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Education

Ph.D. in English specializing in Written Discourse, Texas A&M University-Commerce (anticipated graduation May 2019) —Evidence of Translingual Practices in Student Writing: A Semi-Longitudinal Corpus Study

Master of Arts (1988) Literature, Purdue University
High Pass—Masters Examination

Bachelor of Science in Education (1986) Major—English Minors—Math, Sacred Music, East Texas Baptist University

Areas of Teaching and Research Appointments:

EFL/ESL Writing, Narrative Inquiry, Code-Meshing, Pragmatics, Writing Studies, Pedagogy

Academic Experience

English Instructor (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

Texas A&M University-Commerce (2014-Present)

- Instructor, English 424: *Development of English Language* (online) Fall2018
- Research Assistant, English 697: *Teaching Writing as a Second Language* Sum2016
- Teaching Assistant, *English 205: Humor in the Humanities*. F2017, S2016
- Instructor, *English 1301: College Reading and Writing*. F2015, S2016, S2017, F2017, SumI2018 (online)
- Instructor, *English 1302: Written Argument and Research*. S2015, F2016, S2018
- Instructor, *English 100: Introduction to College Reading and Writing*. F2014, F2018
- Writing Center Tutor Sum2015
- Writing Center Workshop Presenter, “Corpora Study of Most Common Errors in Select ESL Writing Samples” F2015
- Guest Lecturer, “Descriptive Writing.” *English 1302: Written Argument and Research*. F2015
- Guest Lecturer, “Citations, Audience, Intro/Conclusions.” *English 1302: Written*

- Argument and Research.* Sum2015
- Guest Lecturer, “Key Terms and Methods for Literacy Research.” *English 1302: Written Argument and Research.* S2016
 - Guest Lecturer, “Annotations.” *English 1302: Written Argument and Research.* S2016
 - Guest Lecturer, “Thesis and Transitions.” *English 100: Introduction to College Reading and Writing.* F2016
 - Guest Lecturer, “Finding Voice: Using Code-meshing in Writing.” *English 1301: College Reading and Writing.* F2017
 - Guest Lecturer, “Beyond the Sonnet: Other Poetry Forms.” *English 2326: Introduction to Literature.* F2017
 - Guest Lecturer, “Jokes and Groups” *English 205: Humor in the Humanities* F2017

Associate Faculty

- Collin College-Spring Creek (2018-Present)
- Instructor, *English 1301* Fall2018

Instructor for Alternative High School Education

- West Bloomfield Alternative High School (1996-1998)
- Instructor for high school English, mathematics and Art Appreciation
 - Curriculum design and textbook selection for high school English, mathematics and Art Appreciation
 - Cross-curriculum educational excursion planner—Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, Detroit Art Museum

Instructor for Adult Education

- Niles Education Center: Troy Continuing Education (1994-1996)
- Instructor/tutor for GED and high school equivalent courses
 - Curriculum design for math and English independent studies

Adjunct Instructor

- Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills, MI (1989-1990)
- Freshman Composition

Educator

- Thomas Jefferson High School, Port Arthur, TX (1988-1989)
- Eleventh and Twelfth Grade English
 - Textbook Selection Committee Member
 - UIL Readywriting Team Sponsor
 - Student-Led Creative Writing Club Sponsor

English Instructor (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

- Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN (1986-1988)
- Instructor for English 1301, English 1302, Science Fiction & Fantasy Literature

Conference Presentations

- Smith, T. & Attardo, S. An Examination of Playboy Magazine Jokes 1959-2004. *2018 A&M-Commerce Annual Research Symposium*, Commerce, TX. April 2018
- Smith, T., Brooks, T., Henley, T., & Attardo, S. A Descriptive Analysis of Playboy Magazine Jokes 1959-2004. *8th Humor Research Conference*, Commerce, TX. February 2018.

- Smith, T. Dominant and Vernacular Literacies: Code-meshing as a Rhetorical Strategy. *NCTE Research Network Forum Work-in-Progress Presentation*, Kansas City, MO. March 2018.
- Smith, T. Presentation of Self: Exploring Voice through Code-Meshing in Academic Writing. *Conference of College Teachers of English (CCTE)*, Stephenville, TX. March 2018.
- Smith, T., and Dr. Dongmei Cheng. Computer Assisted Learning with WordSift. *TexTESOL V 2017 Fall Conference*, Collin College, Plano, TX. October 7, 2017.
- Smith, T. Counting Voices: Stylistic Analysis of the Function of Selected Poems in Tolkien's *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*. *37TH Annual Southwest Popular/American Culture Association (SWPACA) Conference*, Albuquerque, NM. February 2016.
- Smith, T. Use English to Link to Your Future: LinkedIn for EFL Writing. *TexTESOL V 2015 Fall Conference*, Arlington, TX. November 7, 2015.

Professional Memberships

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| ▪ National Council of Teachers of English | 2018 |
| ▪ Conference of College Teachers of English | 2018 |
| ▪ Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) | 2015-Present |
| ▪ Sigma Tau Delta: International English Honor Society | 1985-Present |
| ▪ Member, Spanish and English Graduate Advancement and Development (SEGAD) | 2014-Present |

Community Service

- Curriculum Development Committee: ENG 100, 2017 & 2018
 - Develop theoretical framework and resources for curriculum
 - Construct syllabi and course calendars
- Assessor, Core Curriculum Assessment, 2018
- Assessor, First-Year Writing Program Core Curriculum Assessment, Celebration of Student Writing, 2015, 2016, 2018
- Selection Committee, *Best of Rhetoric and Composition Anthology*, 2017
- Presenter, "Exploring Student Voice Through Code Meshing" at Texas A&M University - Commerce: Teaching Assistant Strategy Session—Designing Interesting Teaching Activities, 2017
- Table Facilitator, CCCC All-Convention Event "Literacy, Language, and Labor for Social Justice: Outward and Inward Reflection," Kansas City 2018
- Session Chair, "Using Visual Rhetoric as Subversion," 2018 CCCC Convention, Kansas City 2018
- Presenter, "Insights into Publishing: Perspective for New Writers" at Writers' Bloc: Collin College's Literary Society, 2016
- Co-Coordinator, Teaching New Teachers (TNT) Program for new GTA's, 2016
- Co-Editor, *The Mayo Review*, 2015-2016
- President, Sigma Tau Delta, Upsilon Beta Chapter, 2015-2016
- Judge, UIL Readywriting, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Conference Volunteer, *North East Texas Humor Research Conference (NETHRC) 2014*, Dallas, Texas, February, 2015
- Conference Volunteer, *Metroplex Conference*, November, 2014
- Poetry Editor, *The Mayo Review*, 2014-2015, 2016-2017

Honors & Awards

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| ▪ Dean's List and Dean's List with Honors | 1982-1986 |
| ▪ Who's Who in the Department of English | 1985,1986 |
| ▪ Member of Alpha Chi Honor Society | 1985-1986 |

- Associate Moderator and Moderator of Pi Epsilon Nu: Writer's Guild 1983-1986
- Founding Member of Sigma Alpha Iota, Women's Music Fraternity 1983-1986
- Second and Third Place poetry awards—Era Miller Creative Writing Contest 1984
- Secretary- Treasurer and Social Chairperson of Sigma Tau Delta,
English Honor Society 1984-1986
- Member ETBU Math Society 1984-1986
- Member Chamber Ensemble and Concert Choir 1982-1985