

EDUCATION AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- M.A. English: Granted: August 2009
State University of West Georgia: Carrollton, GA.
GPA: 4.0
Thesis: Penetrating Pamela: Adapting Adoption Theory

- B.A. English: Granted: May 2006
University of Maryland University College—European Division: Heidelberg, Germany.

GPA: 3.74; GPA in Major: 3.75
 - Associate's Degree in General Studies, May 2006

RECENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Blogger and Independent E-Publishing Company: Books With Benefits Press, March 2013-Present

- Conceptualized and established an online website exploring the characteristics of the romance genre from a dual standpoint of an educated reader and a Pop Culture consumer.
- Established and expanded skills within online publishing to include front-end web development, html and css formatting, and online marketing/publicity.
- Continual and sustained quality contact with regional and national professional authors that resulted in interviews, reviews, and comparative discussions on these author's novels and careers.

English Teacher/Library and Writing Center Director: Ivy Collegiate Academy (Taiwan), March 2010-Present

- Taught English Literature and Language Arts to primarily 12th grade with some 7th grade instruction.
- Taught AP English Composition and Language Arts
- Taught SAT Writing, Creative Writing, and TV Production Elective Courses
- Created course syllabi, selected complimentary texts, and designed prompts, formative assessments, and benchmarks for each class.
- Integrated ELL learning strategies and goals into an average as well as advanced American high school curriculum for all students.
- Challenged students to recognize, utilize, and assess arguments in everyday texts and culture as well classical texts.

Adjunct Instructor: West Georgia Technical College, October 2009-March 2010/August 2013-August 2014

- Taught ENG 097, 098, 1101 and 1102.

- Created course syllabi, selected complimentary texts, and designed prompts for each class.
- Placed and added to instructional materials on my website.
- Recent course themes include: “The Nature of Truth in Fiction and Culture” and “The Things the Reader Carries.”
- Challenged students to recognize, utilize, and assess arguments in everyday texts and culture found in everything from commercials to music lyrics and videos.
- In grammar courses, taught students basic elements of the English language necessary for communication in both the written and spoken format.

Graduate Instructor of ENGL 1101 and 1102 : UWG, August 2005-May 2009

- Taught multiple sections of ENGL 1101 and 1102.
- Created course syllabi, selected texts, and designed prompts for each class.
- Given excellent evaluations from supervisors and students every semester.
- Placed and added to instructional materials on my website.
- Recent course themes include: “The Vampire Genre Evolution and Domestic Themes” and “Southern Storytellers and the Power of Fiction.”
- Engaged students in individual cultural experiences of in-class lessons such as attending and discussing the Atlanta Ballet’s performance of *Bram Stoker’s Dracula*

Graduate Assistant: UWG, January 2007- August 2007

- Worked with First-Year Writing Center to develop records of student attendance.
- Edited and researched works for tenured faculty.
- Edited endnotes for textbook manuscript.

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Ivy Collegiate Academy

Honor Committee Head 2012-2013

WASC Accreditation Resource Management Focus Group, 2010-2013

Senior College Advisor 2010-2013

House Leader, School Community Service and Activity Groups, **2010-2013**

WASC Accreditation Profile Committee, Editor, **2012**

Guest Soloist, International Schools Choral Society, The Forbidden City, Beijing, **2012**

Dorm Parent 2010-2011

University of West Georgia:

President, English Graduate Student Association, **2008-2009**

Secretary, English Graduate Student Association, **2007-2008**

Panel Chair, State UWG, Annual Undergraduate Conference **2008, 2009**

Member, Planning Committee for Annual Undergraduate Conference, **2007-Present**

Graduate Instructor, **2007-Present**

President, Undergraduate Sociology Club, **2003-2004**

Berry College:

Assistant Art Editor, Ramifications Literary Magazine, **2001-2002**

AWARDS & HONORS

Nominee, Rita Award in Published Romance Fiction, Romance Writers of America, **2014**
Nominee, James Mathews Prize for Graduate Research, University of West Georgia, **2009**
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Recognition of Graduate Research Award Recipient, University of West Georgia, **2009**
Recognition of Graduate Research Award Recipient, University of West Georgia, **2008**
Panel Chair, Southwest Texas ACA/PCA Annual Conference, **2009**
Recipient, Student Assistant Grant, University of West Georgia, **2007-2009**
Dean's List, University of Maryland University College—European Division, **2004-2006**
Dean's List, State University of West Georgia, **2002-2004**
Dean's List, Berry College, **2001-2002**
Federal Grant Recipient, State University of West Georgia, **2003-2004**
Hope Scholar, Berry College and Statue University of West Georgia, **2001-2004**
Berry College Merit Scholarship Recipient, Berry College, **2001-2002**
Kiwanis Scholarship Recipient 2001
Private Scholarship Recipient 2001
DeCA Scholarship Recipient 2001

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND QUALITIES

- Experience with ELL learners of a varied range of ability in one classroom.
 - Experience developing a college-prep curriculum for a vast range of student abilities (ESL/ELL students).
 - Organized and Advised on the development of Library Resources for ESL/ELL students.
 - Experienced and committed to global education as demonstrated by personal experience as a student overseas in DODD schools and institution of global awareness exercises in my own classroom to teach research and writing skills.
 - Broad range of experience living and working overseas in countries like England, Germany, Turkey, and Taiwan.
 - Committed to the development of students, both my own students and the students of others, beyond my own classroom such as helping students explore educational and professional opportunities and development.
 - Broad experience in online, technical, and visual learning development.
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PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS PRESENTED

Publications

Books With Benefits. Blog. www.bookswithbenefitspress.com

Conference Presentations:

"I See American People: M. Night Shyamalan's Approach to the Myths and Motivations of the American Utopian Impulse." Southwest Texas ACA/PCA Annual Conference, 2009.
"Hitching A Ride: Monsters and Method in Shyamalan's *The Village*." Southwest Texas ACA/PCA Annual Conference, 2009.

Class Presentations:

State University of West Georgia

"Frictional Functionality: The Masterful Guide in *The Winter's Tale* and *The Tempest*." Engl.

6105: Spring 2007.
"Family Values: Dysfunctional Knowledge in Wes Craven's *A Nightmare on Elm Street*." Engl. 6385: Spring 2007.
"Hell and Back: The Purgatorial Journey of Elizabeth Bennet and Film Adaptation." Engl. 5109: Spring 2007.
"Illicit Sex in *The Witch* and *The Tragedy of Sophonisba*." Engl. 65385: Summer 2007.
"Allan H. Pasco's 'On Defining Short Stories' and Charles Baxter's Short Stories." Engl. 6120: Summer 2007.
"The Body of Christ: The Physical Portrayal of Jesus in the Moravian Church." Engl. 6110: Fall 2007
"Religion and Romance: Shakespeare's All Natural." Engl. 6105: Fall 2007.
"Writing the Body: Mr B and Mr Darcy Reconfigured." Engl. 6115: Spring 2008.
