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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in English, Texas A&M University 2010
Dissertation: "Girlhood Geographies: Mapping Gendered Spaces in Victorian Literature for Children," directed by Dr. Lynne Vallone and Dr. Claudia Nelson

M.A. in English, Texas A&M University 2003

B.A. in English, Harding University 2001

ACADEMIC POSITION

Assistant Professor of English, fall 2010
University of Central Arkansas

PUBLICATIONS

"Alice Still Lives Here: The Victorian Reader and Contemporary Film Adaptations of Lewis Carroll's Alice Books." Forthcoming in *Crossing Textual Boundaries in International Children's Literature*. Ed. Lance E. Weldy. Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars, 2010.

"Little Women." *Girl Culture: An Encyclopedia*. Eds. Claudia A. Mitchell and Jacqueline Reid-Walsh. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2008. 403-04.

"Ramona." *Girl Culture: An Encyclopedia*. Eds. Claudia A. Mitchell and Jacqueline Reid-Walsh. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2008. 497-98.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Old Fashioned Girls: Libba Bray, Clare Dunkle, and Neo-Victorian Y.A. Romance," Modern Language Association Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 27-30 December 2009

"'Our Niche at Home': Mapping Victorian Girls' Behavior in Children's Domestic Fiction," Children's Literature Association Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina, 11-14 June 2009

"'One Always Comes to a Wood': Figuring the Visual Spaces of the Garden and Beyond in Victorian Children's Literature," Oxford Children's Literature and Youth Culture Colloquium, Keble College, Oxford, 27-28 March 2009

"Alice Still Lives Here: The Implied Victorian Reader and Contemporary Audiences of Lewis Carroll's Alice Books," Children's Literature Association Conference, Bloomington, Illinois, 12-14 June 2008

"Romanticizing the Child's City: Representations of Urban Space in Children's Fiction," New Directions in Children's Geographies Conference, Northampton, England, 7-8 September 2006

"'Not Any Man but a Gentleman': Constructions of English/Irish Masculinity in Maria Edgeworth's Ennui," North American Society for the Study of Romanticism Conference, Montreal, Quebec, 13-17 August 2005

"Crossing Boundaries, Becoming a Sacrifice: A Kristevan Analysis of Maurice Sendak's Outside Over There and Jim Henson's Labyrinth," Midwest Modern Language Association Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, 4-6 November 2004

COURSES TAUGHT

Literature for Adolescents Assistant lecturer, Texas A&M University	2009-2010
Literature for Children Graduate assistant instructor, Texas A&M University	Fall 2008, Summer 2009
Introduction to Literature for Children Graduate assistant instructor, Texas A&M University	2007- 2008
Survey of British Literature I Assistant lecturer, Texas A&M University	Spring 2010
Introduction to Literature Graduate assistant instructor, Texas A &M University	2005-2006, Spring 2009
Rhetoric and Composition Graduate and assistant lecturer, Texas A&M University	2004- 2005, 2009-2010

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Correspondent for the World Shakespeare Bibliography Texas A&M University	2002-2004
Graduate assistant for the Writing Programs Office Texas A&M University	Summer 2005

Instructional assistant, Blinn College Writing Center
certified by the College Reading and Learning Association 2005-2010

HONORS AND AWARDS

Forrest Burt Memorial Award, awarded by
the Department of English, Texas A&M University,
for research in Victorian or modern British literature 2009

Department of English Summer Dissertation Fellowship 2008

English Graduate Student Association Travel Grant 2005

Graduate Travel to Conference Grant,
awarded by the Melbern G. Glasscock Center for
Humanities Research 2004, 2006, 2009

Stipendiary Fellowship, awarded by the
Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research 2004

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Graduate representative, search committee for
professor of English in children's literature,
Texas A&M University 2008

Advisor, Sigma Tau Delta, English Honors Society 2004-2006

English Graduate Student Association treasurer,
Texas A&M University 2002-2005

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Childhood Studies
Adolescent Literature
Victorian Literature and Culture
Girls' Studies

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Modern Language Association
Children's Literature Association

REFERENCES

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