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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

Lecturer

August 2017-present

*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) 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

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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 e-mail 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 Macedonia Baptist Church**Villa Rica, GA*

Generated articles for most of the publications that reached 2,000+ members, copy edited all documents released by the church, 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 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-presentOngoing 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

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)

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