

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITION

Professor of English, Western Kentucky University, August 2015 —
Associate Professor of English, Western Kentucky University, August 2009 — July 2015.
Assistant Professor of English, Western Kentucky University, August 2003 — July 2009.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in English, Florida State University, 2003
Major Area: Creative Writing (Poetry)
Minor Area: Composition/Rhetoric (emphasis in Creative Writing Pedagogy)
Committee: Dr. David Kirby (Chairperson), Dr. Wendy Bishop, and Dr. James Kimbrell
GPA: 4.0

MFA in Creative Writing, Eastern Washington University, 1996
Major Area: Poetry
Minor Area: Composition/Rhetoric
Committee: James McAuley (Chairperson) and Nance Van Winckel

BA in English, with writing emphasis, University of Washington, 1993

AA in Liberal Arts, Highline Community College, 1990

AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS

Nominated for ten Pushcart Prizes, (2015, two in 2014, 2013, 2012, two in 2007, 2006, 2004, and 2003)
Semifinalist, 2014 New Southerner Literary Award
Regional Arts Commission Scholarship, Big River Writers Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2014
Finalist, 2014 Maxine Kumin Award for a full-length poetry collection, C&R Press
Finalist, 2013 Jacar Press full-length book competition
Finalist, 2012 and 2013 Violet Reed Hass poetry book competition, Snake Nation Press
Honorable Mention, Accents Publishing 2012 chapbook competition
Finalist, Midwest Writing Center 2012 Chapbook Competition
Finalist, 2011 Tennessee Chapbook Prize, *Poems & Plays Magazine*, Middle Tennessee State University
Summer Faculty Scholarships (\$5,000 each), Western Kentucky University, 2010, 2007, 2005
The Writer's Almanac: Garrison Keillor has read three of my poems on his nationally-syndicated NPR program (05/14/10, 02/05/10, and 10/0/08).
Potter College Faculty Research/Creativity Award, Western Kentucky University, 2008
Professional Assistance Award (\$1,000), Kentucky Arts Council, 2008
Winner, 2007 Holland Prize (\$500 + book publication with Logan House Press in Summer 2008)
Tennessee Williams Scholarship, Sewanee Writers' Conference, 2006
Willson Wood Professorship, Western Kentucky University, 2004-2005
Finalist, Richard Snyder Memorial Prize, Ashland Poetry Press, 2004
Co-winner, Pecan Grove National Poetry Chapbook Contest, 2003
Edward H. and Marie C. Kingsbury Fellowship, Florida State University, 2002-2003
Distinction for High Achievement on Preliminary Doctoral Exams, April 2002

PUBLICATIONS

Nonfiction (Edited Collection)

Creative Writing Pedagogies for the Twenty-First Century (co-edited with Dr. Alexandria Peary). Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois University Press, 2015 (nominated for CCCCs Outstanding Book Award, reviewed in *Cleaver Magazine*).

Nonfiction (Monographs)

The Poetry Gymnasium: 94 Proven Exercises to Shape Your Best Verse. Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland and Co., Inc., 2012 (reviewed in *Verse Wisconsin*).
Teaching Poetry Writing: A Five-Canon Approach. Clevedon, United Kingdom: Multilingual Matters, LTD., 2007. New Writing Viewpoints Series (reviewed in *College English* and *Teachers College Record*).

Poetry (Full-length Collections)

The State That Springfield Is In. Richmond, Virginia: Split Lip Press, 2016 (reviewed in *Birmingham Poetry Review* and *Bowling Green Daily News*).
Plunk. Winside, NE: Wayne State College Press, 2015 (reviewed in *New Orleans Review*, *Bluestem Journal*, *Route 7 Review*, *Crab Creek Review*, and *Bowling Green Daily News*).
Octopus. Winside, NE: Logan House Press, 2008 (winner of the Holland Prize, reviewed in *Texas Review*, *Comstock Review*, and *Rattle*).
The Tongue. Lexington, KY: Wind Publications, 2004. (reviewed in *Apalachee Review*, *Raven Chronicles*, *Story South*, and *Bowling Green Daily News*).
Still, There's a Glimmer. Cincinnati, OH: WordTech Editions, 2004.

Poetry (Chapbooks)

Scotch Tape World. Lexington, KY: Accents Publishing, 2013.
Annoyed Grunt. Milwaukee, WI: Imaginary Friend Press, 2012.
Tom C. Hunley Greatest Hits. Columbus, OH: Pudding House Press, 2010. Gold Invitational Series.
My Life as a Minor Character. San Antonio, TX: Pecan Grove Press, 2005. (co-winner of a national contest)
Newspring. New York, NY: Linear Arts Books, 1998.
Losing My Luggage. Seattle, WA: Poetry Around Press, 1994.

Poetry (Literary Journals)

5 AM, *A Common Thread*, *A Narrow Fellow*, *American Poetry Journal*, *Anti-*, *Antietam Review*, *Apalachee Review*, *Arnazella*, *Asheville Poetry Review*, *Atlanta Review*, *Atticus Review*, *Bad Haircut*, *Birmingham Poetry Review*, *Brussel Sprout*, *California Quarterly*, *Catch Up*, *Chiron Review*, *Cimarron Review*, *The Comstock Review*, *Connecticut Review*, *Crab Creek Review*, *Crab Orchard Review*, *Crow Hollow 19*, *Curious Rooms*, *Diode Poetry Journal*, *Edge City Review*, *Englewood Review of Books*, *Evansville Review*, *Exquisite Corpse*, *The Fiddleback*, *Free Lunch*, *Fulcrum*, *The Great American Poetry Show*, *Green Hills Literary Lantern*, *Green River Review*, *Hampden-Sydney Poetry Review*, *Hawai'i Review*, *Heliotrope*, *Ithaca Lit*, *Jeopardy*, *Kudzu*, *The Leveler*, *Los Angeles Review*, *Louisville Courier-Journal*, *Louisville Review*, *Manana*, *MARGIE*, *Midwest Poetry Review*, *Mojave River Review*, *National Poetry Review*, *New Orleans Review*, *New South*, *New Southerner*, *The New York Quarterly*, *North American Review*, *Oregon East*, *Ounwapi Literary Journal*, *Paddlefish*, *Perspectives*, *Phi Kappa Phi Forum*, *The Pinch*, *Poems & Plays*, *Poetry Depth Quarterly*, *Poetry East*, *Portland Review*, *Poultry: A Magazine of Voice*, *Printed Matter* (Tokyo), *The Raintown Review*, *Rattle*, *Raven Chronicles*, *Red Wheelbarrow*, *Redactions*, *Reunion: The Dallas Review*, *Relief: a Journal of Art and Faith*, *Rhino*,

River Oak Review, River Styx, Rock & Sling, Rosebud, Route Seven Review, Slippery Elm, Snake Nation Review, Sonambulist Quarterly, South Carolina Review, Southern Indiana Review, Southern Poetry Review, Sow's Ear Poetry Review, Spillway, Spindrift, Split Lip Magazine, Spring: The Journal of the EE Cummings Society, StorySouth, Switched-On Gutenberg, The Temple, TriQuarterly, The Texas Review, Troubadour, Tucumcari Literary Review, Tundra, Valparaiso Poetry Review, Verse Daily, Verse Wisconsin, Verve, Virginia Quarterly Review, Instapoetry Series, The Volta, West Wind Review, Whiskey Traveler, Windhover: A Journal of Christian Expression, Wisconsin Review, The Writer, Writing on the Edge, Xavier Review, Zone 3

Poetry (Anthologies)

Full: An Anthology of Moon Poems (Two of Cups Press): Spring 2016
No Longer Strangers: Haiku Northwest 25th Anniversary Anthology (Vandina Press) Spring 2014
Token Entry (Small's Press): Spring 2012
Bigger Than They Appear: Anthology of Very Short Poems (Accents Publishing): Fall 2011
The Mamas and the Papas (City Works Press): Fall 2010
Breathe: 101 Contemporary Odes (C&R Press): Winter 2009
Jump Start: A Northwest Renaissance Anthology (Steel Toe Books): Winter 2009
New Growth: Recent Kentucky Writings (Jesse Stuart Foundation): Fall 2007
Readings at the Contemporary, 2004-2005 (Observable Books): Spring 2006
It's All Good (Manic D Press): Summer 2004
Off the Cuffs: Poems By and About the Police (Soft Skull Press): Spring 2003
Coffeehouse Poetry Anthology (Bottom Dog Press): Spring 1996
Nobody's Orphan Child (Wood Works Press) 1996
Seattle Poems by Seattle Poets (Poetry Around Press): Spring 1992

Fiction (Journals)

Point No Point, Raven Chronicles

Academic Essays

"One Writer's Big Inning" (*Route 7 Review*, 2014).
 "Epiphanic Structure in Heather McHugh's ars poetica, 'What He Thought'" (Voltage Poetry, 2013, eds. Kim Addonizio and Michael Theune)
 "Creative Writing Is Not a Fast Food Nation" (co-writer with Anna Leahy, Stephanie VanderSlice, Tim Mayers, and Dianne Donnelly) (*Inside Higher Ed*, July 5, 2013)
 "What is Creative Writing Anyway?" (co-writer with Anna Leahy, Stephanie VanderSlice, Dinty Moore, Tim Mayers, and Dianne Donnelly) (*Huffington Post*, February 27, 2012)
 "Creative Writing Can be Taught: Creative Writing Professors Answer More Important Questions" (co-writer with Anna Leahy, Stephanie VanderSlice, Dinty Moore, Timothy Mayers, and Dianne Donnelly) (*Huffington Post*, February 4, 2012)
 "Connecting Page to Stage: Standup, Ultra-talk, and Slam" (*Review Revue*, Fall 2008)
 "Rhetorical Theory as a Basis for Poetry Writing Pedagogy" (*Educational Insights*, Fall 2007)
 "Delivery: Bringing the Words into the World" (*New Writing: The International Journal for the Practice and Theory of Creative Writing*, 2006)
 "What Fixed Forms? Or You Too, Can Make it New" (*AWP Pedagogy Papers*, 2006)
 "Poetry Writing Instruction and the Forgotten Art of Memory" (*AWP Writer's Chronicle*, May/June 2005)
 "What to Do When You're Not Really New," a chapter of the textbook *Finding Our Way*, Houghton Mifflin 2005 (co-writer with Sandra Giles).
 "Excuses, Excuses, Excuses!" (*AWP Pedagogy Papers*, 2005)
 "Learning from the (Slam)Masters: What Poetry Writing Instructors Can Learn about Delivery from Poetry Slam Coaches and Curators (a Symposium)" (*The Worcester Review*, Fall

- 2005)
 “Almost a Game: Enabling Restrictions in Sentence Variety Exercises” (*College Teaching* Winter 2003)
 “It Doesn’t Work For Me: A Critique of the Workshop Approach to Teaching Poetry Writing to Undergraduates and a Suggestion For Revision” (*Writing on the Edge* 13.1 Fall 2002)

Selected Book Reviews

- Fanny Says* by Nickole Brown, *Poemeleon*, Summer 2015
Wastoid by Mathias Svalina, *Poemeleon*, Summer 2015
Fall Higher by Dean Young, *Poemeleon*, Spring 2011
Saints of Hysteria: A Half-Century of Collaborative Poetry, eds. Denise Duhamel, Maureen Seaton, and David Trinidad, *Poemeleon*, Spring 2010
Piece Work by Barbara Presnell, *Southern Quarterly*, Fall 2007
Blue Notes: Essays, Interviews, and Commentaries by Yusef Komunyakaa, *The Southeast Review*, Fall 2003
Ravishing Disunities: Real Ghazals in English, edited by Agha Shahid Ali, *The Southeast Review*, Spring 2001
Full Moon Crossing, by Fred Marchant, *Sundog*, Fall 2000
Adam Chooses, by Michael Spence, *Heliotrope*, Winter 2000

Interviews

- “Interview with Amy Newman,” *Poemeleon* 6.1 (Summer 2012)
 “Interview with David Kirby,” *Five Points* 14.2 (Spring 2012); reprinted on *Poetry Daily* as prose feature 2/27/12-3/4/12

POETRY READINGS

I have given featured readings at Abraham Baldwin College (Tifton, GA); Al’s Bar, Holler Poetry Series Lexington, KY); The Amadeus Project (Bellingham, WA); Auntie’s Bookstore (Spokane, WA); Barnes & Noble (Federal Way, WA); The Black Dog Café (Tallahassee, FL); Bookworm Exchange (Seattle, WA); Carnegie Center for Literacy & Learning, Great Kentucky Writers Series (Lexington, KY); Casey’s Irish Bar & Grill (Los Angeles, CA); Coffee Grounds (New York, NY); Contemporary Art Museum (St. Louis, MO); The Ditto Tavern, Red Sky Poetry Theatre (Seattle, WA); Duff’s Tavern, River Styx Series (St. Louis, MO); The Ear Inn (New York, NY); Eastern Kentucky University MFA Residency (Lexington, KY); Elizabethtown Community and Technical College (Elizabethtown, KY); Elliot Bay Book Company (Seattle, WA); Findlay University (Findlay, OH); Florida State University’s visiting writers series (Tallahassee, FL); Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA), The Globe Café (Seattle, WA); Highline Community College (Des Moines, WA); Homegrown Art, Music, and Spoken Word (Shepherdsville, KY); House of Loom (Omaha, NE); INKY Reading Series (Louisville, KY); The Jazz Factory (Louisville, KY); Kentucky Wesleyan College (Owensboro, KY); Murray State University (Murray, KY); Northern Kentucky University (Highland Heights, KY); Ohio Northern University (Ada, OH); One World, One Love Bookstore (Tacoma, WA); The Paramount Theater (Tacoma, WA); Sewanee Writers’ Conference (Sewanee, TN); Soulfood Books (Redmond, WA); Southern Indiana University; Southern Festival of Books (Nashville, TN); Ropewalk Series (Evansville, IN); Sunergos Coffee (Louisville, KY); Titlewave Books (Seattle, WA); Thomas More College (Crestview Hills, KY); University of Northern Iowa North American Review Bicentennial Conference (Cedar Falls, IA); The Warehouse (Tallahassee, FL); Valdosta State University (Valdosta, GA); Village Books (Bellingham, WA); Village Lights Bookstore (Madison, IN); and Wayne State College (Wayne, NE).

CONFERENCES/COLLOQUIA

- Presented a paper called "Classical Rhetoric and the Creative Writing Classroom" as part of a panel called "Creative Writing is for Everyone: Pedagogies for the Twenty-First Century" at the AWP annual conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 2016.
- Presented a paper called "The Christian Poet in an Age of Skepticism and Faux Sophistication" as part of the panel "State of the Christian Literary Publishing Scene," Festival of Faith and Writing, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, April 2014
- Panelist on Editors' Panel, Writer's Block Festival, Louisville, KY, October 2013.
- Presented a paper called "Creative Writing: Character Conflicts and Resolutions" as part of the panel "Creative Writing Under Siege: Setting the Record Straight" at the AWP annual conference, Boston, MA, March 2013.
- Presented a paper called "Improvising Advising" as part of the panel "Revising Advising: Working with Students on Literary Journals" at the AWP annual conference, Chicago, IL, March 2012.
- Delivered a lecture on "Starting and Managing a Small Press" at Rustbelt Roethke Writers' Retreat, Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw, MI, July 2011.
- Presented a paper called "Seeking Student Input to Solve the Rubric Cube" at the AWP annual conference, Denver, CO, April 2010.
- Presented a paper called "A Novel Approach to Expressionist and System-Centered Composition Pedagogy" at the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC)," Louisville, March 2010.
- Lectured on "Teaching Poetry Writing" at Smooth Sailing: A Writing Conference for the Whole Crew, National Writing Project, Western Kentucky University, July 2008.
- Gave a craft talk entitled "Publish Like a Frog" at the Retreat for Women Writers, Kentucky Wesleyan University, July 2008.
- Presented my paper "Inventing with Words, Discovering New Worlds: Poetic Exploration and Experimentation" as keynote address at the poetry pedagogy forum at Associated Writing Programs (AWP) annual conference, New York City, February 2008.
- Presented my paper "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackboard Page" and led a workshop at the TechKnowledge-E Mini Conference, held at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, May 2007.
- Presented my paper "Teaching the Teachers: on the Need for Graduate-Level Creative Writing Pedagogy Courses" as part of the panel "Battle of the Terminal Degrees: Ph.D. vs. MFA" at Associated Writing Programs (AWP) annual conference, Atlanta, GA, March 2007.
- Presented my paper "What Fixed Forms? (or You Too Can Make it New)" as part of the pedagogy forum at Associated Writing Programs (AWP) annual conference, Austin, TX, March 2006; also led a discussion group as part of the pedagogy forum.
- My paper "Towards an Art of Poetic Invention" was presented for me at Great Writing 2005, a conference in Portsmouth, UK.
- Presented my paper "Walt Whitman: MFA?" as part of the panel "Breaking the Routine: Nurturing Success through Alternative Workshops" at Associated Writing Programs (AWP) annual conference, Vancouver, BC, March 2005.
- Presented my paper "Excuses, Excuses, Excuses!" as part of the pedagogy forum at Associated Writing Programs (AWP) annual conference, Vancouver BC, March 2005.
- Presented my paper "My Big Fat Greek Essay: Classically-Structured Deliberative Rhetoric in the Composition Classroom" at the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC), San Antonio, April 2004.
- Presented my paper "Poetry Writing Instruction and Mnemosyne" at the American Cultural Association / Popular Culture Association's annual conference in San Antonio, March 2004

Presented my paper "Theorizing Student Poems: A Case Study," as part of a panel entitled "Responding to Creative Writing," Associated Writing Programs (AWP) annual conference, Baltimore, February 2003.

Moderated and presented on a panel entitled "Teaching Poetry Writing to Undergraduates Using the 'Five Canon' Approach," Associated Writing Programs (AWP) annual conference, New Orleans, March 2002.

COLLEGE COURSES TAUGHT

Western Kentucky University, Fall 2003-present
Graduate Writing Workshop, Introduction to Graduate Creative Writing Studies; Intermediate Poetry Writing, Advanced Poetry Writing, Introduction to Creative Writing, Contemporary Literature, American Poetry, Major American Poets, Graduate Seminar in International Poetry, Contemporary Trends in US Poetry, Special Topics: The Music of Poetry; The Poetry of Music, Special Topics: Prose Poetry/Flash Fiction/Brevities, Women's Poetry, Advanced Writing Workshop, Introduction to Literature, Composition I, Writing in the Disciplines, Intermediate Composition, Advanced Composition

Florida State University, Fall 2000-Summer 2002
Composition I (three sections), Composition II (two sections), Introduction to the Short Story, Creative Writing, and Developmental Writing

Tacoma Community College, Fall 1998-Summer 2000
Composition I (nine sections), Writing About Literature (five sections) Fiction Writing, Poetry Writing, Developmental Writing (two sections), and Creative Writing (three sections)

Green River Community College, Fall 1998, Winter 2000
Composition I (three sections)

Kingsborough Community College (City University of New York) - Department of Continuing Education, Winter-Summer 1998
Creative Writing (two sections), Basic English Grammar, and Composition

Spokane Falls Community College, Spring 1995, Spring 1996
Co-taught Introduction to Literature, Basic Writing, and Composition I

VISITING TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, April 7-8, 2016
I led a two-day poetry manuscript workshop, critiquing the first ten poems of ten students' chapbook and full-length poetry manuscripts. In addition to critiquing individual poems, I made suggestions about arranging and titling manuscripts and crafting cover letters.

Carnegie Center for Literacy & Learning, Lexington, KY, February 27, 2016
I taught a one-day workshop called "Poems that Pop," designed to help students explore intersections between poetry and pop culture.

Iowa Writers' Workshop, Iowa City, IA, April 29, 2014
I presented a lecture entitled "Introduction to Creative Writing Pedagogy; Rhetorical Theory and Creative Writing Pedagogy".

Meacham Writers' Workshop, Chattanooga, TN, Fall 2011 and Spring 2013

Gatton Academy of Arts & Sciences (Harlaxton, England), Fall 2012
I taught an introduction to literature class in the study-abroad program for the number one ranked high school in the United States.

Jim Wayne Miller Festival of Writing, Western Kentucky University, 2005, 2007, 2014

Tacoma Writers' Conference, Tacoma Community College, 1999

LITERARY/SCHOLARLY EDITING

Director, Steel Toe Books (www.steeltoebooks.com), 2003-present

Founder and director of a small poetry press that has published twenty single-author collections and one anthology. Garrison Keillor has read ten poems from our books on his nationally-syndicated radio program, *The Writer's Almanac*. Books published by Steel Toe have been reviewed in *Harriet*, *Verse*, *Briar Cliff Review*, *North American Review*, *New Orleans Review*, *Rattle*, *Small Press Review*, *Comstock Review*, and many other publications; they have been featured on *Poetry Daily*, *Verse Daily*, and Ted Kooser's "American Life in Poetry"; two were nominated, by the judges, for the 2006 Los Angeles Times Book Prize; others have been finalists for Audre Lorde Lambda Literary Award, the Drake University Emerging Writer Award, and the Hofer Prize

Guest Editor (with Alexandria Peary), *New Writing: The International Journal for the Practice and Theory of Creative Writing*, Volume 11, Issue 3, November 2015

Book Review Editor, *Poemeleon*, 2007-Present

Book Review Editor, *The Southeast Review*, 2002-2003

Associate Poetry Editor, *Sundog*, Fall 2000-Spring 2002

Assistant Poetry Editor, *Willow Springs*, 1994-1995

Editor-in-Chief of student literary journal, *Bricolage*, University of Washington, 1993

Editor-in-Chief of student literary journal, *Arcturus*, Highline Community College, 1990

ACADEMIC SERVICE/FACULTY ADVISING

MFA Advisory Board, Spalding University, 2010-2014

Service at Western Kentucky University: Interim Director, MFA Creative Writing Program, Spring 2016; Chair, Fiction Writer Search Committee 2014-2015; Chair, Scriptwriter Search Committee 2014-2015; PCAL at-large Faculty Senator 2014-2016; English Department Executive Committee 2013-; MFA Proposal Committee 2013-2015; Department Head Search Committee 2011-2013; Chair, Fiction Writer Search Committee 2007-2008; Creative Writing Committee 2003-present; Co-Chair, Kentucky Writers Conference Committee 2003-2006; Chair, English Department Library Committee 2007-2014; Composition Committee 2003-2007; Composition Director Search Committee 2003-2004; Medievalist Search Committee 2006-2007; Faculty Senator 2007-2008

Service at Florida State University: Co-Chair of Writers Harvest, an annual poetry/fiction reading held to benefit food banks, 2001; T.A. Mentor, First-Year-Writing Program, 2001-2002; mentored eighteen new teaching assistants; given a reduced teaching load.

Service at Eastern Washington University: Poetry Workshop Leader, Airway Heights Correction Center, Writers-in-the-Community Program, Spring 1995

REFERENCES

Dr. David Kirby, McKenzie Professor of English, Florida State University (850) 644-1534
Denise Duhamel, Professor of English, Florida International University (305) 919-5857
Alan Shapiro, Professor of English, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill (919) 962-1994
Dr. Dale Rigby, Associate Professor, Western Kentucky University (270) 745-5781
Dr. James Kimbrell, Assistant Professor of English, Florida State University (850) 644-0887
Mark Winegardner, Burroway Professor of English, Florida State University (850) 644-3542