 2013
“Making the Most Out of Your Conference Presentation Experience” <i>American Culture Interest Group</i>	November 2012
“Navigating the Application Process: Tips from an Old Pro” <i>TCU Graduate School Forum, 2012</i>	October 2012
Pearson LearningStudio Gradebook Training <i>2012 Pre-Semester Workshop for New TCU Graduate Instructors</i>	August 2012
“So, You Want to Apply for Graduate School...?” <i>TCU Graduate School Forum, 2011</i>	October 2011
“Choosing the Right Graduate Program for You” <i>TCU Graduate School Forum, 2010</i>	October 2010
“The Abolitionist Poetry of John Greenleaf Whittier” <i>Dr. Sarah Robbins’s Undergraduate Course in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Literature</i>	October 2010

#### UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

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Chair, English Education Committee	2017-18
President, Winifred Bryan Horner Rhetoric Society <i>TCU Chapter of the Rhetoric Society of America</i>	2012-13

#### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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STEP Admissions Interviews (English Education)	Spring 2018
Search and Screen Committee: English Education <i>UWL English Department</i>	2017-Present
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC)	2017-Present
Field Experience/Student Teaching Task Force <i>UWL School of Education</i>	2017-Present
“Eagle Apprentices” Undergraduate Research Mentor <i>Madeline Roth, English Education</i>	2017-Present
Etiquette Working Group <i>UWL English Department</i>	Fall 2017
Judge, Western (WI) Regional National History Day Contest	March 2017
STEP Admissions Interviews (English Education)	Spring 2017
Event Leader, “Coffee Conversation” at Cabin Coffee <i>La Crosse Reads / NEA “Big Read”</i>	February 2017
“Eagle Apprentices” Undergraduate Research Mentor <i>Morgan Gates, English Education</i>	2016-17

STEP Assessment Committee	2016-17
STEP Admissions Interviews (English Education)	Spring 2016
Secondary Teacher Education Preparation (STEP) Committee	2015-Present
English Education Committee	2015-Present
Literature Committee	2015-Present
Composition Committee	2015-16
TCU Honors College Program Review	Spring 2014
Undergraduate Teaching Mentor <i>Elizabeth de Gravelle, Secondary English Education (TCU)</i>	Fall 2013
Faculty Search Committee: Creative Writing <i>TCU Department of English</i>	Spring 2012
American Culture Interest Group	2011-15

#### PRE-SERVICE TEACHER SUPERVISION

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Student Teacher Supervision <i>Four student teachers (English)</i>	Spring 2018
Field Experience II (PDS) Supervision <i>Three teacher candidates (English)</i>	Spring 2018
Student Teacher Supervision <i>Three student teachers (English)</i>	Fall 2017
Field Experience II (PDS) Supervision <i>Five teacher candidates (English)</i>	Fall 2017
Field Experience II (PDS) Supervision <i>Five teacher candidates (English)</i>	Spring 2017
Student Teacher Supervision <i>Six student teachers (English)</i>	Fall 2016
Field Experience II (PDS) Supervision <i>Seven teacher candidates (English)</i>	Spring 2016

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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SOE Faculty iPad Training <i>UWL School of Education</i>	February 2018
Co-Teaching Models for Field Experiences and Student Teaching <i>UWL School of Education / Office of Field Experiences</i>	August 2017
Professional Learning Community (PLC) at Work Training <i>UWL School of Education</i>	September 2016

The 35th Annual Wisconsin Reading Research Symposium <i>Madison, Wisconsin</i>	June 2016
CLS Faculty Mentoring Program <i>UWL College of Liberal Studies</i>	2015-16
English Language Arts Regional PLC <i>UWL and La Crescent-Hokah Public Schools (MN)</i>	April 2016
edTPA Local Evaluation Training <i>UWL and AACTE</i>	November 2015
“Rethinking Your Grading Workload” <i>UWL Center for Advancing Teaching and Learning (CATL)</i>	September 2015

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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TCU Doctoral Teaching Fellowship	2014-15
Graduate Travel Grant <i>TCU Department of English</i>	2013-14
Graduate Student Research Travel Grant <i>TCU Office of Graduate Studies</i>	2013
Graduate Travel Grant <i>TCU Department of English</i>	2012-13
Ida M. Green Doctoral Fellowship, TCU	2010-11
UCF Graduate Merit Fellowship	2003-05

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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Nominee, Faculty Recognition of Excellence Award for Teaching <i>College of Liberal Studies (English Department)</i>	2017-18
Faculty Merit Awarded (“Very Meritorious”) <i>UWL English Department</i>	2016-17
Faculty Merit Awarded (“Very Meritorious”) <i>UWL English Department</i>	2015-16
Nominee, Faculty Member of the Year <i>UWL Residence Life (White Hall)</i>	2015-16
Graduate Instructor of the Year <i>TCU English Department</i>	2014
The Australia Tarver Award for Critical Essay on Race, Post-Colonialism, or Multi-Ethnic Studies	2014
PAMLA Graduate Student Scholarship	2012
Outstanding Graduate Student Award	2012

<i>First- or Second Year Student in English Studies</i>	
Betsy Colquitt Graduate Poetry Award <i>TCU Creative Writing Awards</i>	2012
Outstanding Graduate Student Award <i>First- or Second Year Student in English Studies</i>	2011
TCU Library Scholar Study Award	2010
Seminole County Public Schools, "Rookie Teacher of the Year" <i>SCPS High Schools (Grades 9—12)</i>	2006
Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa <i>Delta of Florida at the University of Miami</i>	April 2003

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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The Kenneth Burke Society

Modern Language Association

National Council of Teachers of English

Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association

Rhetoric Society of America