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EDUCATION

Ph.D, English, University of Texas at Austin, May 2012

Dissertation: Religious Healing in the Progressive Era: Literary Responses to Christian Science

Committee: Dr. Phillip Barrish, Dr. Brian Bremen, Dr. Thomas Tweed, Dr. Coleman Hutchison, Dr. Gretchen Murphy.

M.A. English, University of Texas at Austin, May 2007

B. A. English (with Honors) and Music, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, 2005
Summa cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Teaching

Lecturer, Department of English, New Economic School, Fall 2013-

Part-time Assistant Professor, Department of English, Southwestern University, Spring 2013

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of English, University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2012-Spring 2013

Assistant Instructor, Department of English, University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2009-Spring 2012

Assistant Instructor, Department of Rhetoric and Writing, University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2007-Spring 2009

Teaching Assistant, Department of English, University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2005-Spring 2007

Administrative

Associate Director of the Writing and Communications Center, New Economic School, Fall 2013-

Assistant Director, Sophomore Literature Program, University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2011-Spring 2012

Other

Graduate Assistant, Plan II Honors Program, University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2007-Spring 2012

Research Assistant, Dr. Philip Barrish, Department of English, University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2011

Research Assistant, Dr. Thomas Tweed, Department of Religious Studies, University of Texas at Austin,
Summer 2009-Fall 2010

Consultant, Undergraduate Writing Center, University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2007-Spring 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

"The Tragedy of Desire: Christian Science in Theodore Dreiser's *The "Genius."* *American Literary Realism* 45.2
(Winter 2013): 95-117.

"The Wealthiest Man in the Empire: *Ben-Hur* as Model of Evangelical Political Engagement." *Arizona Quarterly* 69.1 (Spring 2013): 23-46.

"The Standard Oil Treatment: Willa Cather, *The Life of Mary Baker G. Eddy*, and Early 20th Century Collaborative Authorship." *Studies in the Novel*. Forthcoming Fall 2013, special issue on Willa Cather and book history.

Reviews

"Retrospective: Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s *The Signifying Monkey*." *E3W Review of Books*. (Spring 2008).

Online Articles

"A Room of One's Own in the Academy: The Writing Center as Feminized Space." With Lisa Leit, et. al. *Praxis: A Writing Center Journal*. (Fall 2007). <<http://projects.uwc.utexas.edu/praxis/?q=node/182>>

INVITED TALKS AND PANELS

Professional Skills Panel: Writing the Dissertation—Austin TX, November 2012

Mary Baker Eddy Library 10th Anniversary Former Fellows Colloquium—Boston, MA, October 2012

Professional Skills Panel: Getting Published—Austin, TX, April 2012

Professional Skills Panel: Writing the Fellowship Proposal—Austin, TX, March 2012

CONFERENCES

"A Demonstrative System of Healing: Narrative Medicine and the *Christian Science Journal*." International Conference on Narrative, March 2012.

Special Session Chair—Health Care Systems in Literature and Film. Modern Languages Association Annual Convention, January 2012.

"The Most Powerful Woman in America: The *McClure's* Biography of Mary Baker G. Eddy." South Central Modern Languages Association Annual Conference, November 2011.

"Narratives of Conversion and Healing Among Early Christian Scientists." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, October 2010

"The Body and Christian Science in Dreiser's *The 'Genius.'*" Annual Conference of the American Literature Association, May 2010.

"The Wealthiest Man in the Empire: *Ben-Hur* as Model of Christian Capitalism." International Conference on Narrative, April 2010.

"Voice of Reason: The Pragmatic Ethos of Twain's Connecticut Yankee." College English Association Annual Conference, March 2010.

"An American Gospel: *Ben-Hur* in the Classroom." Southwest Conference on Religious Studies, March 2010. Allied Session Chair—Bibliography and Textual Studies. South Central Modern Languages Association Annual Conference, November 2009.

"The Scofield Reference Bible and the Transparency of the Word." South Central Modern Languages Association Annual Conference, November 2008.

"Transcending and Transgressing Regions in Salman Rushdie's *The Ground Beneath Her Feet*." College English Association Annual Conference, April 2006.

COURSES TAUGHT

Instructor of Record

E338—American Literature: From 1865 to the Present
Introduction to American Literature

E314J/RS306—Literature and Religion: Sympathy for the Devil
E314J/RS306—Literature and Religion
RHE306—Rhetoric and Writing
RHE309S—Critical Reading and Persuasive Writing
RHE309K—Topics in Writing: Rhetoric of Makeovers

Teaching Assistant

E316K—Survey of American Literature; Supervising Professor—Dr. Brian Bremen
E316K—Survey of British Literature; Supervising Professor—Dr. Andrew Cooper
E316K—Survey of American Literature; Supervising Professor—Dr. James Cox
E316K—Survey of World Literature; Supervising Professor—Dr. Ernest Kaulbach

Teaching in Special Programs

Texas Interdisciplinary Program (Fall 2007, Spring 2008): RHE 306—Rhetoric and Writing
Students Partnering for Undergraduate Rhetoric Success (Fall 2008, Spring 2009): RHE 309K—Topics in Writing
Digital Writing and Research Lab (Spring 2011): E314—Literature and Religion
The New Economic School (Moscow) at UT-Austin (Summer 2012): Introduction to American Literature

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Professional Development Award, University of Texas at Austin, 2012
Maureen Decherd Dissertation Writing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, 2011
Mary Baker Eddy Library Research Fellowship, Boston, Massachusetts, 2011
Professional Development Award, University of Texas at Austin, 2011
Presidential Excellence Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, 2010
Professional Development Award, University of Texas at Austin, 2010
Professional Development Award, University of Texas at Austin, 2009
Texas Blazers Faculty Excellence Award (university-wide teaching award recognizing 10 faculty members or grad student instructors per year, winners nominated and selected by students), 2009
Runner-up—English Department T.A. of the Year, 2007
Nominated for the Livingstone Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (university-wide), 2005

SERVICE

Blogger/Editor, *viz.*, official visual rhetoric blog for the Digital Writing and Research Lab, Fall 2010-Spring 2011
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Rhetoric and Writing, Fall 2008-Fall 2010
First-Year Forum Book Selection Committee, Department of Rhetoric and Writing, Fall 2008-Spring 2010
Assistant Instructor Handbook Subcommittee, Department of Rhetoric and Writing, Fall 2008-Spring 2009
Editor, *Praxis: A Writing Center Journal*, Fall 2007-Spring 2009
Organizing Committee, International Conference on Narrative, 2007-2008