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Education:

M. A. English Literature, University of Kentucky, 1987.
B. A. American Literature, George Washington University, 1980.

Employment:

2007–Present. Senior Lecturer, English Department, Gonzaga University. Courses taught: English Composition, Basic Writing, Enhanced English Composition.

2000–2007. Instructor, English Department, Gonzaga University. Courses taught: English Composition, Basic Writing.

1990–2000. Adjunct Instructor, English Department, Gonzaga University. Course taught: English Composition, Basic Writing.

1987–1989. Instructor, English Department & Parallel Studies, Austin Community College, Austin, TX. Courses taught: English Composition I and II, Writing Skills I and II.

1986–1989. Writing Tutor, Parallel Studies, Austin Community College, Austin, TX.

1986–1989. Writing Tutor, Learning Assistance Center, St. Edward's University, Austin, TX.

1987–1989. Teaching Assistant, Rural Upward Bound, St. Edward's University, Austin, TX.

1986. Teaching Assistant, Upward Bound, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

1984–1986. Teaching Assistant, English Department, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. Courses taught: English Composition I and II.

Publications:

With Mark Alfino, Linda Pierce, and Kelly O'Brien Jenks. "Advancing Critical Thinking and Information Literacy Skills in First Year College Students." *College and Undergraduate Libraries*. 15.1/2 (2008): 81 - 98. (Chosen by the American Library Association Library Instruction Round Table as one of "'LIRT's Top Twenty' library instruction articles of 2008" and reprinted in the June 2009 *Library Instruction Round Table News*).

National Conferences:

Discussion Leader, "Conversation on Writing Anxiety, Fear, and Failure." 2005 Conference on College Composition and Communication, San Francisco, California.

Chair, "Embodied Evidence: Reconstructing Women Writers' Identities from Archival Records." 2007 Conference on College Composition and Communication, New York, New York.

Speaker. "Wikis: Space, Authenticity, and Critical Thinking." 2009 Conference on College Composition and Communication, San Francisco, California.

Attended Conference on College Composition and Communication Convention 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Regional Conferences:

Attended the Inland Information Literacy and the Teaching of Composition Workshop at Bozarth Mansion, Spokane, WA, November 11, 2009; November 2012; November 2013; and November 2016.

Attended Gonzaga University Composition FacTalk Sessions: "Group work" and "Teaching Grammar" Fall 2009; "Close Reading" Spring 2011; "Responding to Student Writing" Fall 2016; and "Open Source Textbooks" Spring 2017.

Other Professional Development:

Review of *Building Vocabulary for College*, sixth edition, a textbook by R. Kent Smith, 2006, Houghton Mifflin.

Attended Thought and Expression Planning Workshops, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2013.

Attended Center for Teaching and Advising Workshops: "Grading," Spring 2007; "Critical Thinking," Fall 2007; "Introduction to Visual Thinking Strategies" and "Slow Teaching in a Fast Age," Spring 2016; "Beyond Blackboard: Thinking Pedagogically, Not Only Strategically, about Technology," Fall 2016.

Attended Center for Teaching and Advising Teaching Circles "Clickers," Fall 2016.

Service to University:

Taught and developed Diversity or Social Justice designated Composition courses from 1995 to fall 2002.

Presentation with Tod Marshall, Susan Foster-Dow, and Maureen Sheridan on "Disturbing Student Writing." Center for Teaching and Advising. Gonzaga University, Spring, 2007.

Guest Speaker, "Communicating with Professors and Instructors" Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010. New Student Athlete Orientation, Gonzaga University Athletic Department.

Participated in the 2009 ACT Six College Writing Workshop. Gonzaga University 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Participated in the ACT Six Phase III Competition Writing Activity, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2014 and the Writing Training, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Conducted Writing Workshop for Gonzaga University MBA program, January 2012.

Served on University Core Curriculum "First Year Seminar" Working Group, Spring 2014.

Served on University Admissions Committee, Spring 2014-2017.

Served as Faculty Advisor to *Culture Shock* (now known as *Our Voices*), a Gonzaga University student publication, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015 - 2016 and Co-Faculty Advisor 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017.

Served on University Core Curriculum "First Year Seminar" Working Group, Spring 2014.

Served on University Admissions Committee, Spring 2014-2017.

Taught UNIV Courses: The Strategy of College and STEP Basics, Summer 2014; Strategies for Success, Fall 2014.

Served on University Core Writing Curriculum Working Group 2015–2016.

Chaired Core Curriculum Committee on Writing 2016–2017.

Attended Intergroup Dialogue Facilitator Training, January 11th-12, 2017.

Served as Intergroup Dialogue Facilitator for a Social Justice Learning Circle for Faculty and Staff, Spring 2017 (upcoming).

Service to English Department:

Taught and developed Composition component of Linked Thought and Expression classes beginning in 1996 thru 2014.

Facilitated FacTalk "Critical Thinking and Teaching the Argument Essay," Spring 2010.

Served on the following English Department Committees, Fall 2008 to present: Composition Committee 2007-2009; English Department Assessment Committee 2008-2009; Composition Professional Development Subcommittee 2009-2010; Composition Committee 2010-2011; Non-tenure Track Reappointment Committee 2014–2016; Chaired English 101 Core Writing Course Committee 2015-2017.