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**Education**

MLA specializing in Writing and English Literature, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR, 1999.

BA in Journalism (major) and Spanish (minor), Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR, 1991.

AA in General Studies with a focus in Journalism, Garland County Community College, Hot

Springs, AR, 1989.

**Experience**

Senior Lecturer, University College, University of Central Arkansas, August 2013 --present.

Lecturer II, University College (Developmental Studies), University of Central Arkansas, April 2007-present.

Lecturer I, University College, University of Central Arkansas, 2004-2007.

Instructor, University College, University of Central Arkansas, 2000-2004.

Instructor, Department of Writing, University of Central Arkansas, Spring 2000.

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Writing, University of Central Arkansas, Fall 1999.

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Writing, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Fall 1999, Spring 2000.

Adjunct Instructor, Department of English, Garland County Community College, Summer I & II 1999.

Graduate Assistant, Department of Public Relations, Henderson State University, 1998-1999.

Graduate Assistant, Department of English, Henderson State University, 1997-1998.

**Courses taught**

\*Introduction to College Writing \*Transitional Writing \*Introduction to the Fundamentals of College Literacy \*Academic Writing & Research \*Transitional Reading \*University Studies \*English Composition I \*English Composition II

**Academic Service**

First-Year Writing Assessment, Department of Writing, University of Central Arkansas, 2012-

present.

Sexual Harassment Complaint Committee, University of Central Arkansas, 2012.

Reading-Writing Curriculum Committee, University College, University of Central Arkansas,

2008-present.

Rohweder Scholarship Inter-departmental Committee, Spring 2009.

Faculty Development Committee, University College, University of Central Arkansas, 2008-2009.

Represented University College Associate’s Degree at UCA Majors Fair, University of Central

Arkansas, October 2, 2008.

Writing Panel-Grading Committee, University College, University of Central Arkansas, 2007-2012.

Search Committee for UC Instructor of History, University of Central Arkansas, 2007-2008.

University College Curriculum Committee, University of Central Arkansas, 2003-2008.

Search Committee for UC Instructor of Writing, University of Central Arkansas, 2005.

Public Relations Committee, University College, University of Central Arkansas, 2003-2005.

Chair, University College Curriculum Committee, University of Central Arkansas, 2003, 2004.

Chair, Search Committee for University College Instructors of Writing, University of Central

Arkansas, Spring 2003.

Search Committee for Student of the Year, University of Central Arkansas, 2000.

**Grants**

Co-author with Lisa Christman and JoKaren Hudson, Strengthening Institutions Program Grant,

U.S. Department of Education, 2013, (not funded).

Worked with Carl Olds in facilitating the re-design and implementation of developmental reading

and writing courses in University College as part of the Complete College America’s

Completion Innovation Challenge Grant, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation,

2012-2013, (funded).

Co-author, *Enhancing Literacy for Non-Native English Speakers*, UCA Foundation Grant, February

2009 ($3,000, not funded).

Co-author, *Food as the Gateway to Reading and Writing Across Cultures*, Student Achievement Grant

Proposal, National Education Association, June 2008 ($5000, not funded).

#### **Faculty Development**

#### College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA Arkansas/Louisiana)  Spring Conference, Pulaski

#### Technical College, 2013.

#### **Faculty Development (cont’d)**

#### Composition Training Workshop, Department of Writing, University of Central Arkansas, August

#### 2012.

#### *R&R: Redesign & Reality*, CRLA AR/LA,  Fall Workshop, Pulaski Technical College, 2012.

#### Arkansas Association for Developmental Education (ArkADE) Annual Conference, 2011.

#### UCA Diversity Training, University of Central Arkansas, 2003-present.

#### Sexual Harassment Training, University of Central Arkansas, 2003 (renewed yearly).

#### Arkansas Association for Developmental Education (ArkADE) Annual Conference, 2010

#### Faculty Development Conference featuring Dr. Robert Sherfield, University of Central Arkansas,

#### September 2005.

#### College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA AR/LA)  Spring Conference, Little Rock, 2005.

#### Technology Training, Transforming the Teaching/Learning Process, Title III Grant, 2004.

#### Teaching in Higher Education (T.H.E.) Forum Conference, April 2003, LSU.

**Publications & Presentations**

“Slaying Dragons: Using the Hero's Journey to Teach Writing and Critical Thinking” Presented at ArkADE September 29, 2016

“The Road Less Traveled: Poetry and Videotape in a Developmental Reading Class.” Co-authored

with Dr. Sherri Latimer. *National Association for Developmental Education Digest,* 2007.

*Cornerstone: Building on Your Best at UCA*. Co-authored as a member of the UC Curriculum Committee,

2005.

*University College Brochure*. Co-authored as a member of the UC Public Relations Committee, 2005.

*Last Writes*, An *Anthology of First-Year Student Writing*. Co-authored as a member of a UCA Writing

Department ad hoc committee, 2001.

“The Fates.” *Arkansas Literary Forum*, 2001.

“The Old ’55.” *Arkansas Literary Forum*, 2000.

**Current Research**

“Slaying the Dragon: Using *The Hero’s Journey* to Teach Critical Thinking in First-year

Writing,” paper/article in development.

“Following the White Rabbit: Using *The Matrix* to Teach Critical Thinking in First-year

Writing, paper/article in development.

#### **Memberships**

#### Society of Children’s Book Writers & Illustrators

#### Arkansas Association for Developmental Education (ArkADE)