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Instructor of English
Department of English and Philosophy
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Carrollton, GA 30118

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in English, August 2003
University of West Georgia, Carrollton
Major: English GPA: 4.0/4.0
Thesis: "Increasing Motivation in the Freshman Writing Class"

Master of Arts in Communication, May 1995
The University of Alabama
Major: Journalism GPA: 3.8/4.0
Graduate Project: *The Alabama Reader: The Newspaper for Students of Alabama History* (Newspaper publishing and marketing project)

Bachelor of Arts in Arts and Sciences, May 1993
The University of Alabama
Major: English Minor: Spanish
GPA: 3.78/4.00
magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

English Instructor, August 1998 – present
Department of English and Philosophy and eCore
State University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

- Teach freshman composition courses in face-to-face, online and hybrid classes
- Respond to and evaluate student essays and other written work
- Conference with students individually to improve writing skills
- Tutor students in the University Writing Center
- Mentor new eCore instructors

Freelance Writer, 1996-present
The Alabama Baptist newspaper, Birmingham, Alabama

- Write articles by assignment on a range of topics, including contemporary issues, health, profiles, and how-to articles, for statewide newspaper with weekly circulation of 90,000+

Freelance Writer/Editor, August 1998 – May 1999

Globe Fearon, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey

- Edited short readings on Georgia history
- Created student activities for readings to match educational objectives set forth in Georgia's Quality Core Curriculum

Editor/Publisher, April 1995 – May 1998

The Alabama Reader, Muscadine, Alabama

- Wrote and edited newspaper articles for children's newspaper
- Prepared business plan and projected budget for small business venture
- Conducted day-to-day business operations of newspaper, including public relations, advertising, subscription management, and mailing
- Coordinated statewide student essay contest for sponsoring organization

Staff Reporter, November 15, 1995 – August 1, 1996

The Alabama Baptist newspaper, Birmingham, Alabama

- Wrote feature and news articles on issues concerning Alabama Baptists
- Used QuarkXPress software to design pages
- Took photographs to accompany stories

Research/Teaching Assistant, August 15, 1993 – May 15, 1995

Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, The University of Alabama

- Conducted intensive legal and historical research on communications-related topics
- Instructed introductory level communication students in AP style, basic punctuation, grammar, and writing skills
- Edited and graded student writing assignments and tests

Intern, May 16 – August 5, 1994

Southern Progress Corporation, Birmingham, Alabama

- Wrote press and personnel releases for *Southern Living*, *Cooking Light*, and *Progressive Farmer* magazines, as well as Oxmoor House books
- Wrote and edited articles for *SouthWord* (internal magazine for Southern Progress Corporation employees and friends)

Managing Editor, January 10 – April 1, 1994

Magazine Forum, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

- Edited and designed 32-page publication of the Association for Educators in Journalism and Mass Communication Magazine Division

Intern, January 8 – May 8, 1993

Alabama Alumni Magazine, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

- Wrote feature stories and news articles for national alumni publication

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS, PUBLICATIONS, AND AWARDS

“Making it Relevant: Personal and Community Histories in the Language Arts Classroom.” *Connections: Georgia Language Arts* 37.1 (2000): 29-32.

Distinguished Service Award from Disabled Student Services Department, 1999

Georgia: Its Past, Purpose, and Promise: Part I and *Georgia: Its Past, Purpose, and Promise: Part II*, supplement to accompany Globe Fearon’s *The United States: Its Past, Purpose, and Promise*, Upper Saddle River, NJ: Globe Fearon, 1999.

“The Student’s Right to Read Revisited: The State of Censorship in Georgia Today.” Presentation at the 1998 Georgia Council for Teachers of English (GCTE) Winter Conference, February 19-21, 1998, Savannah, Georgia.

“Brandishing Shifgrethor: LeGuin’s *The Left Hand of Darkness*.” *Notes on Contemporary Literature*, 28:1.

“Read All About It: Using and Creating Newspapers in the Classroom.” Presentation at the Joint Meeting of the Alabama Geographic Alliance/Geofest and Alabama Council for Social Studies, October 6-7, 1995, Hoover, Alabama.

1995 AEJMC Student Magazine Contest, Team Magazine Prospectus Category, 3rd place, *Southern Hospitality* prospectus.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ARTICLES

News anchor recounts cancer journey

<http://www.bpnews.net/bpnews.asp?id=26291>

Geography boasts beautiful extremes but doesn’t hide country’s past economic woes

http://thealabamabaptist.org/print-edition-article-detail.php?id_art=8157

Baldwin Association’s WMU ministers to women, children in West Virginia

http://thealabamabaptist.org/print-edition-article-detail.php?id_art=18895

Balanced diet, exercise lead to fuller life, experts say

<http://erlc.com/article/balanced-diet-exercise-lead-to-fuller-life-experts-say/>

Alabama Baptists, churches offer addicts help, hope through programs

http://thealabamabaptist.org/print-edition-article-detail.php?id_art=8825

State faces challenges, dangers of dealing with methamphetamine
http://thealabamabaptist.org/print-edition-article-detail.php?id_art=8830

Exercise helps seniors stay fit, builds camaraderie
http://thealabamabaptist.org/print-edition-article-detail.php?id_art=9713

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

University of Alabama Honors Program

1993 University of Alabama National Alumni Association Outstanding Senior

Sigma Tau Delta National English Honorary

Omicron Delta Kappa

Mortar Board