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Teaching Experience

2020-present

Assistant Professor of English

Tarrant County College Fort Worth, Texas

Courses Taught:

- Integrated Reading and Writing, Sociology Co-requisite
- Integrated Reading and Writing, Composition I Co-Requisite
- Adult Education Reading and Writing
- Composition I
- Composition II
- British Literature I and II
- American Literature I and II
- Introduction to Speech and Communication
- Transition to College Success

2016-2020

Instructor, Full Time

Tarrant County College Fort Worth, Texas

Courses Taught:

- Transition to College Success
- Adult Education Reading and Writing
- Integrated Reading and Writing, Sociology Co-requisite
- Integrated Reading and Writing, Composition I Co-Requisite
- Composition I and II
- British Literature I and II
- American Literature I and II
- Technical and Business Writing
- Integrated Reading and Writing I and II

— Writing Techniques

2015-2016

Instructor, Part Time

Idaho State University Idaho Falls, Idaho

Courses Taught:

- English Composition
- English Composition Plus (Additional 1-credit workshop)
- Basic Writing
- Critical Reading and Writing

2013-2015

Instructor, Part Time

University of Idaho Moscow, Idaho

Courses Taught:

- Elementary Writing and Language Arts Methods

2012-2014

Teaching Assistant

University of Idaho Moscow, Idaho

Courses Taught:

- Elementary Student Integrated Methods Practicum
- Survey of Children's Literature

2009-2012

Instructor, Part Time

Idaho State University Idaho Falls, Idaho

Courses Taught:

- English Composition
- Basic Writing
- Critical Reading and Writing

2007-2009

Instructor, Part Time

Idaho State University Pocatello, Idaho

Courses Taught:

- Basic Writing
- English Composition

Education

2023	Wilderness First Aid, NOLS, Austin Texas
2023	Emergency Medical Technician Certification, NREMT
2023	Emergency Medical Technician Program, Tarrant County College
2020	Online Instructor Certification, Tarrant County College
2020	Graduate Credit Hours (9), Communication, Southern New Hampshire University
2018	Graduate Credit Hours (6), English, Southern New Hampshire University
2016	Undergraduate Credit Hours, (9) Secondary Education (Post-Baccalaureate), Idaho State University
2015	Doctor of Philosophy (ABD), Curriculum and Instruction, University of Idaho, Moscow, <i>Idaho</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— <i>Dissertation</i>: “Preservice Teachers Evaluate Elementary Students’ Writing: A Mixed-Methods Design Exploring Approaches and Attitudes”— <i>Committee</i>: Margaret Vaughn, Janine Darragh, Anne Adams, Gary Williams
2010	Master of Arts, English, Idaho State University, Pocatello, <i>Idaho</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">— <i>Thesis</i>: “An it Was Covered in Mold an I Just Ate it”: Features and Functions of Third- Grade Children’s Conversational Narratives”

— Committee: Sonja Launspach, Jennifer Attebery, Chris Loether

2006 Bachelor of Arts, English, Idaho State University, Pocatello, *Idaho*

2006 Study Abroad, University of Plymouth, England, UK

Professional Experience

Participant: Engaged Learning Institute Bridge Program, Tarrant County College, 2022

Participant: Active Learning Academy, Tarrant County College, 2019-2020

Writing Tutor: Independence University, Online, February 2016 – February 2017

Participant: Teaching Squares, Tarrant County College, 2016-2017

Writing Tutor: Student Success Center, Idaho State University Place, Idaho Falls, Idaho, August 2003 – June 2012

Assistant: Computer Laboratory, Idaho State University Place, Idaho Falls, Idaho, August 2002 – June 2003

Assistant Editor: A Cappella Zoo, Pocatello, Idaho, June 2008 – May 2009

Staff Writer (Obituaries and Police Log): Post Register, Idaho Falls, Idaho, June 2002 – June 2003

Academic Service

Chair: Academic Foundations, Tarrant County College, 2024-present.

Co-chair: Safety and Emergency Management Team (NWISE), Tarrant County College, 2023 – present

Committee Member: District Hearing Committee (Elected Position), Tarrant County College, 2023 – 2025

Faculty Advisor: SAGE (Sexuality and Gender Equality) Club, 2021-present

Committee Member: QEP Ideation Steering Committee, Tarrant County College, 2021 – 2023

Committee Member: Employee Success and Wellbeing Team (NWISE), Tarrant County College, 2022 – 2023

Committee Member: Equality and Inclusion Team (NWISE), Tarrant County College, 2020 – 2022

Executive Level Writer (NW President's Welcome Message), Tarrant County College, 2020

Technical Mentor: Academic Foundations, Tarrant County College, 2019 – present.

INRW 0090 Faculty Mentor: Adult Basic Education, Academic Foundations, Tarrant County College, 2019 – 2020.

Committee Member: NWISE - Employee Mind, Body, and Health, Tarrant County College, 2019 – 2020

Curriculum Developer: Adult Basic Education, Academic Foundations, Tarrant County College, 2018

Academic Curriculum Team Member: Developmental Reading and Writing, Tarrant County College, 2017 – 2019

Curriculum Developer: Integrated Reading and Writing I, Academic Foundations, Tarrant County College, 2017

Reviewer: *Action in Teacher Education* Journal, 2013 – 2022

Teaching Mentor: English, College of Arts & Letters, Idaho State University Place, Idaho Falls, Idaho, August 2010 – December 2010

Vice President: English Graduate Student Association, Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho, August 2008 – June 2009

Graduate Representative: English Publicity Committee, College of Arts & Letters, Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho, August 2007 – June 2010

Graduate Representative: Curtis Whitaker Tenure and Promotion Committee, College of Arts & Letters, Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho, 2007 – 2008

Publications

allen, s. (7 December, 2020). A better mousetrap. *Literally Stories*.

allen, s., Biber, A., Chilton, A., & Johnson, L. (2018). Taking the first steps towards 100% implementation of the co-requisite model. *Journal of College Academic Support Programs*.

Vaughn, M., allen, s., Kologi, S., & McGowan, S. (2015). Revisiting literature circles as open spaces for critical discussions. *Journal of Reading Education*. (Peer-reviewed)

allen, s. (2014). Opening the door to the whirlwind of British gothic literature: Exploring risk-taking practices in the preservice classroom. *Northwest Journal of Teacher Education*. (Peer-reviewed)

allen, s. (2008). Former favorite color. *Black Rock & Sage*, 7. Idaho State University.

Conference Presentations

"Impossible Things Before Breakfast: Chatting with Literary Characters Via Generative AI," TCC Learning Center Workshops, Tarrant County College NW Campus, November 2023.

"The Elephant and the Butterfly: Generative AI in Higher Education," Student Success Showcase, Tarrant County College NW Campus, September 2023.

“Names Matter: Building Inclusive Learning Spaces.” TCCCD Center for Teaching and Learning Summit, Fort Worth, Texas, April 2021.

“How We Pair Developmental Reading/Writing with Myriad College-Level Courses.” League for Innovation in the Community College, Seattle, Washington. (invited, peer-reviewed), March 2020.

“Piloting a Reading/Writing Co-Requisite Program, The First Year.” Developmental Education Regional Forum. North Texas Community College Consortium, Gainesville, Texas. (invited, peer-reviewed), March 2019.

Co-requisite Roundtable. TCCTA, Houston, Texas. (invited, peer-reviewed), February, 2019.

“Innovative Collaborations: Reflections on Interdisciplinary Reading/Writing Co-requisites” The Texas Co-Requisite Project, Austin, Texas. (peer-reviewed), January 2019.

“UDL in the College Classroom: A Student Ready Practice.” TCCCD Northwest Campus Professional Development Day, Fort Worth, Texas, January 2019.

“Piloting a Reading/Writing Co-Requisite Program.” The Co-Requisite Conference II, Fort Worth, Texas, February 2018.

“Yours, Mine, and the (t)ruth: Infusing Diversity into the Teaching of Reading and Writing in an Elementary Education Methods Course.” National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference, Washington, DC. (peer-reviewed), November 2014.

“Creating a Culture of Story: Preservice Teachers Read and Respond to Contemporary Literature.” Northwest Association of Teacher Educators Conference, Pullman, Washington. (peer-reviewed), June 2014.

“A Character of Malignity- Unfathomable Malignity: Shaping Preservice Teachers’ Attitudes and Teaching Practices Using British Gothic Literature.” Globalization, Diversity, and Education Conference, Spokane, Washington. (peer-reviewed), February 2014.

“I Bet it Tasted Like Blueberry: Redefining Narrative Through the Reshaping Efforts of Third-Grade Children.” Globalization, Diversity, and Education Conference, Vancouver, Washington. (peer-reviewed), February 2013.

Invited Presentations and Creative Work

Actor: Treasure Island (Lavery adapt.), Role: Joan the Goat, Theater Northwest, Tarrant County College, 2016

“Building a Resume and Writing a College Essay.” College Pathways College Prep Forum, Skyline High School, Idaho Falls, Idaho, March 2012

“All About Plagiarism.” Idaho State University Student Services, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 2009, 2010, 2011

“Write Now!” Idaho State University Student Services, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 2010, 2011

“That’s What She Said.” University of Idaho Women’s Center F-Word Live Poetry Slam, Moscow, Idaho (peer-reviewed), November 2014

Community Service

- Victim Advocate Training, The Women’s Center: Rape Crisis and Victim Services, Fort Worth, Texas, *Participant and Advocate*, 2020
- Mental Health First Aid Clinic, Tarrant County College, NW Campus, 2021
- Mic Drop, Competitive Poetry Slam, *Organizer*, 2018
- SlamCon, An Evening of Open Mic Poetry Night, *Organizer*, 2017 – 2019
- Dead Writers Night, An Evening of Literary Recitation, *Organizer*, 2017 – 2018
- Night Riders, Fort Worth Bicycle Safety Awareness Group, *Member*, 2018 – 2020

Honors and Awards

- Tenure, Tarrant County College, Spring 2021

- Chancellor's Employee Excellence Award, Tarrant County College, Spring 2019
- Chancellor's Employee Excellence Award, Tarrant County College, Fall 2018
- iPad Proposal/Funding, Academic Foundations, Tarrant County College, 2018
- Scholarship, Curriculum & Instruction, University of Idaho 2014 – 2015
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant, College of Arts & Letters, Idaho State University, 2009

Professional Associations

- Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA), 2018 – present
- National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE), 2012 – present

Extracurricular Activities

Demonstrated determination, discipline, and resilience by training for and completing two half marathons, showcasing a commitment to setting and achieving long-term goals while effectively managing time and academic responsibilities.

- Cowtown Half Marathon Finisher, Fort Worth, Texas, February 2023
- Pumpkin Spice Half Marathon Finisher, Fort Worth, Texas, November 2022