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Education

MA English, May 2022

Pennsylvania State University

Research Interests: American literature and pop culture; narrative/genre theory and aesthetics; critical university studies and institutional analysis

MFA Creative Writing (Fiction), May 2018

The Ohio State University

BA English, *summa cum laude*, December 2013

King's College (Wilkes-Barre, PA)

University Teaching Experience

Pennsylvania State University, Department of English

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fall 2020 to present

English 15 Rhetoric and Composition

English 202B Advanced Writing in the Humanities

The Ohio State University, Department of English

Graduate Teaching Associate, Fall 2015 to Fall 2017

English 1110 First-Year Writing

English 2265 Introduction to Fiction Writing

English 3465 Intermediate Fiction, Special Topics ("Point of View")

English 3465 Intermediate Fiction, Special Topics ("Starting a Novel")

English 3465 Intermediate Fiction, Special Topics ("Time in Fiction")

King's College, Department of English

Adjunct Instructor of English, Summer 2016

English 109 Introductory Composition (for non-native speakers)

Other Professional Experience

Graduate Assistant

Penn State Center for American Literary Studies, 2022-2023

Communications Specialist, Office of the President

Harford Community College, July 2018 to August 2020

Editorial Board

The Journal Non/Fiction Prize, Spring 2018

Reviews and Interviews Editor

The Journal, Fall 2017 to Spring 2018

Associate Fiction Editor

The Journal, Fall 2016 to Spring 2017

Associate Reviews and Interviews Editor

The Journal, Fall 2015 to Spring 2017

Writing Tutor

King's College Writing Center, Fall 2011 to Fall 2013

Department Service

President

Penn State English Graduate Organization (EGO), 2022-2023

Faculty Representative

Penn State English Graduate Organization (EGO), 2021-2022

Mentoring Buddy

Penn State English Department Graduate Mentoring Program, 2021-2023

Organizing Committee Member

Center for American Literary Studies "Unprecedented" Webinar Series, 2021-2022

Treasurer

Ohio State University MFA Student Writers Guild, Fall 2016 to Spring 2017

Co-organizer

Ohio State University MFA Program Editors' Panel, Fall 2016

Honors and Awards

Master of Arts Excellence in Teaching Award

Penn State University Program in Writing and Rhetoric, 2021

Thesis and Dissertation Completion Fellowship

The Ohio State University Department of English, 2018

The Haidee Forsyth Burkhardt Award in Creative Nonfiction

The Ohio State University Creative Writing Program, 2017

The Vincent D. Garvey Jr. Memorial Award for English

King's College, 2014

Editor's Prize

The Apple Valley Review, 2013

Short Fiction Award

Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society, 2012

Publications

Short Stories

"In the Neighborhood." *One Story*. Issue #223 (20 December 2016). Print.

"News, Unreported" and "Notes Left For My Minor Suicide Attempts (Ages Nine, Twenty, and Thirty-One)." *Apple Valley Review*. 8.1 (Spring 2013). Online.

"The Dog Sitter." *Delta Epsilon Sigma Journal*. 57.1 (Spring 2012). Print.

Reviews

"Review of *Ciao, Suerte* by Annie McGreevy." *The Journal*. 40.2 (Spring 2016). Online.