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EDUCATIONAL and PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Education

- 2014 Ph.D. English, Rice University
- 2012 Graduate Certificate in the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality, Rice University
- 2002 B.A. English and Psychology, University of North Texas

Professional and Academic Positions

- 2023 - Affiliate Faculty, LGBTQ Studies, University of North Texas
- 2023 - Affiliate Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies, University of North Texas
- 2023 - Senior Lecturer, Department of English, University of North Texas
- 2021 - 2023 Lecturer, Department of English, University of North Texas
- 2019 - 2021 Affiliate Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies, Texas Christian University
- 2018 - 2021 Lecturer, Department of English, Texas Christian University
- 2017 - 2018 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of English, Tulane University
- 2015 - 2017 Lecturer, Department of English, University of Texas at Austin
- 2014 - 2015 Instructor, Department of English, Texas Woman's University

Awards and Fellowships

- 2019 Distinguished Teaching Award, Department of English, Texas Christian University
- 2013 Dissertation Fellowship, Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality, Rice University
- 2022 Teaching Fellowship, English Department, Rice University
- 2022 Editorial Fellow, *Feminist Economics*, Rice University
- 2008- 2009 Hobby Editorial Fellowship, *Studies in English Literature*, Rice University
- 2007-2012 English Department Fellowship, Rice University

TEACHING

University of North Texas

ENGL 1310: First Year Writing I, H
ENGL 1320: First Year Writing II

ENGL 2326: American Literature: Prison Literature
ENGL 2341: Forms of Literature: Crip Time
ENGL 3110: Academic Writing
ENGL 3840 American Literature from 1870
ENGL 4700: Language Arts Methods

Texas Christian University

WGST 20003: Introduction to Women and Gender Studies
ENGL 10803: Writing as Inquiry
ENGL 10103: Introduction to Fiction: Gender and Poverty
ENGL 20803: Writing as Argument: Mass Incarceration

Tulane University

ENGL 1010: Writing, Education and the American Dream
ENGL 3630: Expository Writing

University of Texas at Austin

ENGL 316: Introduction to American Literature

Texas Woman's University

ENGL 1013: Composition I, H
ENGL 1023: Composition II
ENGL 2393: Literature by Women
ENGL 3243: Literary Analysis and Criticism
ENGL 4393: American Women in Literature

SCHOLARSHIP

Monograph

In Progress *Queer Geographies: Narratives of the Other America.*

Articles

In Progress “Queer White Trash: Resisting State Sanctioned Violence in *Bastard out of Carolina*.”

In Progress “Poor Queer Survival: Resisting Dispossession in *Winter's Bone*.”

2013 “Criminalizing Black Motherhood: How the War on Welfare Was Won.” SOULS: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society. 15.1-2: 39-55.

Online Resources

2016 “The Critical Reader’s Toolkit: Video Suite for Students of Literature. Icarus Burning Productions. The University of Texas at Austin, Department of English. 2016. www.criticalreaderstoolkit.org

PRESENTATIONS

Individual Papers

2024 “Poor Queer Survival: Resisting Dispossession in *Winter's Bone*.” American Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore.

- 2023 “Queer Identities in the Classroom: Radical Acts of Loving in a Red State.” American Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal.
- 2023 “Queer White Trash: Resisting State-Sanctioned Violence in *Bastard out of Carolina*.” American Literature Association Conference, Boston.
- 2018 “Spaces of Ruin and Grit: Marketing the Entrepreneur as Heroine after Katrina.” American Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2018 “Towards a Pedagogy of Love.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2017 “Youth in Resistance: Pedagogies from Below.” American Studies Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2017 “The Political Economies of Higher Education Now.” National Council for Teachers of English, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2017 “Cripistemologies of the Borderlands: Ghosts, Trauma and Disability in Leslie Marmon Silko’s Ceremony.” MELUS: The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2016 “They Told Us To Salvage the Bones: Hurricane Katrina, Global Capitalism and Entrepreneurship.” Modern Language Association Annual Conference, MELUS Panel, Austin, Texas
- 2016 “Reading Food (In)security Through Suburban and Rural Homes in *Bastard out of Carolina*. Modern Language Association Annual Conference, Austin, Texas.
- 2015 “Markets of Sorrow, Narratives of Grit: Education Reform in a Time of Precarity.” National Women’s Studies Association, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 2015 “Nonprofit and Affective Networks in the Aftermath of Katrina.” American Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada.
- 2012 “Constructing the Monstrous Black Mother: How the War on Welfare was Won.” American Studies Association Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Chair, Organizer, and Moderator

- 2022 “Queering Social Reproduction: The Politics of Life-Making in Crisis.” American Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans. Chair and Comment.
- 2019 “Abolitionist Perspectives: Alternative Justice in Policing and Carceral Security States.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, California. Moderator.
- 2019 “Against Carceral Feminism from the Inside Out.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, California. Moderator.
- 2016 “The Political Flows and Social Engagements of Home and Place.” American Studies Association Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado. Chair and Comment.

Campus Talks, Roundtables, and Symposia

- 2023 “Queer White Trash: Resisting State-Sanctioned Violence in *Bastard out of Carolina*.” Postwar Faculty Colloquium. University of North Texas.
- 2020 “The Value of Ruin and Grit: Narratives of Disaster after 9/11.” Interdisciplinary Works-In Progress Series. Texas Christian University.

Invited Talks

- 2019 “Teaching Critical Reading Skills.” The Harlem Renaissance, Humanities Texas Institute, Dallas, Texas.
- 2018 “Teaching Critical Reading.” Writing Texas, Humanities Texas Institute, Austin, Texas.
- 2017 “Teaching Close Reading.” Writing Texas, Humanities Texas Institute, Dallas and San Antonio, Texas.
- 2017 “Teaching Critical Writing.” Teaching Critical Reading and Engaged Writing, Humanities Texas Institute, Austin, Texas.
- 2017 “Beyond ‘All In’: A Faculty Retreat on Race.” Pennsylvania State University-Abington and Brandywine Campus. Caucus Group Leader.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY and PROFESSION

Professional Affiliations

- Modern Language Association (MLA)
- American Studies Association (ASA)
- National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)
- Multiethnic Literature in the United States (MELUS)

Service to the English Department at University of North Texas

- 2024 - Undergraduate English Advisor
- 2024 - Member, Curriculum Committee
- 2023 - Mentor, UNT English Faculty Mentor Program
- 2023 - 2024 Participant, ACUE, Excellence in Teaching Cohort
- 2022 - 2023 Assistant Director, First-Year Writing Program
- 2022 - 2023 At-large Lecturer Representative, Curriculum Committee
- 2021 - 2022 Co-Advisor, Sigma Tau Delta

Service to Women’s and Gender Studies Program at University of North Texas

- 2024 - Member, WGST PAC Committee

Service to Women’s and Gender Studies Program at Texas Christian University

- 2020 - 2021 Member, Anti-Racism Working Group

Service to the English Department at the University of Texas at Austin

- 2015 - 2017 Member, Core Curriculum Assessment Committee
- 2015 - 2017 Member, Introduction to Literature Committee
- 2015 - 2017 Mentor, Graduate Student Teaching

Service to the English Department at Texas Woman’s University

- 2015 Reviewer, Writing Awards
- 2014 Member, Core Curriculum Assessment