

Education

Ph.D., English and Creative Writing, May 2016

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Dissertation: *Sweet and Low*, a collection of stories

Dissertation Committee: Jonis Agee (Dir.), Timothy Schaffert, Stacey Waite, Amelia Montes

M.F.A., Creative Writing (Fiction), June 2013

The Ohio State University

Thesis: *The Exaggerations*, a novel in stories

Thesis Committee: Michelle Herman (Dir.), Lee Martin

M.A., English, May 2009

Mississippi State University

Thesis: *Blood Knot*, a collection of poems

Thesis Committee: Richard Lyons (Dir.), Catherine Pierce, Michael Kardos

B.S.E., English, *Summa cum Laude*, May 2007

Delta State University

Publications

Books

How to Survive a Summer, a novel to be published on June 6, 2017, with Penguin/Random House under the Blue Rider Press Imprint.

Sweet and Low: Stories, forthcoming with Penguin/Random House under the Blue Rider Press Imprint.

Short Stories

"The Lovers." *The Literary Review*. Fall 2015. Print.

"The Last of His Kind." *Guernica*. Fall. 2015. Online.

"The Curator." *Day One*. August 2014. Online.

"Sweet and Low." *The Hopkins Review*. 7.3 (Summer 2014): 369-92. Print.

"Heavenly Bodies." *Indiana Review*. 35.2 (Winter 2013): 91-109. Print.

"The Exaggerations." *The Kenyon Review*. 35.3 (Summer 2013): 22-35. Print.

"Cottonmouth, Trapjaw, Water Moccasin." *Third Coast* (Spring 2011): 102-04. Print.

"East of West, and West of Weir." *Hayden's Ferry Review* 47 (2010): 141-54. Print.

Poetry

"The Uncollected Letters of Willa Cather." *The Pinch* 29.2 (2009): 48-49.

"Birthday Dinner." *Permafrost* 31 (2009): 58-59.

"On Skydiving." *Arsenic Lobster* 20 (Summer 2009).

<<http://arseniclobster.magere.com/200201.html>>.

Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference

Panelist, "Writing Under the Gun: The Agony & Ecstasy of the Book Contract," *AWP*. Washington, D.C.: 2017.

Panelist, "The Multimodal Workshop: Digital Pedagogy in the Creative Writing Classroom," *AWP*. Los Angeles: 2016.

Chair, "The Kids Are All Right: Workshop as Outreach," *AWP*. Boston: 2013.

Panelist, "Plagiarism in the Creative Writing Classroom," *AWP*. Boston: 2013.

Honors and Awards

Peter Taylor Fellow, Kenyon College, Summer 2016.
Tennessee Williams Scholar, Sewanee Writers' Conference. Summer 2016.
The Mari Sandoz/Prairie Schooner Award for Fiction, Second Place, Spring 2015.
 The University of Nebraska at Lincoln Creative Writing Program, 2015
The Tara Kroger Award for Best Short Story
 The Ohio State University Creative Writing Program, 2013
The Helen Earnhart Harley Creative Writing Fellowship Award in Fiction
 The Ohio State University Creative Writing Program, 2012
Alfred Camus Creative Writing Scholarship Award-Fiction
 Mississippi State University, Department of English, Fall 2008-Spring 2009
Eugene Butler Creative Writing Scholarship Award-Poetry
 Mississippi State University, Department of English, Fall 2007-Spring 2009
Gwin Family Scholarship-Critical Writing
 Mississippi State University Department of English, Fall 2007-Spring 2008
The Phi Delta Kappa Award for Excellence in Student Teaching
 Delta State University, Department of Education, Spring 2007
Evelyn Hammett Scholarship
 Delta State University Division of Languages and Literature, 2005-2007
Annie Caufield-Winston Scholarship
 Delta State University Division of Languages and Literature, 2005

University Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor

The Ohio State University

Fall 2016-present

 English 6765.01: Graduate Fiction Workshop, Fall 2016
 English 4565: Advanced Undergraduate Workshop, Fall 2016
 English 6765.02: Graduate Fiction Workshop (Fiction B), Spring 2017

Graduate Teaching Assistant

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Department of English

Fall 2013-present

 English 150 Writing: Rhetoric as Inquiry, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014
 English 170 Beginning Creative Writing, Fall 2014, Spring 2015
 English 252 Introduction to Fiction, Fall 2015
 English 151H Writing: Rhetoric as Argument, Honors Section, Fall 2015, Spring 2016
 English 303 The American Short Story, Spring 2016

Graduate Teaching Associate

The Ohio State University, Department of English

Fall 2010-Spring 2013

 English 2265 Writing of Fiction I, Fall 2011
 English 3465 Intermediate Fiction, Special Topics ("Speculative Fiction"), Summer 2012
 English 3304 Business Writing, Fall 2012
 English 1110 First-Year Writing ("The Rhetoric of Activism"), Fall 2010, Winter 2011,
 Spring 2011, Winter 2012, Spring 2012

Lecturer

Mississippi State University, Department of English

Fall 2009-Spring 2010

 English 1103 English Composition I, Fall 2009, Spring 2010

English 1113 English Composition II, Fall 2009, Spring 2010

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Mississippi State University, Department of English

Fall 2007-Fall 2009

English 1103 English Composition I, Fall 2008

English 0103 Basic English Composition, Fall 2007, Spring 2009

Other Teaching Experience

Co-Teacher (with Nancy Zafiris)

Kenyon College

Summer 2015

The Kenyon Review Novel Workshop

Fiction Instructor

The Ohio State University Young Writers Workshop

Summer 2011

Fiction Workshop for High School Students

Professional Experience

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Associate Editor, *Brighthorse Press*, August 2013-present

Assistant Editor, *Prairie Schooner*, August 2013-present

Assistant Producer, *Air Schooner Podcast*, August 2013-May 2014

Assistant Editor, *The Cupboard*, August 2013-present

The Ohio State University

Fiction Editor, *The Journal*, June 2012-May 2013

Associate Fiction Editor, *The Journal*, June 2011-June 2012

Reader, *The Journal*, August 2010-June 2011

Reader, The Ohio State University Press Poetry Prize, 2010, 2011, and 2012

Reader, The Ohio State University Short Fiction Contest, 2010 and 2011

Mississippi State University

Associate Editor, *Jabberwock Review*, Spring 2009

Assistant Poetry Editor, *Jabberwock Review*, Fall 2008

Research Assistant, Dr. Richard Patteson, Fall 2008-Spring 2009

Staff, *Jabberwock Review*, Fall 2007-Spring 2008

Writing Center Tutor, Fall 2007-Spring 2008

Delta State University

Editor, *The Confidante*, Fall 2006-Spring 2007

Assistant Editor, *The Confidante*, Fall 2005-Spring 2006

Writing Center Tutor, Spring 2006

Department and University Service

The Ohio State University

The MFA Committee, Fall 2016

The University of Nebraska at Lincoln

Administrative Assistant to the Chair, Associate Professor Marco Abel, Spring 2015

Graduate Representative, Chair's Advisory Committee, Fall 2014-Spring 2015
President, English Graduate Student Association, Fall 2014-Spring 2015

The Ohio State University

Peer Mentor for first-year MFA students, Summer 2011-Spring 2013
Writers Guild Member, Fall 2011-Spring 2012
Vice-President, Writers Guild, Summer 2011-Spring 2012

Mississippi State University

Coordinator, The Writers' Village, Starkville Arts Festival, Spring 2010
Coordinator, Poetry Slam, Starkville Arts Festival, Spring 2009
Judge, Honors College Senior Portfolio Awards, Spring 2009
Graduate Representative, English Curriculum Committee, Fall 2008-Spring 2009
Graduate Ambassador, Department of English, Fall 2008-Spring 2009
Member, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Fall 2008-Spring 2009
Judge, Jack H. White Literary Competition, Department of English, Spring 2009
President, Sigma Tau Delta, Fall 2008
Vice-President, Sigma Tau Delta, Fall 2007-Spring 2008, Spring 2009
Judge, Poetry Slam, Starkville Arts Festival, Spring 2008

Delta State University

President, National Council for Teachers of English—Affiliate Chapter, Fall 2006-Spring 2007
Vice-President, Lambda Iota Tau, Fall 2006-Spring 2007
Member, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Fall 2006-Spring 2007

Professional References

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