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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in English Literature & Criticism (May 2010)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Indiana, PA 15705
Major Areas: Nineteenth Century British Literature, Ecocriticism
Focus Areas: Contemporary American Women's Writing / Literary Criticism and Theory
Dissertation Topic: *An Ecocritical Examination of British Romantic Natural History Writing*
(Completed March 2010)
Dissertation Advisor: Dr. David Downing

Master of Arts Degree in English Literature (May 2003)

Buffalo State College: Buffalo, NY
Major Areas: British Romanticism / Contemporary Women's Writing (Body Image / Eating Disorders in Contemporary Women's Writing)
Focus Areas: Irish Literature / James Joyce / Literary Theory and Criticism
Master's Thesis: *Deconstructing Patriarchal Ideology in Mary Gordon's The Shadow Man*
(Completed May 2003).

Bachelor of Arts Degree in English (May 2000)

Canisius College: Buffalo, NY
Major Areas: British Romanticism / Contemporary Fiction

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Buffalo State College: Buffalo, NY (September 2000-May 2003)
Guest Lecturer, English Literature.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Indiana, Pennsylvania (Fall 2004-Spring 2008)
Guest Lecturer and Teaching Associate, English Literature.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Indiana, Pennsylvania (Fall 2010-Spring 2014):
Assistant Professor: English Literature and Composition.

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville. Titusville, Pennsylvania (Fall 2015-Present):
Visiting Assistant Professor of English: English Literature and Composition.

COURSES

Basic to Advanced Composition (in person and on-line), Poetry (in person and on-line), Short Story (in person and on-line), Literature of the Environment, Science Fiction, Freshman Seminar on Philosophy of Happiness, Generalist Literature, and British Romanticism. Guest lecture topics: Robert Browning, Joyce Carol Oates, Alice Walker, Margaret Walker, Zora Neal Hurston, Pat Mora, Ana Castillo, Amy Tan, Maxine Hong Kingston, James Joyce, W.B. Yeats, and Samuel Becket.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Indiana, PA 15705 (September 2005-May 2006)

Editorial Assistant: Assistant to Dr. David Downing; duties included: copyediting, layout, typesetting (using Quark Xpress), web design, administrative activities. Published the academic journal *Works and Days: Richard Ohmann: A Retrospective*.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (Continued)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Spring 2006

Helped organize, promote and volunteered with two colloquiums. The first was held at the CCCC's conference in Chicago to promote the recently published edition of the journal *Works and Days* and celebrate the work of Richard Ohmann. The second colloquium was held at Indiana University of Pennsylvania with guest speaker Jeffrey Williams on the topic "The Death of the University."

Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Indiana, PA 15705 (April 2008)

Co-organized a colloquium with Dr. Susan Comfort on "Teaching English in a Time of War." Seven guest speakers shared their classroom experiences that have been affected by war. Speakers from the Middle East shared their thoughts about teaching in America while a war was being waged near their home country and multiple other speakers shared stories of pedagogical challenges.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Indiana, PA 15705 (2006-2014)

Worked with the Office of International Education on inviting visiting international speakers into writing courses.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Indiana, PA 15705 (2011-2012)

Worked with other temporary faculty on developing: 1. New faculty orientation guide 2. Created a library focused on pedagogical development in the English department and received two grants to help this process from the English Department and Graduate School

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354 (2015-Present)

Organized International Coffee Hour with Composition 102 students and guest speakers from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey, China, the Head of Asian Studies from UNC Chapel Hill, Dr. Nadia Yaqub, and Chad Buckwalter, International Student and Scholar Advisor from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The composition students, who research non-western cultures, create poster boards to share their research with the UPT community.

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354 (2015-Present)

Organized International Women's Day with Composition 102 students and guest speakers from non-western countries (Turkey, Egypt, India, Oman, Kazakhstan, and Saudi Arabia). The composition students, who research non-western cultures, created poster boards to share their research with the UPT community. Students help create, advertise, and set up every part of the event.

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354 (2016-Present)

Served and chaired Diversity Committee focused on increasing awareness, creating and promoting events focused on diversity, and generally creating an environment where people of all backgrounds can thrive personally and professionally. Some events developed: International Coffee Hour, International Women's Day, Black Lives Matter Event, transition to gender neutral bathrooms on campus, Heritage Day, *Out of the Silence* film and discussion panel (Gender Identity), coordinated with Student Affairs to better serve the African American community on campus, worked with Student Affairs on diversity training for committee, anti-bias training, social justice training, created a current events discussion group, Coordinated *Race Against Racism* (April 2016, 2017, 2018) with BSU and the local YWCA, created a Student Commission on Diversity and Inclusion, worked to create a Passover event on campus, *Trans Day of Remembrance*, and numerous other activities.

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354 (2015-Present)

Served on Academic Committee. Created recommendations for a new process for student evaluations. Worked on Improving student satisfaction survey results and reevaluating remedial courses (ENG 101, IL 200, and MATH 100). In fall of 2017 and spring 2018, worked on evaluating candidates for a new President of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and Titusville. In spring 2019, we were tasked with evaluating new courses and changes to multiple programs.

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354 (2015-Present)

Served on Learning Center Committee. Worked on creating events around the midterms and finals to prepare students for exams. Worked on creating writing based tutoring materials and posting them on the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville website to better serve students. Worked on resume` writing, interviewing, and hiring workshops. Tutored 6-9 hours per week. Advocated for and helped bring a tutor focused primarily on writing to the campus.

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354 (2015-Present)

Served on Faculty Committee. Evaluated candidates for faculty senate. Worked on numerous other activities related to faculty evaluation and support.

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354 (2015-Present)

Academic Advisor. Advised 15-25 students per semester.

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354 (2015-Present)

Member of Faculty Senate. Worked on numerous campus wide projects, including: Keep Pitt in Titusville campaign, discussed changes to student evaluations, maintaining faculty senate finances, donations to local organizations involving the arts, and deciding what students to give awards and honors.

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354 (2018-Present)

Vice President and Treasurer of Faculty Senate. Worked on numerous campus wide projects, including: faculty nominations to committees, discussed changes to student evaluations, maintaining faculty senate finances, donations to local organizations involving the arts, and deciding what students to give awards and honors.

HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Indiana, PA 15705

IUP Graduate Assistantship (August 2004-May 2006)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Indiana, PA 15705

Travel Grant to present paper at MLA conference (December 2005)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Indiana, PA 15705

Travel Grant for CCCC's conference (March 2006)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Indiana, PA 15705

IUP Teaching Associate (Aug 2006 – 2008)

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354

Year of the Humanities Grant (September 2015)

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354

Reese Foundation Co-Curricular Grant (Ten grants from September 2015 – May 2019)

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354

Year of Diversity Grant (September 2016, January 2017)

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354

Interdisciplinary Humanities Grant (September 2017)

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354
Year of Pitt Global Grant (September 2018, January 2019)

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354
Office of Diversity and Inclusion Mini-Grant (March 2018)

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354
Faculty Development Grant (November 2018, February 2019)

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354
Travel grant to attend NAFSA, PCEA and CCCCs Conferences (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville: Titusville, PA 16354
Travel grant to present at MLA Conference (January 2020)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION

“Sites of Resistance in John Clare’s Early Verse.” *Modern Language Association National Conference*, Washington, DC (December 29, 2005).

“Amy Tan’s *The Joy Luck Club*.” Pennsylvania College English Association, Gettysburg, PA (April 7th, 2005).

“Gendering in the Nineteenth Century: The Poetry of John Clare.” *Spring Colloquium Series*, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (April, 5 2006).

“Teaching Writing in a Time of War.” *Spring Colloquium*, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (April 2008).

“The Language of Birds: The Natural History Writing of John Clare”. *Romanticism and Evolution Conference*. London, Ontario, Canada (May 11th, 2012).

Workshop Participation. *NAFSA Research Symposium - A Critical Discussion of Theories, Methodologies, and Practices in International Education*. Washington, DC (October 2018).

Workshop Participation. *CCCC 2019: Performance Rhetoric – Performance Composition* (March 2019).

“Eco-Terrorism in Cixin Liu’s *Three Body Problem* and *Ball Lightning*”. *Pennsylvania College English Association Conference*. Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania (May 2019).

“‘Sounds that cannot be written’: Animal Communication in John Clare and Gilbert White”. *Modern Language Association Conference*. Seattle, Washington (Forthcoming: January 2020).

PUBLICATIONS

Editorial Assistant: *Works and Days: Richard Ohmann: A Retrospective*. Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2006.

An Ecocritical Examination of British Romantic Natural History Writing: The Literature of a Changing World. Dissertation. Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2010.

“John Clare: Natural History Writing and a Loco-Descriptive Poetics of Landscape” was published in *Exegesis Literary Journal* by Royal Holloway University of London in 2013.

“Identity, Reality, and Anthropocentrism in Cixin Liu’s *The Three-Body Problem*” was published in *The Institute of Future Humanities* by Chung-ang University of South Korea in June 2018.

““A machine in pursuit of a single goal’: A Review of Cixin Liu’s *Ball Lightning*” forthcoming in *Albeit* in fall 2019.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Modern Language Association
National Council of Teachers of English
Pennsylvania College English Association
John Clare Society
John Clare Society of North America
Wordsworth-Coleridge Association
North American Society for the Study of Romanticism (NASSR)

REFERENCES

Dr. David Downing (IUP)
Dr. Susan Comfort (IUP)
Dr. Gian Pagnucci (IUP)
Dean, Dr. David Fitz (University of Pittsburgh at Titusville)
Dr. Phil Atteberry (University of Pittsburgh at Titusville)
Dr. Laura Terwilliger (University of Pittsburgh at Titusville)
Ms. Meredith Kenyon (University of Pittsburgh at Titusville)
Head of Liberal Arts, Ms. Mary Ann Caton (University of Pittsburgh at Titusville)