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Education

PhD in English (Rhetoric & Writing)
Expected 2023
Wayne State University

MA in English (Rhetoric & Writing)
2019
Wayne State University

MA in History (World History)
2016
Wayne State University

BA in History
2012
Michigan State University

Academic Appointments

Wayne State University
Assistant Director of Composition, Department of English
2021-2022
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of English
2017-2021

Teaching Experience

Department of English, Wayne State University

- ENG 1010: Basic Writing (online and F2F)
- ENG 1020: Introductory College Writing (online and F2F)

- ENG 3020: Writing and Community
- ENG 3050: Technical Communication I: Reports (online and F2F)
- ENG 3060: Technical Communication II: Presentations (online)
- ENG 3190: Rhetoric after 1800

Administration, Community Engagement, and Service

Assistant Director of Composition, Department of English, Wayne State University

2021-Present

Currently conducting longitudinal research on racial disparities in the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on rate of non-productive grades in all general education writing courses, with the long-term objective of developing and implementing new program-level best practices to improve persistence and retention of Black and Latinx students in general education writing courses, which in turn will support the success of these student groups across the university.

Forming and chairing Online Pedagogy Task Force, a group of engaged instructors at all levels working together to create a resource hub and ongoing support for online teaching in general education writing courses. Developing a central resource hub for Part Time Faculty in the English department, particularly to support their teaching of general education writing courses and ensure that new information on best practices and assessment is readily accessible to part time faculty members.

Writer's Block Workshop-Macomb Men's Correctional Facility, New Haven, MI

2019-Present

- Co-facilitating creative writing workshop in men's prison outside Detroit.
- Editing, publishing, and promoting written work by workshop participants, most notably publishing *Absent but Present: Voices from the Writer's Block*, a poetry anthology which has been nominated for consideration to be a Library of Michigan 2020 Notable Book of the Year.
- Some advocacy work and signal boosting of individual workshop participants' cases, both those who are wrongfully convicted as well as some participants who had yet to be resentenced per 2012's Miller v. Alabama, which ruled juvenile life sentences unconstitutional.

Hamtramck Free School, Hamtramck, MI

2019-Present

- Developing and facilitating skill-share programs, arts programming, and critical theory courses.
- Supporting advocacy work for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated colleagues.

- Some community outreach to gather feedback for new programming and initiatives.

Service to the Profession

Modern Language Association

Member, Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Humanities

2022-Present

Modern Language Association

Member, Equity Collective

2022-Present

Composition Forum

Peer Reviewer

2022-Present

Rhetoric Review

Peer Reviewer

2022-Present

Community Literacy Journal

Copyeditor

2021-Present

Rhetoric, Politics, and Culture Journal

Peer Reviewer

2021-Present

Best of the Journals in Rhetoric and Composition 2022.

Assistant Editor

Rhetoric Society of America Conference, 2022.

Reviewer, Proposals

Association for the Study of the History of Rhetoric Symposium, 2022

Reviewer, Proposals.

University Service

Wayne State University-English Department

DFWI Task Force

2021-Present

Online Pedagogy Task Force, Chair

2021-Present

Composition Committee

2021-Present

Community Writing Committee

2020-Present

Budget Advisory Committee

AY 2020-2021

Policy Committee

AY 2020-2021

Basic Writing Committee

AY 2018-2019

Curriculum Committee

AY 2018-2019

Rhetoric Society of America-Wayne State University Chapter

Vice President

AY 2020-2021

Treasurer

AY 2018-2019

Graduate Employees Organizing Committee, AFT #6153

Vice President

AY 2019-2020

English Department Steward

2017-2020

Publications and Presentations

Peer Reviewed Articles

“Macomb must fall: geographies of conquest” *Art & the Public Sphere* 10:1 Fall 2021

“The Decolonial Imperative in Basic Writing” (in peer review at *Literacy in Composition Studies*)

“I’m Scared Too: Trauma, Austerity, and Pedagogy” (proposal accepted, manuscript in progress)

“Apologia and Annihilation: The Coloniality of Apology” (in progress)

Book Chapters

“Antiracist Epistemologies of Reflection in Studio Pedagogy” (proposal accepted, manuscript submitted)

Book Reviews

Review of *Words No Bars Can Hold: Literacy Learning in Prison*. *Community Literacy Journal*. Fall 2021.

Creative

“The Reason for the Sunken Village” *KEITH LLC*, 2022.

“The Table” co-authored with Kyle Daniel-Bey, Kristin Palm, and Kenneth Tello.
Michigan Quarterly Review 60. Fall 2021.

“A Long Letter to some Night Travelers” *Runner*, 2021.

Absent but Present: Voices from the Writer’s Block. Co-Editor with Kristin Palm.
Detroit: Free School Press, 2020.

Presentations:

Rhetoric Society of America

2022

Baltimore, MD

“Rhetoric’s Fugitive Future”

Association of Scholars of the History of Rhetoric Symposium

2022

Baltimore, MD

“Lampedusa: Toward an Oceanic History of Rhetoric”

Southern Regional Composition Conference

2022

Little Rock, AR

“Tactics of Inclusion: Linguistic Justice in an Urban Writing Program”

Conference on College Composition and Communication

2022

Chicago, IL

“The Abolitionist Horizon in Rhetoric and Writing”

Modern Language Association

2022

Washington, DC

“Access, Austerity, and Pedagogy”

Conference on Community Writing

2021

Washington, DC

“Fugitive Planning for Community Writing: Surveillance and Security in Abolitionist Projects”

Conference on College Composition and Communication

2021

Spokane, WA

“Design Justice for the Networked Writing Class”

Conference on College Composition and Communication

2020

Milwaukee, WI

“Building Productive Dispositions Toward Assessment”

Conference on College Composition and Communication

2019

Pittsburgh, PA

“Performance-Teaching, Performance-Policy, An Action-Planning Workshop for Times of Crisis”

Southern Regional Composition Conference

2018

Memphis, TN

“Discussion Trouble: The Wicked Problem of Hate Speech in the Composition Classroom”