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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy: University of Louisville, 2003

Specialty: Rhetoric and Composition

Master of Arts: Stephen F. Austin State University, 1998

Specialty: English

Bachelor of Arts for Select Students: Stephen F. Austin State University, 1983

Majors: English, French, History

Minor: Secondary Education

DISSERTATION: *Constructions of the Sophists: "Paths Taken" and "Paths Not Taken"*

Director: Dr. Mary Rosner

My dissertation, "Constructions of the Sophists: 'Paths Taken' and 'Paths Not Taken,'" tests rhetoric and composition's claims of interdisciplinarity by investigating the ways the discipline uses a set of primary texts—the fragments of the Sophists. Through citation history and content citation analysis, I have studied discourse citing the Sophists in rhetoric and composition and related fields. Through comparisons among the various disciplinary constructions of the Sophists revealed by my analysis, I examine rhetoric and composition's interdisciplinary status, the disciplinary values demonstrated through different constructions, and aspects of the Sophists' fragments that have been obscured by rhetoric and composition's particular construction. I also consider current metaphors of interdisciplinarity and offer an alternative to serve as a heuristic in envisioning multiple futures: What might rhetoric and composition look like if the discipline had followed other paths in relation to the Sophists?

PUBLICATIONS

"Debunking You Want Fries With That?: Designing Courses to Bridge the Gap Between Degree and Career." with Althea Rhodes. *CEA Forum*. *Forthcoming*.

"Making Writers and Writing Visible in WR Classes: An Interview with David Russell." with Katherine Wills. Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX: The Rhetoric and Composition Sound Archives. *Forthcoming*.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- “Designing and Implementing a WAW Curriculum for Local Contexts.” College English Association Conference. St. Petersburg, Florida: March-April 2011.
- “HD: Creating a Media Communication Major Through an Interdisciplinary Approach.” Southern States Communication Association. Little Rock, Arkansas: March 2011.
- “*The Lions’ Chronicle*—A Digital Voice for Students.” College English Association Conference. San Antonio, Texas: March 2010.
- “Between Degree and Job: Senior Seminar—A Capstone.” College English Association Conference. Pittsburg, Pennsylvania: March 2009.
- “What’s the Big Deal About Assessment?: Composition Sequence.” Arkansas Philological Association Conference. Fort Smith, Arkansas: October, 2008
- “What Can We Do to Make this University a More Writing-Friendly Place?” Ninth Biennial International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference. Austin, Texas: May 2008.
- “Can’t See for the Trees: Negotiating a Passage Through the Forest of Assessment.” College English Association Conference. St. Louis, Missouri: March 2008.
- “Truth and Consequences: What Students Can Tell Us About Portfolio Assessment.” Conference on College Composition and Communication. San Antonio, Texas: March 2004.
- “Constructions of the Sophists: ‘Paths Taken’ and ‘Paths Not Taken.’” Conference on College Composition and Communication. New York, New York: March 2003.
- “Preparing Graduate Students for Assessment in the Academic Workplace.” With Katherine Wills. Special Interest Group: Who Is Competent to Assess, and When Are They Competent? With Arnetha Ball, Susan Murphy, Peggy O’Neill, Michael Williamson, and Kathleen Yancey. Conference on College Composition and Communication. New York, New York: March 2003.
- “From Salad Bowl to Melting Pot?: National Identity and the English-Only Movement.” The Watson Conference on Rhetoric and Composition. University of Louisville: October 2002.
- “Computers and the Prison-Industrial Complex.” Conference on College Composition and Communication. Chicago, Illinois: March 2002.
- “Graduate Student Administrators: Ethics and Responsibilities.” With Amy England. Special Interest Group: The Teaching and Mentoring of TAs and Instructors in Composition. Conference on College Composition and Communication. Chicago, Illinois: March 2002.
- “Constructing Contributing Members of Society?: Computers in Correctional Institutions.” Computers and Writing 2001. Ball State University: May 2001.
- “WAC and the Penal System: Addressing the ‘Critical Digital Divide.’” WAC 2002: The Sixth National Writing Across the Curriculum Conference. Rice University: March 2000.
- “Teaching Student Web Authoring Using the Technology of Hypertext.” The Watson Conference on Rhetoric and Composition. University of Louisville: October 2000.
- “Graduate Student and Teaching Assistant: Learning and Working in a Marginalized Writing Program.” Conference on College Composition and Communication. Minneapolis, Minnesota: March 2000.
- “Healing the Wound of History: Derek Walcott’s *Omeros*.” Interdisciplinary Conference on Language and Literature. Texas A&M University: September 1998.

“The New Jersey Writing Project in Texas: Revisited.” The Forty-Fourth Annual Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading Conference. Stephen F. Austin State University: September 1998.

“Grammar: To Teach or Not to Teach - and How?” The Forty-Third Annual Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading Conference. Stephen F. Austin State University: September 1997.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

Faculty Internship, Stephen F. Austin State University, 1998-1999

Who’s Who in America’s Teachers, 1995-1996

Continuing Education Scholarship, Texas State Teachers Association, 1993

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Arkansas – Fort Smith, Fort Smith, AR

Assistant Professor, Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing, 2003-2009.

Associate Professor, Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing, 2009-present.

Developed and taught the following courses:

- ENGL 1203: Freshman English I/Composition I
- ENGL 1213: Freshman English II/Composition II
- ENGL 1223: Technical Composition
- ENGL 3223: The Short Story
- RHET 3503: Persuasive Writing/Writing Arguments
- RHET 3603: Writing for the Workplace
- RHET 3613: Technical Writing
- RHET 3703: Nonfiction Writing
- RHET 3801: Publications Staff
- RHET 4103: Theories of Rhetoric and Writing
- RHET 4503: Advanced Persuasive Writing
- RHET 4513: Topics in Persuasive Writing
- RHET 4603: Technical Reports
- RHET 4613: Technical Style and Editing
- RHET 4633: Topics in Technical Communication/Writing for the Web
- RHET 4643: Writing for the Media
- RHET 4703: Advanced Nonfiction Writing
- RHET 4803: Senior Seminar
- RHET 493V: Independent Writing Project
- RHET 495V: Writing Internship

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of English, 1999-2003.

Designed and taught the following courses:

- English 101: Introduction to College Writing
- English 102: Intermediate College Writing (Computer Aided Instruction program)
- English 303: Scientific And Technical Writing (CAI)
- English 306: Business Writing (CAI)
- English 506: The Teaching of Writing (guest lecturer/discussion leader, Spring 2000)
- English 602: Teaching College Composition

Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX

Faculty Intern/ Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of English and Philosophy, 1998-1999/1997-1998.

Designed and taught the following courses:

- English 131: Composition: Rhetoric and Argument (Interdisciplinary Writing Program with Service Learning component)
- English 132: Composition: Critical and Analytical (IWP)

Springtown Independent School District, Springtown, TX

Classroom Teacher, 1985-1996.

University Interscholastic League One-Act Play Director, 1990-1996.

Designed and taught the following courses:

- English/Language Arts, Public Speaking, and Theater Arts

Huntington Independent School District, Huntington, TX

Classroom Teacher, 1983-1985.

Designed and taught the following courses:

- English and World History

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

University of Arkansas—Fort Smith, Fort Smith, AR

Director of Writing and Rhetoric, Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing, 2009-present.

- Responsible for curriculum, program development, and assessment of Composition sequence and Rhetoric Major.
- Provide professional development workshops for faculty and adjunct instructors.
- Serve as liaison and mentor to junior faculty and adjunct instructors.
- Work with department head on scheduling classes and textbook orders, as well as evaluation and hiring of adjunct instructors.

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Assistant Director of Composition, Department of English, 2000-2002.

- Involved in developing and teaching the graduate course in composition theory and pedagogy required of all instructors in the program.
- Served as a mentor in peer teaching groups that met regularly for instructors new to the program.
- Involved in developing continuing education workshops and planning the yearly orientation workshop for all program instructors.
- Performed routine administrative duties such as developing program policies, staffing courses, approving course syllabi and reviewing other course materials, determining transfer credit for incoming students, scoring CLEP exams, handling student grievances, and counseling students and instructors.

WR Program Assistant Coordinator, Office of the Provost, 1999-2002.

- Involved in planning, organizing, and teaching the series of five seminar/workshops presented each spring to train faculty in ways of incorporating writing into their courses.
- Served as a writing consultant for faculty across the University.
- Conducted program research and routine administrative duties such as collecting data and maintaining the program database, corresponding with administrators in other disciplines about their writing-intensive courses, and preparing the yearly program report for the Provost's Office.
- Involved in all aspects of publishing the program's quarterly newsletter, *WriteAway! The University of Louisville's Writing-Across-the-Curriculum Newsletter*. Authored the following newsletter articles:
 - “Preparing Students for Workplace Writing: An Interview with Cheryl Geisler. With Katherine Wills. 7.2 (November 2001).
 - “Making Writers Visible in Disciplinary Classes: An Interview with David Russell.” With Katherine V. Wills. 6.2 (November 2000).
 - “Warranting Argument Across the Curriculum: A Conversation with George Hillocks, Jr.” With Katherine V. Wills. 5.4 (April 2000).
 - “Writing-to-Learn: Critical Thinking and Course Content.” 5.3 (February 2000). “Getting Inside French Through Writing.” 5.2 (December 1999).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Writing Consultant, College of Business and Public Administration, 2002-2003.

- Assist students and faculty in their business writing projects.
- Advise students on their upper-level and graduate writing assignments.
- Edit and proof manuscripts for tenured faculty seeking publication.

Writing Consultant, Dr. Lyle Sussman, CBPA, Summer 2002.

- Assisted a group of German graduate students with editing and proofreading.

Writing Consultant, Hospice and Palliative Care of Louisville, Fall 1999.

- Redesigned and revised entire series of locally-produced brochures to reflect administrative and organizational changes and to better serve the needs of the community.

CERTIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Blackboard 9 Recertification Training, University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Fall 2011.

Drupal CMS Training, University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Summer 2011.

Blackboard Learning System Training, University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Spring 2008.

Banner Advisor Training, University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: 2004.

Proposal-Writing Seminar Series. Thomas R. Watson Visiting Professor, Dr. Cheryl Geisler, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. University of Louisville: Fall 2001.

New Jersey Writing Project in Texas: Summer Institute. Castleberry High School, Ft. Worth, Texas: 1993.

Texas Educator Certificate, Secondary Level: English, French, and History. 1983-present.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

College English Association

Conference on College Composition and Communication

Council of Writing Program Administrators

National Council for the Teachers of English

Writing-Across-the-Curriculum Network

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Profession

- Review of “The Tangled Web: Music, Musicians, Anti-Semitism, Racism, and Wagner in the Works and Characters of Willa Cather.” for *Interdisciplinary Humanities: Music in Context*. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith, Fort Smith, Arkansas, May 2009.
- Panel Chair: “Designing In-difference.” College English Association Conference. Pittsburg, Pennsylvania: March 2009.
- Co-Chair, Special Interest Group: “Who Is Competent to Assess, and When Are They Competent?” Conference on College Composition and Communication. New York: New York: March 2003.
- Panel Chair: “Fixated on Motion: Shifting Group Identities.” The Thomas R. Watson Conference on Rhetoric and Composition. University of Louisville: Fall 2002.
- Panel Chair: “War and Remembrance.” 20th Century Literature Conference. University of Louisville: Spring 2001.

University

- Faculty Advisor, Online Student Newspaper: *The Lions' Chronicle*. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Fall 2009 to present.
- Faculty Sponsor, Undergraduate Research Symposium. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Spring 2008; Spring 2011.

- Member, Curriculum Committee. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Fall 2007 to present.
- Member, Screening Sub-committee. Curriculum Committee. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Fall 2009 to present.
- Member, Academic Calendar Sub-committee. Curriculum Committee. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Fall 2008 to Fall 2009.
- Member, University Learning Outcomes: Ethics Sub-committee. Committee on the Assessment of Learning Outcomes: Fall 2008 to present.
- Member, Academic Integrity Committee. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Fall 2009-Spring 2011.
- Secretary/Recorder, Writing Task Force. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Fall 2007.
- Participation, New Student Orientation. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Summer 2007; Summer 2008; Summer 2009.
- Presentation, “Incorporating Writing into Disciplinary Courses.” University In-Service. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Fall 2004.
- Presentation, “Service Learning in First-Year Composition.” Service Learning Program. University of Louisville: Spring 2001; Fall 2001.

College

- Co-chair, Curriculum Committee, The College of Languages and Communication: University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Fall 2011 to present.
- Member, Technology Committee, The College of Languages and Communication. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Fall 2011 to present.
- Chair, Media Communication Faculty Search Committee. The College of Languages and Communication. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Spring 2011.
- Member, Media Communication Faculty Search Committee. The College of Languages and Communication. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Spring 2010.
- Proposals to Curriculum Committee. Media Communication Program. The College of Languages and Communication. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith.
 - 12/2011: Modify RHET 3801/4803 to cross-list with COMM
 - 1/2011: Add Media Communication minor.
 - 1/2010: Add Media Communication major; Modify RHET 4633/4643 to cross-list with COMM
- Participation, Sigma Tau Delta Membership Drive. College of Languages and Communications. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: April 2009.
- Participation, Majors Fair. College of Languages and Communication. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Fall 2008 – Fall 2011.
- Participation, Career Fair. College of Arts and Sciences. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Fall 2007.
- Participation, International Dinner. College of Arts and Sciences. University of Arkansas –Fort Smith: Spring 2006; Spring 2007.

Department

- Member, Executive Committee. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas –Fort Smith: Fall 2008 to present.

- Chair, Rhetoric Committee. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: Fall 2008 to present.
- Chair, Rhetoric Major Assessment Committee. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing, University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: 2004 - 2008.
- Chair, Rhetoric Search Committee. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing, University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: 2011-2012.
- Member, Rhetoric and English Search Committees. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing, University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: 2008-2010.
- Member, Department Chair Search Committee. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: 2007-2008.
- Member, Composition Search Committee. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: 2006-2008.
- Member, English Education Search Committee. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: 2006-2007.
- Member, Rhetoric and English Education Search Committees. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: 2004-2006.
- Chair, English 1203/1213 Assessment Committee. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: 2006-2008.
- Member, English 1203 Assessment Committee. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: 2004-2006.
- Member, CLEP Committee. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: 2006-2007.
- Member, English 1203/1213 Textbook Committee. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: 2004-2005; 2007-2008.
- Member, English 1223 Curriculum/Textbook Committee. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith: 2005-2006.
- Proposals to Curriculum Committee. Composition Sequence. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith.
 - 2/2011: Modify ENGL 1203/1213
 - 12/2009: Add ENGL 1201: College Writing Process
- Proposals to Curriculum Committee. Rhetoric Program. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith.
 - 2/2011: Modify RHET 3203
 - 12/2009: Modify Rhetoric Degree and Rhetoric Minor: Major revisions to structure and courses.
 - 12/2008: Modify Degree: No grade lower than a C in major courses; Modify RHET 495V; Add RHET 4813: Field Experience.
 - 11/2007: Modify Degree: Modify prerequisites and edit course descriptions for 14 courses; Delete RHET 4932; Add University Learning Outcomes;
 - 12/2006: Modify Degree: Remove academic tracks; Add RHET 495V: Writing Internship.
 - 11/2006: Add Rhetoric Minor
 - 2/2006: Add RHET 4803: Senior Seminar.
 - 11/2004: Modify RHET 3703
 - 6/2004: Modify Courses: Prerequisites

- Academic Advisor, Rhetoric Program. Department of English, Rhetoric and Writing. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith 2004 to present.
- Presentation, “Using Technology in the Classroom: BlackBoard.” Computer Aided Instruction Program. Department of English. University of Louisville: Fall 2002.
- Presentation, “Helping Students Become Critical Readers of Their Own Writing: Bringing Students into the Assessment Process.” Composition Program Fall Orientation. Department of English. University of Louisville: Fall 2002.
- Chair, Set-Up Committee. The Thomas R. Watson Conference on Rhetoric and Composition. University of Louisville: Fall 2002.
- Co-Chair, English Graduate Organization Graduate Student Luncheon Committee. 20th Century Literature Conference. University of Louisville: Spring 2002.
- President, English Graduate Organization. University of Louisville: 2000-2001.
- Co-Chair, English Graduate Organization Book Sale Committee. University of Louisville: 2000-2001.
- Member, English Graduate Organization Action Committee. University of Louisville: 2000-2002.
- Member, English Graduate Organization Book Sale Committee. University of Louisville: 1999-2002.
- Program Developed, Interdisciplinary Writing Program. Department of English. Stephen F. Austin State University: 1998-1999.