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EDUCATION

University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, 2008-2011

M.F.A. in Creative Writing, 2011, Area of Specialization: Fiction

University of Texas, Austin, Texas, 1999-2003

B.A. in English, 2003, Liberal Arts Honors Program

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, First-Year Writing Program, University of West Georgia, 2011-Present

- English 1101: Introductory composition course focusing primarily on argument and academic writing
- English 1102: Introductory composition course focusing primarily on research based academic writing and literary analysis

Instructor, English Department, University of Mississippi, 2010-2011

- English 311: Introductory creative writing course in fiction

Instructor, Intensive English Department, Houston Community College Central, 2007-2008

- ESOL 0345: Intermediate conversation course for foreign speakers
- ESOL 0346: Intermediate reading course for foreign speakers
- ESOL 0347: Intermediate writing course for foreign speakers
- ESOL 0351: Advanced-intermediate composition course for foreign speakers
- ESOL 0354: Advanced composition course for foreign speakers

Additional Teaching Experience and Certifications

- Tutor, University of West Georgia Writing Center, August 2011-Present
- Guest Lecturer, Baylor College of Medicine, “Literature and Medicine” course, January 2012
- English Teacher, Sharpstown High School, Houston Independent School District, 2003-2007
- Texas ESL Certification and Texas Secondary English Certification (8-12)

Other Teaching and Research Interests

- The Pedagogy of Expository Writing
- Creative Nonfiction
- Comic Literature
- The Short Story

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT

Grade-Norming Workshops, First-Year Writing Program, University of West Georgia, 2011

- Worked with other First-Year Writing faculty to improve rubrics and assessment

Mentoring Program, First-Year Writing Program, University of West Georgia, 2011

- Met regularly with mentor as a new faculty member
- Underwent formal and informal classroom observations
- Submitted graded assignments for review

Teach for America, English Content Team Leader, Houston, TX, 2007-2008

- Conducted monthly meeting with TFA English Teachers
- Presented on topics related to teaching English including curriculum design, assessment, and classroom management

Teach for America, Corps Member, Houston, TX, 2003-2005

- Served as a grade-level lead teacher at Sharpstown High School, a Title I school

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Fiction Co-Editor, *The Yalobusha Review*, University of Mississippi, Fall 2010-Spring 2011

- Solicited, selected, and edited short stories and interviews for the 2011 issue
- Drafted personal and form rejection letters
- Led weekly meetings with a team of eight fiction readers

Fiction Reader, *The Yalobusha Review*, University of Mississippi, Fall 2009-Spring 2010

- Read fiction submissions at weekly meetings and recommended stories for publication

Copywriter/Editor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Rice University, 2002

- Co-wrote and edited a chapter of *Water for Texas*, published by Texas A&M Press in 2004

HONORS AND AWARDS

Memphis Magazine Short Fiction Contest, finalist for “Behold, Ye Despisers,” 2011

AWP Intro Journal Award, nomination for short story “Nadir, Nadir, Nadir,” 2009

Austin Chronicle Short Story Contest, winner for “Fayette,” 2009

John and Renee Grisham Fellowship, fiction, University of Mississippi, 2008-2011

PUBLICATIONS

“In Which We Ask Sam Lipsyte Questions from Bob Dylan’s 1965 San Francisco Press Conference,” *The Yalobusha Review*, 2011 issue

“Barry Hannah in the World,” *Oxford American*, March 2011

Review of Elif Batuman’s *The Possessed: Adventures with Russian Books and the People Who Read Them*, *Paste Magazine*, March 2010

“Fayette,” *The Austin Chronicle*, February 2009