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EDUCATION

**George Mason University, Fairfax, VA Anticipated**

Currently pursuing Ph.D in writing and rhetoric **graduation date:**

**2024**

**West Chester University, West Chester, PA May 2018**

M.A. in English, Writing and Teaching Criticism track

**Thesis: “**Challenges of First-Year Composition Students in Working with

Primary and Other Demanding Sources in Research Papers:  An Analysis

of Issues and Solutions”

**Frederick Community College, Frederick, MD May 2013**

Certificate for Online Adjunct Teaching

**Wayne State University, Detroit, MI**

M.A.T. in Secondary English December 2004

Earned secondary teaching endorsements in English, social studies,

and political science

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Secondary teaching endorsement in journalism August 2002

**Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI August 1991**

B.A.: Dual major: English with an emphasis in community journalism

and political science

TEACHINg AND EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA – Graduate Teaching Assistant August 2018-Present

Teach English 101 (Composition), for which I develop a syllabus, choose

textbooks and course readings, assign and grade both papers and

research projects. I also calculate and submit final course grades. In

addition, I am working on a committee to create a service learning

version of English 101 and I am mentoring two new graduate teaching

assistants to prepare them for teaching the course in Fall 2019.

TEACHINg AND EDUCATION EXPERIENCE (Cont’d)

Harford Community College, Bel Air, MD – Adjunct English Professor September 2011- Developed syllabus as well as overall course structure, and issued August 2018

all grades for ENG 101 (Introduction to Composition) and ENG 109 (Research Writing). In addition, taught a social psychology version of ENG 109: Research Writing as part of a pilot learning community with PSY 209: Social Psychology, taught by Regina Roof-Ray, Assistant Professor.

Harford Community College, Bel Air, MD – Professional Tutor January 2013-

Tutored students in English, research paper conventions, and **December 2016**

social sciences.

**Harford Community College, Bel Air, MD 2013-2014**

Presenter – Professional Development, Administrative Professionals Conferences

Developed overall course structure and presented workshops for professional writing and grammarseminars.

Baltimore IT Academy, Baltimore, MD October 2010-

Instructed sixth, seventh, and eighth graders in ancient world history, January 2011

world geography, and American history.

Measurement Incorporated, Catonsville, MD March-May 2010

Read and scored written responses of sixth grade students for the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT).

**Chesapeake High School, Pasadena, MD August 2007-**

Co-taught English 9 Daily and English 10 Daily classes. Served as **June 2009**

the special educator working with two teachers and as a case manager for 12-15 students.

**Thomas Johnson Middle School, Lanham, MD August 2006-**

Taught social studies focusing on the Eastern Hemisphere to **June 2007**

seventh-grade students.

**Doris M. Johnson High School at the Lake Clifton Campus, March 2005-**

**Baltimore, MD June 2006**

Taught English to ninth and tenth grade students, as well as an introduction to journalism class.

TEACHINg AND EDUCATION EXPERIENCE (Cont’d)

**Lakeview High School, St. Clair Shores, MI September 2002-**

Taught English to ninth and tenth grade students, as well as social **June 2004**

studies and a combined government and economics class. In addition, assisted the newspaper adviser with helping students after school with both editorial and technical issues.

Confeerence presentation

Rhetoric Society of America May 29, 2016

Presented conference paper, “Occupational Hazards: Protest and

Rhetorical Commonalities between the Bonus Army and Occupy Wall Street.”

JOURNALISM AND PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPERIENCE

Examiner.com August 2010 –

Wrote articles and took photographs as the Baltimore Historic Places **August 2013**

Examiner. Work can be found at

<http://www.examiner.com/x-64999-Baltimore-Historic-Places-Examiner>

**Warren Consolidated Schools, Warren, MI May 1999**

Communications Intern August 2001

Wrote articles and took photographs for the district’s newsletter, as well as wrote press releases for print and broadcast media. Answered non-policy questions for both reporters and local residents. Connected reporters to personnel in schools and in the central office. Assisted in school-of-choice marketing activities.

**City of Sterling Heights Community Relations Department October-**

Communications Specialist December 1998

Created a guide to city council meetings for residents. Completed a significant portion of the employees’ newsletter by writing stories, taking photographs, and assisting in layout. Wrote press releases and took photographs to be released to the media.

Covered local government, schools, and crime as a staff writer for the following newspapers:

**C&G Newspapers, Warren, MI (*Shelby-Utica News*, *Sterling Heights* April 1996-**

***Sentry*, and *Warren Weekly*) October 1998**

**Independent Newspapers, Bronson, MI (*Bronson Journal*, April 1995-**

***Jonesville Independent*, *Union City Register-Tribune*) March 1996**

***Tri-County News*, Fenton, MI April 1994- September 1994**

JOURNALISM AND PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPERIENCE (CONT’D)

***The Leelanau Enterprise and Tribune*, Leland, MI December 1993-**

**April 1994**

***The News-Sun*, Sebring, FL December 1991- March 1992**

***Okeechobee News*, Okeechobee, FL July-November 1991**

***Western Herald* (student newspaper of Western Michigan University), October 1987-**

**Kalamazoo, MIApril 1990**

JOURNALISM AWARDS

**Michigan Press Association, Third Place, Spot News Photo, 1998**

**Circulation Category A**

**Michigan Press Association, Honorable Mention, Local News 1997**

**Coverage, Circulation Category A**

**Michigan Press Association, Third Place, Spot News Photo, 1996**

**Circulation Category E**

Professional Memberships and Positions

**West Chester University Chapter of the Rhetoric Society of America**

President **August 2016-** **December 2017**

Secretary **September 2015-**

**May 2016**

**Rhetoric Society of America September 2015-**Graduate Student Member **Present**

**College Conference on Composition and Communication Spring 2015-Present** Graduate Student Member

**Teaching English in the Two-Year College Spring 2015-Present**

Graduate Student Member

**Council of Writing Program Administrators Spring 2017-Present**

Graduate Student Member