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CURRICULUM VITA

EDUCATION

- **Master of Arts in English**
 - University of Houston, 2006
 - American literature focus, with additional coursework in folklore studies and environmental literature
- **Bachelor of Arts in English and Education (double major)**
 - Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas, 2000.
 - Minor: Journalism
 - Graduated Magna Cum Laude

EXPERIENCE

- **Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas**
2013-Present

Various Positions Held:

- Lecturer II, 2022-Present
- English Program Coordinator, 2022-Present
- Lecturer I and Assistant English Program Coordinator, 2019-2021
- Instructor, 2013– 2019

Awards: PVAMU's Outstanding Full-Time Teaching Award, 2023

English & Humanities Program Coordinator, PVAMU, Jan. 2022-Present

Organize a team of 25+ English & Humanities instructors and professors. The work centers around such tasks as creating the master schedule, facilitating program assessment, writing the program assessment report, performing peer evaluations, trouble-shooting personnel issues, planning program Town Halls for students and social events for faculty, coordinating the honor society, mentoring students and new faculty, advising students toward graduation, coordinating enrollment initiatives, performing degree audits, developing and implementing curriculum/program plans, and working with upper administration to achieve university goals.

English & Humanities Program Assistant Coordinator, PVAMU, 2019- Dec. 2021

Assisted Program Coordinator with administrative tasks listed above, mentor students and new faculty, help develop curriculum/program plans, and collaborate with the Education Department to enhance the certification process for prospective English/Language Arts teachers.

Courses Taught: Freshman Composition I, Freshman Composition I online, Freshman Composition II, Freshman Composition II online, Technical Writing, Technical Writing online, Intro to Literature, Intro to Literature online, Advanced Grammar, Professional Writing for Electronic Media, Shakespeare, and News Writing.

- **Lone Star College, Cypress, Texas**
Adjunct English Instructor, 2006-2013

Courses Taught: Freshman Composition I, Freshman Composition II, American Literature to 1865, and Ancient World Literature online

- **University of Houston, Houston, Texas**
Graduate Instructor and recipient of a Teaching Fellow Full-Tuition Scholarship, 2004-2006

Courses Taught: Freshman Composition I, Freshman Composition I online, and Freshman Composition II

- **Cy-Fair High School, Cypress, Texas**
Teacher, 2000-2004 & 2006-2008

Courses Taught: English IV Dual Credit, English IV Honors, English IV On-Level, English III AP, English II On-Level, Intro to Journalism and Desktop Publishing, Newspaper Production, and Yearbook Production

Adviser: Monthly student newspaper, *The Reporter*, that featured journalist writing, photography, and graphic design

Adviser: 450+ page student yearbook, *The Bobcat*, that featured journalist writing, photography, and graphic design

Service: Asian American Club, sponsor

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's D2S2 Project, Summer 2024
 - Worked on a team with three other English professors from across Texas to create digital curriculum for ENGL 1301, which will be offered to universities, colleges, and high school dual credit programs starting in Fall 2025.
- Open Educational Resources Course Development Grant (PV funded), Summer 2022.
 - ENGL 0111: Lead a team of three as principal investigator to create an OER for Developmental English at PVAMU.
- Open Educational Resources Course Development and Implementation Grant Program (Geer funded), Summer 2021.
 - ENGL 2311: Worked on a team to create an OER for Technical Writing and contributed to the redesign of that course's curriculum. I also helped to get this course eCertified at PVAMU.
 - ENGL 1302: Worked (as co-PI) on a team to create an OER for Composition II and contributed to the redesign of that course's curriculum. I also got this course eCertified at PVAMU.

PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL AND WORK-RELATED EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- Certified Secondary Teacher in the State of Texas, English and journalism education
- Member of PVAMU's Instructional Technology's UDL (Universal Design for Learning) Community of Practice, Spring 2022
- "B-Global" certification to teach globally-focused courses, 2021
- "Quality Matters" certification for online instruction
- Certified online instructor, Canvas, Moodle, and WebCT
- Online course developer for PVAMU; designed the ENGL 3304, Freshman Comp I & II, and Technical Writing online master course shells used by Distance Learning
- Faculty co-sponsor of Sigma Delta Tau, the English Honor Society, 2022-present
- Judge for UIL Journalism Writing Contests for Cy-Fair ISD, 2006-Present
- Freelance Writer, Marketing Team Houston, 2010-2013
- Reporter and columnist for the central Texas daily newspaper *The Brownwood Bulletin*, 1996-2000
- Editor-in-Chief, *The Yellow Jacket*, the weekly student newspaper of Howard Payne University, 1996-1999

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- English Faculty Hiring Committee, PVAMU, 2023, 2022, and 2020
- English Composition Curriculum Committee, PVAMU, 2014 and 2020-present
- Technical Writing Curriculum Committee, PVAMU, 2021
- Co-sponsor of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, 2022-present
- Chair, LCOM Department Cordiality Committee, PVAMU, 2017-19

PRESENTATIONS

- Eshleman, Christanna, Sarah Fish, Jackie Hoermann-Elliott, and Kathy Quesenbury. "Crafting a Texan Tapestry: Collaborative Curriculum Development." Open Texas Conference. Sept. 25-27, 2024.
- Starne, John, M. Clay Hooper, and Christa Eshleman. "Something Old, Something New: How AI Tools Can Merge With Process Learning to Build Better Student Writers." Texas A&M Chancellor's Conference on Academic Technology. Bryan, TX. June 26-27, 2023.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

- Thesis: *The Space Between the Sentimental and the Obscene: Sexualized Aspects of Christian Mysticism in the Fiction of Flannery O'Connor*. Published by The University of Houston, 2006
- Column: *Yippy Skippy*—a weekly opinion column for the Sunday edition of *The Brownwood Bulletin*, 1999-2000
- Poem: "Spring Break—Carlsbad, New Mexico." *Catalyst*. The Howard Payne University Literary Magazine, 1999
- Poem: "She thought it was the Second Coming." *Catalyst*. The Howard Payne University Literary Magazine, 1999
- Poem: "Untitled." *Catalyst*. The Howard Payne University Literary Magazine, 1999
- Poem: "It was something about those candy cigarettes." *Catalyst*. The Howard Payne University Literary Magazine, 1999

- Poem: “Simple Pleasures.” *Catalyst*. The Howard Payne University Literary Magazine, 1998
- Poem: “You Are.” *Catalyst*. The Howard Payne University Literary Magazine, 1998
- Poem: “Born in the USA.” *Catalyst*. The Howard Payne University Literary Magazine, 1997
- Poem: “Tongues.” *Catalyst*. The Howard Payne University Literary Magazine, 1997

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS (Selected)

- Award: Outstanding Full-Time Teaching for Prairie View A&M University, 2023
- Award: Voted by the Cy-Fair High School senior class to read names at graduation, 2008
- Award: Named one of the “Top 10 Best Teachers at Cy-Fair High School,” as voted by the student body, 2002
- Coached the 6A state champion in the Texas UIL News Writing competition, 2004
- Advised Cy-Fair High School’s student newspaper and yearbook, which won multiple group and individual awards, both on the state and national level

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Leader—Girl Scout Troop #109005, 2013-present
- Journalism Merit Badge Counselor for Cypress-Area Boy Scout Troops, 2017-present
- Co-Chair of the Color Guard Committee for the Band Boosters, Cypress Woods High School, 2023-present