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EDUCATION

Ph.D., American Literature, Texas Christian University
M.A., English, Tarleton State University
B.S., Biology, Tarleton State University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor of English (Tenured)
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, TX
August 2001–Present

Assistant Professor of English
Huston-Tillotson University, Austin, TX
August 1999–July 2001

TEACHING & CURRICULAR LEADERSHIP

At the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, I design and teach undergraduate courses in freshman composition, global literature, scientific and technical writing, and sophomore literature. My teaching integrates AI-assisted writing, digital literacy, and interdisciplinary collaboration across the humanities and sciences.

Key contributions include:

- Leading faculty workshops on AI-integrated pedagogy and assessment
- Developing online and competency-based courses for the core curriculum
- Creating a university research guide on responsible AI use across disciplines
- Supervising internships and practicum experiences for English majors
- Coordinating departmental assessment and rubric development

At Huston-Tillotson University, I taught basic writing, composition, technical writing, and English for international students; created and implemented a developmental curriculum; and integrated instructional technology across modalities.

SCHOLARSHIP AND PRESENTATIONS

My current scholarship focuses on AI-enhanced pedagogy, health humanities, disability studies, and interdisciplinary digital discourse.

“Chatbot Efficacy in Literary Analysis and Business Decision Making: An Interdepartmental Collaboration.” Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC). Baltimore, MD. April 2025.

“Palestine and the Health Humanities: The Surprising Contribution of Eiichiro Oda’s *One Piece* to the Current Hamas-Israel Conflict.” Modern Language Association (MLA). New Orleans, LA. January 2025.

“AI-Enhanced Graphic Narratives: Culturally Sensitive and Pedagogically Effective Educational Tools.” Graphic Medicine International Collective. Athlone, Ireland. July 2024.

“AI Tools for Education.” Brokenshire College. Davao del Sur, Philippines. Lecture. July 2024.

“Literacies Needed: Posthuman, AI, and Digital Discourses.” Learning Revolution Mini-Conference: Teaching and Learning With AI. Online Presentation. June 2024.

“Managing an Invisible Disability: “Quirks” and Technology in Kōhei Horikoshi’s *My Hero Academia*.” Graphic Medicine Conference. Toronto, Canada. July 2023.

Handbook for Scientific Communication: Writing and Editing for Undergraduate Science Students. OER Creative Commons. September 2020.

“Return to Human: Disability in Kōhei Horikoshi’s *My Hero Academia*.” MLA. Seattle, WA. January 2020.

“Revisiting the Asylum: Medical Ethics and Women’s Confinement in *The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox*.” South Central Modern Language Association (SCMLA). Little Rock, AR. October 2019.

AWARDS

Professional Development Grant Recipient. “AI-Enhanced Graphic Narratives.”

Supported conference presentation at the Graphic Medicine International Collective, Athlone, Ireland. July 2024.

Summer Research Grant Recipient. “A UMHB-Specific Scientific Writing Handbook.” July 2019.

Summer Research Grant Recipient. “Reading and Writing with the *New York Times*.” July 2014.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSION

Leadership Roles

English Program Coordinator (shared appointment), Fall 2025–Present

Co-Chair, Curriculum Committee, Fall 2024–Present

Chair, Career Center Advisory Committee, Fall 2023–Present

Faculty Development & Assessment Leadership

Presenter, “Revising Assignments in the Age of AI.” Faculty Workshop. Spring 2026.

Presenter, “Chatbots as Educational Allies: AI Integration Across the Disciplines.” Faculty Workshop. Fall 2024.

Presenter, “AI Tools and Writing Instruction.” CELT Workshop. Spring 2024.

Presenter, “Using Nuventive for Assessment.” Faculty Workshop. Fall 2022.

Presenter, “Assessing Learning Outcomes.” Faculty Workshop. Fall 2018.

University Committees

Educational Technology Committee, Fall 2023–Present

Scholars’ Day Committee, 2022–Present

Creative Writing Search Committee, 2022 & 2023

Mayborn Chair Search Committee, 2019

Commencement Committee, 2017–2021

Undergraduate Research Committee, Fall 2016–Spring 2019

Curriculum Committee, Fall 2016–Spring 2018

Academic IQ Council, Fall 2015–2022

Scholarly & Professional Contributions

Reviewer, *Teaching Tips for the Sciences*, with Dr. Ruth Murphy, forthcoming Fall 2026

Reviewer, *Introduction to Chemical Research—Guidelines for Success*, with Dr. Ruth Murphy. July 2025.

Beta Tester, JSTOR AI-Powered Research Tool, 2024–2025

Beta Tester, My Essay Feedback AI Peer Review System, 2024–2025

Presenter: “AI, Writing, and Academic Integrity: Establishing Consistent Policies.” CELT Workshop. Spring 2026.

Presenter: “Revising Assignments in the Age of AI.” Faculty Workshop. Spring 2026.

English Program Coordinator (shared position). Fall 2025- Present.

Reviewer: *Introduction to Chemical Research—Guidelines for Success*. With Dr. Ruth Murphy. July 2025.

Student Engagement & Global Learning

Chaperone, UMHB Student Trip to the Baltics, June 2025

Chaperone, UMHB Student Trip to Lithuania and Poland, May 2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

AI, Writing, & Pedagogy

“Grant Writing with AI. Learning Revolution.” March 2025.

“Education in the Age of Generative AI.” Perusall Exchange. June 2024.

“Lessons from Sci-Fi: Teaching and Learning with GenAI.” Cengage Webinar. April 2024.

“Perplexity: What We Can Learn about Writing by Watching AI Consolidate Information.” Bedford Webinar. April 2024.

“Our Writing Lives, Our Teaching Lives, and Generative AI.” Bedford Webinar. April 2024.

“In the Driver’s Seat: Preparing Students for AI-Enhanced Workplaces.” Macmillan Webinar. November 2023.

“When AI Is a Liar and a Cheat: Re-Imagining Assessment in the Age of OpenAI.” Macmillan Panel. October 2023.

“AI in Education with Matt Britton.” Pearson Webinar. October 2023.

“What AI Means for Teaching.” MLA–CCCC Joint Task Force on Writing and AI. July 2023.

Health Humanities & Narrative Medicine

“Medicine, Narrative, Pandemic, and Power with Dr. Rita Charon.” MLA Webinar. July 2020.

Science & Interdisciplinary Scholarship

“International Science in the 21st Century.” International Conference on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Management. September 2019.

“Advancing Science: Discovery to Application.” American Association for the Advancement of Science Conference. February 2018.