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### **Current Position**

**Dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and Professor of English** University of Central Arkansas  
**Dean of Liberal Arts and Professor of English, University of Central Arkansas (2018-)**

### **Previous Positions**

**Associate Dean, School of English, Communication, Media and Languages (2017-2018)**

**Chair of English, Morehead State University (2011-2017)**

**Associate Professor & Chair of Humanities, University of Houston-Victoria, Victoria, Texas (2008-2011)**

**Associate/Assistant Professor of English and Editor of Arkansas Review, Arkansas State University,**

**Assistant Professor of English, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Green Bay, Wisconsin (1996-2000)**

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D in Creative Writing and Literature, 1996, University of Houston, Houston, Texas.

MA in English, 1990, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

BA in Creative Writing, 1988, Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

*Among the Wild Mulattos and Other Tales* (story collection). Huntsville, TX: Texas Review Press, 2015 (Named a Great Read of 2015 by National Public Radio)

*Four Fathers*. Baltimore: Cobalt Press, 2014 (one of four contributors to a themed collection of fiction and poetry)

*Don't Start Me Talkin'* (novel). Chicago: Curbside Splendor, 2014.

*The Mimic's Own Voice* (novella). Charlotte, NC: Main Street Rag Publishing Co, 2011.

Over one hundred stories, essays, reviews and interviews in such journals as Indiana Review, Boulevard, South Carolina Review, Story, Cream City Review, American Book Review, Rain Taxi, and The Collagist

### **READINGS AND INVITED LECTURES**

**Old Dominion University Literary Festival, Oct. 24. 2018**

Clemson University Literary Festival, March 31, 2017

Roosevelt University, April 2016

Penn State University, April 2016

Tennessee Tech University, February 2016

Florida International University, February 2015

Conversations and Connections Conference, Pittsburgh, PA October 2014

Pygmalion Literary Festival, Champaign IL, September 2014

Mission Creek Literary Festival, Iowa City, IA April 2014

Eastern Kentucky University, March 2014

Bookstore Readings in Lexington, KY, Ann Arbor, MI, Morehead, KY, Chicago, IL February 2014 (book tour)  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, February 2014  
University of Illinois-Chicago, February 2014  
Salve Regina University, December 2012  
Sanibel Island Writer's Conference, November 2011  
Northwest Connecticut Community College, April 2011  
Stephen F. Austin State University, April 2008  
University of Central Arkansas, April 2008

## **HONORS**

Professional Service Award, Arkansas State University, 2007  
Individual Artist's Fellowship, Arkansas Arts Council, 2004  
Individual Artist's Fellowship, Wisconsin Arts Board, 1999  
James Michener Fellowship, University of Houston, 1994

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Editorial Boards**

Associate Editor, American Book Review (2008-present)  
Contributing Editor, Arkansas Review (2008-present)  
Contributing Editor, Elder Mountain (2011-present)

### **Literary Contest Judge**

2016, Penn State University  
2015, Queen's University  
2014, Cream City Review, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
2014 University of Memphis  
2013, University of Wisconsin-Platteville  
2006, University of Central Missouri

### **External Reviewer**

Candidates for Promotion, University of Delaware, 2019  
Candidate for Tenure, University of New Orleans, 2017  
Candidate for Tenure, Rochester Institute of Technology, 2017  
Candidate for Tenure, Roosevelt University, 2016  
Full Professor Candidate, University of Delaware, 2014  
Candidate for Tenure, University of Texas-Dallas, 2013  
English MA Program, Angelo State University, 2013

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

At Morehead State: Developmental Writing, Writing I, Writing II, Introduction to Creative Writing, Short Story and The Novel, Contemporary American Literature, American Fiction, Fiction Writing, Advanced Fiction Writing, Creative Nonfiction Writing, Advanced Creative Nonfiction Writing

At UH-Victoria: Professional Writing, American Literary History, Screenwriting, World Literature I, Writing II

At Arkansas State: Writing 1, Writing 2, Introduction to Fiction, Contemporary Literature, Fiction Writing, Advanced Fiction Writing, Screenwriting

At UW-Green Bay: Great Books, Introduction to Creative Writing, Intermediate Creative Writing, Fiction Writing, American Literature II, Ethnic Studies

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**University of Central Arkansas**

Council of Deans  
Diversity Advisory Council

**Morehead State University**

SOAR Strategic Planning Subcommittee (2017-)  
Deans Council, member (2016- )  
Chair's Council, Chair (2015-present)  
President's Leadership Council (2014-present)  
General Education Council (2013-2016)  
Faculty Salary Plan Committee (2012-2013)  
Member, Search Committee for Kentucky Folk Arts Center Curator (2013)  
Chair, Search Committee for Department Chair of Communication, Media and Leadership Studies (2012-2013)

**University of Houston-Victoria**

Chair of Search Committees for faculty positions in Latino Studies, Philosophy, English, Publishing and Spanish

**Arkansas State University**

Delta Blues Symposium Planning Committee, 2000-2008  
Student Publications Committee, 2005-2008  
Advisor, Student Literary Magazine, Tributary, 2001-2008  
Member, Search Committees for Criminology, Sociology and Geography Chair, and Psychology Faculty

**UW-Green Bay**

Chancellor's Council on Diversity 1998-2001  
Subcommittee co-chair, UW-System Diversity Plan 2008. 1998-99.  
Subcommittee member, NCAA Self-Study report, 1997-98.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Advisory Board, Detar Hospital, Victoria Texas, 2009-2011  
Member, Victoria Symphony Board, Victoria, Texas, 2009-2011