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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in English, July 2011
University of West Georgia, Carrollton
Major: English
GPA: 4.0/4.0

Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications, August 2003
University of West Georgia, Carrollton
Major: Mass Communications Minor: History
GPA: 3.6/4.0 (cum laude)

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Senior Lecturer

August 2023-present

*University of West Georgia
Department of General Education
First-Year Writing Program
Carrollton, GA*

Teach a combination of four English/Film courses per semester (total of eight courses per year, with occasional summer courses) in the department's First-Year Writing Program, and also work in the University Writing Center for three hours per week during the fall and spring semesters.

English Lecturer

August 2020-July 2023

*University of West Georgia
Department of General Education
Carrollton, GA*

Same job responsibilities as previous role, as well as added committee duties, but First-Year Writing has shifted to a new department.

Lecturer

August 2017-August 2020

*University of West Georgia
Department of English and Philosophy
Carrollton, GA*

Teach a combination of four English/Film courses per semester (total of eight courses per year, with occasional summer courses) in the department's First-Year Writing Program, and also work as a tutor in the University Writing Center for three hours per week during the fall and spring semesters.

Instructor

August 2012-August 2017

University of West Georgia

Department of English and Philosophy

Carrollton, GA

Taught a combination of four English/Film courses per semester (total of eight courses per year) in the department's First-Year Writing Program, and also worked as a tutor in the University Writing Center for three hours per week during the fall and spring semesters.

Film Critic

January 2002-present

Times-Georgian/Douglas County Sentinel/West Georgia Living

Carrollton/Douglasville, GA

Write a weekly film column for two daily/online newspapers, as well as a bimonthly column for a regional magazine.

Film Critic

January 2015-present

June 2006-September 2008

KISS 102.7 FM

Carrollton, GA

Featured guest in a weekly movie review segment on local radio.

Coordinator of Marketing Publications

September 2009-July 2012

Office of University Communications and Marketing

University of West Georgia

Wrote and edited copy for marketing materials and media relations, as well as managed communication with potential ad subjects. Other duties included writing, editing, and managing the production of *Perspective* (biannual alumni magazine), producing *Perspective Monthly* (alumni email newsletter), and the *Campus Chronicle* (faculty/staff online publication). Also supervised and mentored several student writers. Played a supporting role in the institution's social media strategy, as well as initiated the planning stages of expanding the *Perspective* brand to include a separate issue for each of UWG's schools and colleges, along with an enhanced web presence.

Coordinator of Advancement Publications

August 2006-September 2009

Office of University Communications and Marketing

University of West Georgia

Wrote, edited, and managed the production of major Alumni and Development publications, including *Perspective* (biannual alumni magazine), *Developments* (biannual donor magazine), and *Honor Roll* (university's annual report). Major duties and responsibilities included conceptualizing and assigning content for publications as part of the editorial board; writing accurate and engaging copy; editing and proofing the work of publication team members; providing conceptual direction to designers; managing projects throughout production process from editorial meetings through design, printing and delivery; and meeting production schedules.

Multimedia Specialist

January 2004-August 2006

Midway Church

Villa Rica, GA

Generated articles for most of the publications that reached 2,000+ members, copy edited all documents disseminated by church leadership, assisted with advertising campaigns, produced and edited multimedia projects, and managed a 10-person team responsible for producing multiple weekly services.

Features Editor

February 2001-May 2003

The West Georgian

University of West Georgia

Wrote and edited stories, designed pages, and supervised staff writers for the weekly campus newspaper.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Sigma Kappa Honored Professors' Breakfast, 2013

Martha Saunders Excellence in Teaching First-Year Writing, 2017

COURSES TAUGHT

ENGL 0999/1101L: English Composition Support/Lab (pilot course)

ENGL 1101: English Composition I

ENGL 1102: English Composition II

ENGL 3405: Professional and Technical Writing

FILM 2080: Introduction to the Art of Film

FILM 2100: History and Theory of Film

XIDS 2002: What Do You Know About Film?

XIDS 2100: Arts and Ideas (IGNITE; American Media/Arts; Classic American Film)

PUBLICATIONS

Perspective (UWG alumni publication), 2006-2012

Writer and editor

Times-Georgian, 2002-present
Weekly film column

Douglas County Sentinel, 2011-present
Weekly film column

West Georgia Living, 2015-present
Bi-monthly film articles

Jason & Josh Fight About the Movies, 2018-present
Ongoing podcast with Jason Evans (CNN, *Wall Street Journal*)

Adoption & Culture, Summer 2020
One Child Nation review

PRESENTATIONS

“Exalting the Forest, Ignoring the Trees: Wordsworth, *Into the Wild* and the Dangerous Illusion of the Pastoral.” Presenter. Celebration of Graduate Research. University of West Georgia. April 2011.

“Exploring Gender Trait Reversal in Hughes’ *In A Lonely Place*.” Presenter. The Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture Since 1900. University of Louisville. February 2010.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Penelope Melson Society (publicity committee), 2008-2011

WOLF Internet Radio film critic, 2010-2012

WOLF Wellness Committee, 2012

Mentor/advisor to graduate teaching assistants and FYW instructors, 2014-2020

Undergraduate Research Conference panel organizer, 2014 (Flannery O’Connor)

FYW Committee, 2015-2016

Undergraduate Research Conference panel organizer, 2016-2017 (pop culture)

English Education Committee, 2018-2019

EPIC (FYW curriculum revision) pilot program, 2018-present

ENGL 1101L/0999 corequisite pilot program, 2018-present

Preview Day volunteer, 2018-2019

Film Learning Community coordinator, 2019-present

CASCI/Gen Ed Workgroup (Spring/Fall 2021, ongoing)

Coordinator of the Film Learning Community (Spring 2021, ongoing)

Film Learning Community service project (Spring 2021)

Assessment work group (Spring 2021)

Faculty Senate Teaching/Learning/Assessment Committee (Fall 2021, ongoing)

FYW Committee (Fall 2021, ongoing)

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

KISS 102.7 film critic, 2006-2008 and 2015-present
Essay judge for GISA 4A Literary competition, 2013
Judge for Carrollton NAACP's ACT-SO filmmaking competition, 2014
Organized Q&A screening of *A Band Called Death* with co-director Jeff Howlett, 2014
Featured speaker for Carrollton High School English Department, Fall 2018
Judge for Carrollton High School's GHSA Literary competition, 2018
Reader for Whitesburg Public Library's holiday event, 2018
Featured speaker at Carrollton Lions Club meeting, August 2019
Featured speaker at Carrollton Fine Arts Club meeting, October 2019
Judge for Carrollton High School's Governor's Honors competition (November 2019)
Literary Competition judge for Oak Mountain Academy (Spring 2021)
State Literary Competition judge (Spring 2021)
Governor's Honors judge for Carrollton High School (Fall 2021)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Georgia Film Critics Association, 2015-present
Atlanta Film Critics Circle (founding member), 2017-present
Southeastern Film Critics Association (Executive Committee member), 2018-present