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Current Position
Dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and Professor of EnglishUniversity 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