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EDUCATION

PhD in English Studies, Illinois State University
Emphasis in Rhetoric and Composition
May, 2014

Dissertation: The Invisible Composition Classroom: The Reciprocity of Face, Identity, and Politeness

Advisor and Dissertation Chair: Dr. Janice Neuleib

M.S. in Education in Reading, Illinois State University
Research Emphasis: Editing and Revising with Early Elementary Students
Spring, 2008
Advisor: Dr. Ellen Spycher

EDUCATION LICENSES

Reading Specialist
Reading, K-12
Title I Remedial Reading
Elementary Self Contained, K-5
English, 9-12
Language Arts, 1-8

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Higher Education

Assistant Professor, August 2014-present

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois

Courses Taught:

- Foundations of Literacy: Reading, Writing, and Oral Communication
- Child Study and Assessment
- Student Teaching Seminar: Elementary Education
- Family and Community Engagement

Other Responsibilities:

- Student Teaching Supervision
- Coordinator of Elementary Education
- Major Academic Advising

Visiting Instructor, 2008-2014

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois

Courses Taught:

- Curriculum and Pedagogy in the Language Arts
- Reading, Writing, and Oral Communication
- Child Study and Assessment
- Middle School Philosophy
- First Year Composition: The Face of Homelessness
- Child and Adolescent Literature

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Other Responsibilities:

- First Year Academic Advising
- Major Academic Advising
- Internship Supervision
- Independent Study Supervision
- Student Teaching Supervision

Adjunct Instructor, 2003-2008

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois

Courses Taught:

- Teaching Writing in the K-12 Classroom
- Middle School Philosophy
- Family and Community Engagement in the K-12 Classroom

Other Responsibilities: Student Teaching Supervision

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Public Education

Teacher, 1990-1998

Bloomington Junior High School, Bloomington, Illinois

Teaching Assignment: Eighth grade reading

Other Responsibilities:

- Eighth Grade Faculty Team Leader
- Odyssey of the Mind Sponsor
- Scholastic Bowl Coach
- Multi-cultural Club Sponsor

Teacher, 1986-1990

Limestone Elementary School, Kankakee, Illinois

Teaching Assignment: Seventh and eighth grade reading

Other Responsibilities:

- Gifted Education Teacher
- Scholastic Bowl Coach
- Peer Support Group Facilitator
- Literary Club Sponsor
- Cheerleading Coach

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Private Education

Reading Tutor, 2000-2003

Bloomington, Illinois

Responsibilities:

- Diagnose reading difficulties
- Implement reading remediation plans
- Communicate student progress to families

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PUBLICATIONS

Dunbar, K., Gray, P., Hall, B., Lee, J., McClintick, E., Riley, A. (2010). Book Review of *A Guide to College Writing Assessment* (O'Neill, Moore, & Huot). *Assessing Writing*, 15(3), 204-208.

Gray, P. (2009). Assessment in writing: Progress, if not success. *English Bulletin*, 96(2), 77-121.

Gray, P., Strubhar, J., & Tornquist, K. (2008). Are we there yet? The making of a seven-year-old editor, *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 37(1), 27-37.

PRESENTATIONS

Illinois Reading Council Conference (October, 2015)
Peoria, IL

Multiple Texts: Endless Possibilities for Teaching Social Justice in a Social Studies Classroom

Co-Presenter with Meghan Henwood (IWU Alumna, 2015)

Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology (April, 2014)
Illinois State University, Normal, IL

Learning Through Language

Presenter

Illinois Wesleyan University (November, 2013)
Bloomington, Illinois

It's Just a Suggestion: An Analysis of Peer Review Politeness Strategies in a Composition Classroom

Presenter

Midwest Modern Language Association Annual Convention (November, 2013)
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

It's Just a Suggestion: An Analysis of Peer Review Politeness Strategies in the Composition Classroom

Panelist

Illinois Wesleyan MUSE Undergraduate Literature Conference
Bloomington, Illinois

Careers in English Education

Panelist

Illinois Association of Teachers of English: English in Action Conference, October, 2009
Rockford, Illinois

Trusting Their Voices: Equipping Students to Take Action on Things that Matter to Them
Co-presented with Dr. Ana Floriani, Illinois Wesleyan University

Illinois Association of Teachers of English: Day of Renewal, March, 2009
Illinois State University

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Assessing Student Writing in First Year Composition
Presenter

Maria Saucedo Scholastic Academy, April, 2008
Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois
Teacher Inquiry Workshop
Co-presented with Karen Tornquist

Illinois Reading Council, March, 2008
Springfield, Illinois
Imagine That! A Seven Year Old Editor
Co-presented with Joyce Strubhar and Karen Tornquist

Graduate Symposium, March, 2008
Illinois State University
Editing and Revising with Early Elementary Students
Presenter

AWARDS

Professor of the Year Nomination, 2015
Student Body, Illinois Wesleyan University

Professor of the Year, 2015
College Panhellenic Society, Illinois Wesleyan University

Professor of the Year, 2012
College Panhellenic Society, Illinois Wesleyan University

Senior Class Gift Recognition, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
Illinois Wesleyan University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Council of Teachers of English
Illinois Association of Teachers of English
Illinois Reading Council
MID-State Reading Council, Bloomington, Illinois
Kappa Delta Pi, Mu Chapter, Illinois State University

COMMUNITY ACTIVISM

For a Better Tomorrow, Member: Board of Directors
Bloomington-Normal, IL
Mission: Accountable philanthropy through service and leadership

Promise Council, Member
Bloomington Junior High School, Bloomington, IL
Mission: To connect community resources to the specific needs of students as identified by teachers and staff at local schools

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Humane Society of Central Illinois, Volunteer
Normal, IL
Mission: To find loving homes for abused or unwanted pets

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Reading and Reading Pedagogy
Writing and Writing Pedagogy
Teacher Education
Teacher Inquiry
Narratology
Intersections between Composition, Assessment, and Politeness Theory

PROJECTED RESEARCH VENTURES

Preservice Teachers' Preparation for Reading Instruction: Reality vs The Ideal
An investigation into preservice teachers' ability to negotiate the tension between field experiences and literacy practices widely promoted in teacher education.

Politeness Strategies and their Influence on the Student Revision Process

Preservice Teachers' Preparation for Graduate School

The Role of the Narrative in Developing Teacher Identity