

*Curriculum Vitae*

**POLLY MACLANE**

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**EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy in English Expected Fall 2026  
Georgia State University  
Current GPA 4.20

Master of Arts in English Winter 2019  
The University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA  
Thesis title: *A Wide Berth for Forgetting: Semiotics of Immortality in Moby-Dick*

Teacher Certification, Secondary English Spring 2008  
The University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2006

Bachelor of Science, Communication Arts Emphasis in Public Relations Fall 1993  
Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA

**PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

- Accomplished career demonstrating consistent success as an educator at the secondary education level. Outstanding track record in assuring student success
- Extensive background in developing and implementing project-based-learning for at-risk students, racially and ethnically diverse populations, and second-language learners
- Effective communicator with established record of leadership on committees from accreditation teams to Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

**ACADEMIC /TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- *Adjunct Professor* 2020 to Present  
University of West Georgia, Newnan, Ga.  
Taught 1101 English Composition and 1102 English Composition II
- *Adjunct Professor* 2020 to Present  
West Georgia Technical College, Newnan, Ga.  
Taught 1101 Composition and Rhetoric

- *Director of English Studies* 2014 to Present  
Central Educational Center, Newnan, GA  
Taught 10th Grade Literature and Composition and American Literature and Composition to classes averaging 15 students. Served on accreditation committees and participated in staff development
- *Facilitator of English Studies,* 2004 to 2014  
Performance Learning Center, Newnan, GA Taught literature to supplement online grammar program in class sizes averaging 16 students, advised students and scheduled classes, developed and implemented motivational programs for students

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

10th Grade Literature and Composition • American Literature and Composition • British Literature and Composition • Drama • Business Communications • English 1101 • English 1102

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Co-wrote and directed a play with at-risk teens
- Created student-led community festival called Greener Greater Newnan that incorporated all three local high schools and involvement with the local business community
- Sponsored and coached students at English Speaking Union's Shakespeare Monologue Competition

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Haugen, Polly (2019). "Early American Literature in High Schools: A Roundtable on Teacher Training." Presented at the Society of Early Americanists 11th Biennial Conference, Eugene, OR.

MacLane, Polly (2023). "'Okay, Karen': An Exploration of the Historicity of the 'Karen' in the Women's Suffrage Movement and Rhetorical Responses to this Persona." Presented at the SAML 95 Conference, Atlanta, GA.

### **ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS**

Recipient, Insight Award, University of West Georgia, 2019.

Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society Member 2019

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE)
- Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE)
- South Atlantic Modern Languages Association (SAMLA)

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Technology Summit, Coweta Schools, 2016
- Georgia Department of Education Seminar: “Teachers: Classroom Change Agents,” Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah, GA, 2014
- National Youth-at-Risk Conference, Savannah, GA, 2007

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- Vestry Member, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Newnan, GA, 2009 to 2012
- Member, Newnan Junior Service League, Newnan, GA, 1997 to 2003
- Vice President, Newnan Junior Service League, Newnan, GA, 2003