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EDUCATION

PhD in English May 2017
Minor: Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Certificate
The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

MA in Humanities–Studies in Literature May 2011
The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX

BA in Literature, Minor: Hispanic/Spanish Area Studies Dec 2009
The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX

CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor Aug 2017–Present
Department of English
Texas A&M University–Central Texas, Killeen, TX

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Lecturer May 2017–Jul 2019
Department of English
Women's and Gender Studies Program
Disability Studies Program
University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

Adjunct Professor of English May 2018–Aug 2018
Department of English
Eastfield College, Dallas County Community College District, Mesquite, TX

Enhanced Graduate Teaching Assistant Aug 2013–May 2017
Department of English
University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

Adjunct Professor of English Jan 2012–May 2016
Department of English and Department of Developmental English
South Campus and Southeast Campus, Tarrant County College, Arlington, TX

Adjunct Professor of English Aug 2011–Dec 2013
Department of English
Spring Creek Campus, Collin College, Plano, TX

PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Research Assistant

Women's and Gender Studies Program
University of Texas at Arlington

Jun–Jul 2017;
Jun–Aug 2016

Writing Center Manager

English Writing Center, University of Texas at Arlington

Aug 2014–Jun 2016

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Nineteenth- and twentieth-century American literature and culture; women's and gender studies and feminist theory; medical fiction and medical humanities; disability studies; environmental studies and environmental theory (including posthumanism, new materialism/material feminisms, and theories of the Anthropocene); utopian studies; and composition and rhetoric

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

“Her Body, *Herland*: Reproductive Health and Dis/topian Satire in Charlotte Perkins Gilman.” *Utopian Studies* 29.1 (2018): 1-20.

“Utopia, Inc.: A Manifesto for the Cyborg Corporation.” *Science Fiction Studies* 44.1 (2017): 21-42.

“Always Already Sexual: New Materialism in Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*.” *Writing the Environment in Nineteenth Century American Literature: The Ecological Awareness of Early Scribes of Nature*. Ed. Steven Petersheim and Malcolm P. Jones IV. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2015. 99-115.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK PUBLICATIONS

Un(dis)covered Bodies: Science, Narrative, and the Female Body in Activist Medical Fiction. Monograph Proposal under Initial Review, Edinburgh University Press. Submitted Nov 2018.

Editor with an Introduction. *Helen Brent, M.D.* By Annie Nathan Meyer. HC Critical Edition. Hastings, NE: Hastings College Press. Forthcoming, Fall 2019.

DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

Supervisor and Co-Developer. *Write On: The English Writing Center*. Website. The University of Texas at Arlington. 2014-2016. <http://www.uta.edu/owl/>

FINANCED ACADEMIC AWARDS

Faculty Fellows Program, Center for Service Learning, University of Texas at Arlington, Jan 2018–May 2018. Awarded **\$1,200.00 stipend** as invited program participant.

Enhanced Graduate Teaching Assistantship and Graduate Tuition Fellowship, University of Texas at Arlington, Aug 2013–May 2017. Awarded **\$15,300.00 stipend** per

year for up to five years as Enhanced Graduate Teaching Assistant, and full-tuition coverage for up to five years for Graduate Tuition Fellowship.

Carrizo Oil & Gas Inc. Graduate Research Fellowship (\$4,000.00), University of Texas at Arlington, Aug 2013–May 2015. Awarded \$2,000 per year for first two years of graduate study.

Conference Travel Support–Domestic (\$300.00) and Graduate School Matching Fund Support (\$300.00), College of Liberal Arts–Office of the Dean, University of Texas at Arlington, Jan 2017. Support used for conference travel to the Modern Language Association Convention: “Boundary Conditions” held in Philadelphia, PA.

Dissertation Research Travel Award (\$500.00), College of Liberal Arts–Office of the Dean, University of Texas at Arlington, Mar 2016. Support used for research travel to the American Jewish Archives in Cincinnati, Ohio to study and recover texts by Annie Nathan Meyer.

Conference Travel Support–International (\$500.00), College of Liberal Arts–Office of the Dean, University of Texas at Arlington, Oct 2014. Support used for conference travel to the Society for Utopian Studies 34th Annual Conference: “Global Work and Play” held in Montreal, Canada.

Conference Travel Support–Domestic (\$300.00) and Graduate School Matching Fund Support (\$300.00), College of Liberal Arts–Office of the Dean, University of Texas at Arlington, Feb 2014. Support used for conference travel to the University of North Georgia’s Arts & Letters Conference: “Utopia in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences” held in Dahlonega, GA.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Recipient, College of Liberal Arts Scholar Award, University of Texas at Arlington, Apr 2016

Member, Phi Kappa Phi, Honors College, University of Texas at Arlington, Inducted Dec 2015

Spanish Language Proficiency Exam, Passed with Distinction, University of Texas at Dallas, May 2009

COURSES TAUGHT

Literature and Theory Courses:

ENGL 2303: Performing Dis/ability, University of Texas at Arlington, Spring 2019. Cross-listed with WOMS 2301 and DS 2301.

ENGL 2303: Textual Contraception, University of Texas at Arlington, Spring 2018. Cross-listed with WOMS 2301.

ENGL 2303: Body Politics: Gender and Medicine in Social Reform Literature, University of Texas at Arlington, Fall 2016. Cross-listed with WOMS 2301.

ENGL 2327: American Literature I Survey, Colonization to 1865, Tarrant County College, Summer 2012, Fall 2012.

ENGL 2328: American Literature II Survey, 1865 to Present, Tarrant County College, Maymester 2013 and Maymester 2014.

ENGL 2329: American Women's Life-Writing, University of Texas at Arlington, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018. Cross-listed with WOMS 2301.

ENGL 2329: Literature and Science in the Long Nineteenth Century, University of Texas at Arlington, Fall 2015.

ENGL 2350: Introduction to Textual Interpretation and Analysis (Literary Theory), University of Texas at Arlington, Spring 2019.

Writing, Rhetoric, and Composition Courses:

ENGL 1301: Rhetoric & Composition I, University of Texas at Arlington, Tarrant County College, and Collin College. Multiple semesters.

ENGL 1302: Rhetoric & Composition II: Introductory Argument, University of Texas at Arlington and Collin College. Multiple semesters. *Service-Learning Section on "Processing Immigration" held during Spring 2018 and Fall 2018 at University of Texas at Arlington with community partner, Catholic Charities of Fort Worth's Immigration Legal Services.*

ENGL 1302: Composition II: Literary Analysis, Tarrant County College. Multiple semesters.

ENGR 1300: Engineering Problem Solving, University of Texas at Arlington. Multiple semesters. Co-taught with Program Director and Senior Lecturer Dr. David Ewing, and with Senior Lecturers Dr. Rosie Kellie and Dr. Kathryn Wallis.

Developmental Courses:

ENGL 0324: Developmental Writing, Tarrant County College, Spring 2012.

STSC 0111: Transitions to College Success, Tarrant County College. Multiple semesters.

Women's Studies Courses:

WOMS 2310: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies, University of Texas at Arlington, Fall 2018.

HONORS UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

Charlotte Stubbins. Course-Contracted Honors Project for ENGL 2303: Performing Dis/ability: "The Untold Truth of *Flowers for Algernon*." Spring 2019. Mentor/Advisor.

Whitney Lewis. Course-Contracted Honors Project for ENGL 2329: American Women's Life-Writing: "Jenny Lawson's Impact on Social Stigma through Relatability." Spring 2018. Mentor/Advisor.

Vanessa Velez. Senior High School Honors Thesis: "How Engineering Companies Approach Sex and Gender in Employee Manuals." School for the Talented and Gifted, Dallas, TX in cooperation with University of Texas at Arlington. Spring 2017. Mentor/Thesis Advisor.

SCHOLARSHIP MENTORING

Sabrina Haque. Duncan Robinson Essay Contest. First-Year Writing Program, University of Texas at Arlington. Spring 2019. Mentor/Advisor. *Student awarded \$100.00 as first place prize for her research paper from my ENGL 1302: Introductory Argument course, which was written in the form of a letter addressed to Cecilia Malmstrom, European Commissioner of Trade, arguing in favor of EU intervention in Rohingya displacement and genocide.*

Dominique Lange. Student Service Learning Showcase. Center for Service Learning, University of Texas at Arlington. Spring 2019. Mentor/Advisor. *Student awarded \$50.00 for her successful presentation of service experience at Catholic Charities of Fort Worth's Immigration Clinic, which was completed for my ENGL 1302: Introductory Argument course on "Processing Immigration."*

Oswaldo Ruiz Reyna. Duncan Robinson Essay Contest. First-Year Writing Program, University of Texas at Arlington. Spring 2014. Mentor/Advisor. *Student awarded \$50.00 as first place prize for his research paper from my ENGL 1302: Introductory Argument course, titled "Condoms, Contraceptives, and Controversy: Why Comprehensive Sex Education is the Most Effective Program at Preventing Teen Pregnancies."*

WORKSHOP/SEMINAR EXPERIENCE

Graduate Workshops:

Personal Statements, UTA English Writing Center, Oct 2015, Nov 2015, Mar 2016, and Apr 2016
Being Your Own Editor, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Department with UTA English Writing Center, Apr 2015

Plagiarism & Citations, UTA English Writing Center, Feb 2015

Writing with Clarity: An Intro to Graduate Writing, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Department with UTA English Writing Center, Nov 2014

Undergraduate Workshops:

Writing Literature Reviews, McNair Scholars Program with UTA English Writing Center, Apr 2016
Adventures of a Super-Graduate: An Undergraduate Workshop on Graduate Writing, UTA English Graduate Student Association with Department of English, Jan 2016

Intro to ENGL 1302, UTA English Writing Center, Jan 2016

Synthesis Essay Workshop, UTA English Writing Center, Nov 2014 and Nov 2015

Rhetorical Analysis Workshop, UTA English Writing Center, Oct 2015

Discourse Community Analysis Workshop, UTA English Writing Center, Sep 2015

Intro to Critical Reading Workshop, UTA English Writing Center, Oct 2014

Magical MLA, Writing Center at Collin College, May, Jun, and Jul 2012

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Graduate Teaching. WGST 50103: Feminist Inquiry, taught by Dr. Sarah Robbins. Texas Christian University, Fall 2018. I gave an invited talk about historical feminist research methodologies, my research on early feminist body theories in medical fiction, and my current book project, *Un(dis)covered Bodies*.

Graduate Teaching. ENGL 5370: Scholarly Publication, taught by Dr. Estee Beck. University of Texas at Arlington, Fall 2018. I gave an invited talk about finding appropriate venues for publication, submitting an article for publication, and my own publication experiences as an early career scholar.

Invited Speaker, Center for Theory Colloquium. *Theorizing Her-Story: Dis/ability and the Female Body in Feminist Medical Fiction*. University of Texas at Arlington, Nov 15, 2017.

Graduate Teaching. ENGL 5326: Topics in American Literature before 1900: Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson, taught by Dr. Desiree Henderson. University of Texas at Arlington, Fall 2016. I discussed with the class my article, "Always Already Sexual: New Materialism in Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*," which was included on the syllabus as required reading.

Invited Speaker, Brown Bag Luncheon. *Conspiracies of Silence: Sexing the Body in Nineteenth Century Women's Medical Fiction*. Women's History Month: "Remembering the Past, Embracing the Future." University of Texas at Arlington, Apr 20, 2016.

Respondent, Auteur Film Panel: "Abandoned by Reason: *Beasts of the Southern Wild*." Hosted by the Academic Affairs Division and the Communications and Humanities Division. Collin College, Preston Ridge Campus, Frisco, TX, Feb 2014.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Rachel, *Chaste: Performing Con(tra)ception in Angelina Weld Grimke's Rachel: A Play in Three Acts*. 2018 Society for the Study of American Women Writers (SSAWW) Triennial Conference. "Nevertheless She Resisted: Women Playwrights of the Americas Confront Social Injustice" Panel, Hosted by the American Theatre and Drama Society. Denver, CO. Nov 7-11, 2018.

Not Just a Book about Teen Sex: Teaching Blume's Forever in the Undergraduate Classroom. South Central Modern Language Association (SCMLA) 75th Annual Conference. "Children's Literature" Panel. San Antonio, TX, Oct 11-14, 2018.

A 'Rose' By Any Other Name: Defining 'Environment,' 'Disability,' and the Female Body in Alcott's Eight Cousins. The Fifth Biennial Conference for C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists. "Ecologies of the Mind" Panel. Albuquerque, NM, Mar 22-25, 2018.

Cock-High in the World: Sexuality from a Dismodern Feminist Perspective. Cultural Constructions Conference: "Culture and Society: Bridging the Gap." Society and Diversity: Race, Sex, and Identity Panel. Arlington, TX, Apr 10-11, 2017.

Resisting the "Conspiracy of Silence": Charlotte Perkins Gilman and the Women's Health Movement. Modern Language Association Convention: "Boundary Conditions." Special Session Panel: "(Re)Scripting Boundaries: The Literature of Political Resistance." Philadelphia, PA, Jan 5-8, 2017.

Body Politics: Women's Medical Fiction in/as Feminist Reproductive Health Reform, 1873-1915. The Third Annual Meeting of the Consortium for Socially Relevant Philosophy of/in Science and Engineering (SRPoiSE) and the Sixth Annual Values in Medicine, Science, and

Technology (VMST) Conference. Dissertation-in-Progress Panel. The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX, May 19–22, 2016.

Gyn/utopia: Gynecology, Eugenics, and the Birth Control Movement in Gilman's Herland. The Society for Utopian Studies 35th Annual Conference: "Global Flows." Pittsburgh, PA, Nov 5–8 2015.

The Parthenogenic Divide: Reproductive Technologies in Gilman's Herland and Lane's Mizora. UTA Women's and Gender Studies Symposium: "Minding the Field: Exploring and Expanding Women's and Gender Studies in North Texas." Arlington, TX, Oct 29, 2015.

Syphilitics and the City: Gynecology and Urban Society in Annie Nathan Meyer's Helen Brent, M.D. American Literature Association Symposium: "The City and American Literature." New Orleans, LA, Sep 7–10, 2015.

Always [Already] Sex(ual): New Materialism in Whitman's "Song of Myself". South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAML) 86th Annual Conference: "Sustainability and the Humanities." American Environmental Literature before 1900 Panel. Atlanta, GA, Nov 7–9, 2014.

MORE Accepts Responsibility: (Cy)Borg Capitalism in Dystopian Science Fiction. The Society for Utopian Studies 34th Annual Conference: "Global Work and Play." Montreal, Canada, Oct 23–26, 2014.

In Defense of the Compound: (Cy)Borg Capitalism in Dystopian Science Fiction. 28th Annual Conference of the SLSA: "Fluid." Dallas, TX, Oct 9–12, 2014.

Children of Utopia: Methods of Behavioral Engineering in Skinner's Walden Two and Lowry's The Giver. University of North Georgia Arts & Letters Conference: "Utopia in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences." Dahlonega, GA, Feb 28–Mar 2, 2014.

PANELS ORGANIZED/CHAired

Chair, "Nevertheless She Resisted: Women Playwrights of the Americas Confront Social Injustice" Panel, Hosted by the American Theatre and Drama Society. 2018 Society for the Study of American Women Writers (SSAWW) Triennial Conference. Denver, CO. Nov 7–11, 2018.

Panel Organizer and Chair, "(Re)Scripting Boundaries: The Literature of Political Resistance." Special Session Panel. Modern Language Association Convention: "Boundary Conditions." Philadelphia, PA, Jan 5–8, 2017. *Successfully wrote, proposed, and gained approval for the Special Session Panel Proposal Form.*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for *Utopian Studies*, May 2019–Present

Reviewer for *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature*, Jan/Feb 2019

Manuscript Proposal Reviewer for Hackett Publishing Company, Mar 2018

Reviewer for *Criticism: A Quarterly for Literature and the Arts*, Mar 2017

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Member and Scorer**, Institutional Assessment Committee, UTA Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Reporting, Jun 2019
- Invited Faculty Guest**, Alpha Chi Omega's "Parfaits with Professors" Event, Feb 2019
- Invited Faculty Guest**, Freshman Leaders on Campus "Food for Thought" Event, Apr 2018
- Invited Faculty Guest**, Tri-Delta's "Pastries with Professors" Event, Oct 2017
- Conference Chair**, From Student to Cyborg: A Digital Humanities Workshop for High School Girls, Co-Hosted by the Women's and Gender Studies Program and College of Engineering, Aug 2016–Jun 2017
- Graduate Student Representative**, Advisory Board for Women's and Gender Studies Program, Aug 2015–Dec 2015
- Committee Member**, Women's and Gender Studies Symposium Committee, Apr 2015–Oct 2015
- Member and Scorer**, Social Work Assessment Committee, Feb 2016
- Poetry Interpretation Coach**, Upward Bound Academic Bowl Competition, Hosted by University of Texas at Arlington, Jun 26–27, 2015
- Judge–Impromptu Speech**, Upward Bound Academic Bowl Competition, Hosted by University of Texas at Arlington, Jun 26–27, 2015

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

English Department, University of Texas at Arlington:

- Member**, First-Year Writing Committee, May 2019–Jul 2019
- President**, English Graduate Student Association, Aug 2016–May 2017
- Member**, First-Year Writing Committee, Jun 2016–Aug 2016
- Conference Chair**, Fourth Annual English Graduate Conference, Aug 2015–Apr 2016
- Public Relations Coordinator**, Steering Committee for Third Annual English Graduate Conference, Mar 2015–Apr 2015
- Co-Chair**, First-Year Writing Committee, Mar 2014–Jun 2014
- Member and Scorer**, Duncan Robinson Essay Contest Judging Panel, Apr 2016 and Apr 2017
- Member**, North Texas Writing Center Association Conference Committee, Sep 2014–Oct 2014

Humanities & Communications Department, Collin College:

- Member**, Online Writing Lab Committee, May 2013–Aug 2013
- Faculty Advisor**, Christians on Campus Student Organization, Aug 2011–May 2013

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Creating ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)–Accessible Syllabi and Documents Workshop, Hosted by the Office of the Provost, University of Texas at Arlington, Oct 26, 2018
- "Science in the Humanities Classroom" Pedagogy Workshop, Led by Dr. Ned Schaumberg and Hosted by Department of English, University of Texas at Arlington, Oct 25, 2018
- Faculty Fellows Program, Center for Service Learning, University of Texas at Arlington, Jan 2018–May 2018. Attended a series of lectures and workshops to develop and teach a service-learning course, ENGL 1302: "Processing Immigration."
- Grant Writing Workshop, Dallas Women's Foundation, University of North Texas at Dallas, Jun 22, 2016

“Getting Published in a Scholarly Journal” Workshop Session, The 131st MLA Annual Convention, Austin, TX, Jan 2016
The Humanities and Technology (THAT) Camp: “Feminisms,” Texas Christian University, Mar 28, 2015
“Teaching Faulkner” Workshop Session, Faulkner & Yoknapatawpha Conference. University of Mississippi–Oxford, Jul 2008 and Jul 2009

LANGUAGES

Spanish (conversational speaking; academic reading and writing)

MEMBERSHIPS (ROTATING)

American Literature Association (ALA)
C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists
Modern Language Association (MLA)
Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts (SLSA)
Society for the Study of American Women Writers (SSAWW)
Society for Utopian Studies (SUS)