

Jeffrey W. Peterson

EDUCATION

M.F.A. in Writing. Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York, 2013

B.A. in English. University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia, 2010.
Secondary Education Certification: October 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Luella High School
Teacher

Locust Grove, GA
August 2013 – August 2014

- Taught 11th Grade American Literature under Common Core standards.
- Created common units and assessments within 11th Grade small learning community.
- Taught units on persuasive and expository essay writing, with heavy focus on evidence.

Westchester Community College
Tutor

Valhalla, NY
March 2012—May 2013

- Emphasized student-centered approach during student essay drafting.
- Provided editing strategies for structure, content, punctuation, grammar, and research.
- Led workshops titled “Brainstorming & Organizing” to assist early stages of writing.

Westchester County Correctional Facility
Facilitator

Valhalla, NY
September 2012—May 2013

- Coordinated with Sarah Lawrence College undergraduates to lesson plan.
- Prepared lesson plans for the facility’s Young Offenders Program.
- Led workshops on various forms of writing and visual art.
- Collected student work for anthology composition.

Legal Outreach, Inc.
Tutor

Long Island City, NY
September 2012—December 2012

- Assisted high school seniors in preparing college applications.
- Led workshops for personal statements, supplemental essays, resumes, and brag sheets.

Purchase College-SUNY
Graduate Assistant

Purchase, NY
August 2012—December 2012

- Worked in Colloquium II, a class centered on cultural studies.
- Guided students in theories applicable to *The Scarlett Letter* and contemporary texts.
- Graded guides of new theorists, responses based on readings, and essays connecting both.

Lincoln High School
Tutor

Yonkers, NY
Fall 2011 & 2012

- Assisted seniors on a weekly basis with college essays for early acceptance.
- Led workshops focusing on written sections of college applications.

Alcovy High School
Teacher

Covington, GA
January 2011—August 2011

- Taught World Literature units on poetry, short story, novel, and drama.
- Implemented vocabulary assignment bridging multiple learning styles.
- Prepared students for the Georgia High School Graduation Test in Language Arts.

Chapel Hill High School
Student Teacher

Douglasville, GA
Fall 2010

- Taught a Regionalism unit for honors and collaborative classes.
- Assessed student writing and revamped daily vocabulary assignment.
- Prepared lesson plans under lead teacher's guidance.
- Collaborated with the American Literature small learning community to create comprehension tests.

Temple Middle School
Student Teacher

Temple, GA
Spring 2010

- Observed lessons on grammar and *The Diary of Anne Frank*.
- Proctored during the week of CRCT testing and Benchmark tests.
- Viewed multiple IEP meetings and team meetings.

Carrollton High School
Student Teacher

Carrollton, GA
Fall 2009

- Taught lessons on creative non-fiction and logical fallacies.
- Consulted with students on essays, class work, and projects.
- Strategized to improve comprehension of daily assignments.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Atlanta Quest Indoor Percussion
Technician

Marietta, GA
October 2010—Present

- Communicated proper marching and playing technique.
- Upheld standards of discipline and pride.
- Edited music and warm-ups when necessary.

ALLIANCE Drum & Bugle Corps
Operations Director & Technician

Atlanta, GA
November 2010—Present

- Communicated proper marching and playing technique.
- Upheld standards of discipline and pride.
- Edited music and warm-ups when necessary.

Sarah Lawrence College Poetry Festival
Co-Director

Bronxville, NY
September 2011—May 2013

- Chose featured readers, booksellers, undergraduate committee members, student readers, and sponsors for 2013 Festival.
- Curated three days worth of readings, panels, travel arrangements, and refreshments.
- Crafted sponsorship letters for accruing funds and maintained \$19,000 budget.

Sprayberry High School
Technician

Marietta, GA
July 2010—November 2012

- Communicated proper playing and marching technique.

Regina Ryan Publishing Enterprises, Inc.
Intern

New York, NY
September 2011—September 2012

- Maintained spreadsheets of royalties and handled all piece mail.
- Emailed clients and publishing assistants.
- Organized digital and paper filing system and maintained company website.
- Edited *Transit Point Moscow* file for e-book publication.

PAPERS & CONFERENCES

Presenter, “Reconfiguring Secondary-Level Literature: More ‘Indians’ in the Class.” Conference of Georgia Council of Teachers of English. Pine Mountain, Georgia, 2010

Presenter, Select Poetry Readings. University of West Georgia English and Philosophy Undergraduate Conference. Carrollton, Georgia, 2009

Presenter, Select Creative Non-fiction Reading. “[Untitled Until Comprehended]” and “A Hatred of Hegemony in *First Indian on the Moon*.” University of West Georgia English and Philosophy Undergraduate Conference. Carrollton, Georgia, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Poems in Journals:

- “I Do This, I Do That” and “Physics.” *African American Review*, forthcoming, 2015
“dear Otis” [My momma love]. *The Westchester Review* (2014)
“Certified.” *Keeping the Faith in Education*. Ed. Ellie Roscher. Minneapolis, MN: Avenida Books (2013): 40
“Passing.” *The Westchester Review* (2013): 110
“Space.” *Eclectic* (2011): 44
“No Release.” *Prairie Margins* (2010): 10-1
“X’s.” *Eclectic* (2009): 20-1

Essays:

- “Semiotics of Masculine Performance: Reading Masculinity through *South Park’s* ‘Fishsticks’.”
LURE: Literary Undergraduate Research (2010): 69-81
“[Untitled Until Comprehended].” *Eclectic* (2009): 73-9

EDITORIAL/PROFESSIONAL

- Poetry Editor, *Madcap*, 2014-Present
General Reader, *The Boiler Journal*, 2014-Present
Distance Poetry Editor, *The Carolina Quarterly*. 2013-Present
Creative Director, *LUMINA*. 2012-2013
Writing Juror, NYC Regional Scholastic Writing Awards & Casita Maria, 2013
General Reader, *LUMINA*. 2011-2012

HONORS & ACTIVITIES

- Callaloo Creative Writing Workshop Participant, Providence, RI, 2013
Thomas Lux Scholarship (\$6,186), Bronxville, NY, 2013
Bucknell Seminar for Younger Poets fellow, Lewisburg, PA, 2011
Outstanding Achievement Award with ALLIANCE Drum & Bugle Corps, September, 2010
GCTE Conference Award for Future English Teachers of Color, Pine Mountain, GA, 2010
Mary Anne Wilson Goreau DeVillier Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Carrollton, GA, 2009
University of West Georgia Deans List: Fall 2006 & 2008, Spring 2009 & 2010
Performing member of Spirit Drum & Bugle Corps in 2009
Performing member of Alliance Drum & Bugle Corps from 2005-08, 2010-11
Performing member of Atlanta Quest Independent Indoor Drumline from 2007-10

SELECTED READINGS

- Reading with Opal Moore, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2013
The Westchester Review, Scarsdale, NY, 2012

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Office 2003-2011, Windows Operating System, Mac OS X Lion, SafeAssign, Promethean Software, Infinite Campus, ACT, Quicken, Jenzabar EX, 70 WPM, Printing Calculator

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish, Intermediate

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Professional Association of Georgia Educators
Georgia Council of Teachers of English

REFERENCES

Available upon request