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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. , English, University of Denver	1999
M.A. , English University of North Texas	1993
B.A. , Advertising, Honors College, Michigan State University	1984

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Professor Adrian College	2003 -Present
Assistant Professor Lewis-Clark State College	1999-03
Instructor Metropolitan State College of Denver	1998-99
Adjunct Instructor University of Denver	1997-98
Graduate Teaching Assistant/ First-Year English Instructor University of Denver	1994-97
Tutor University of Denver	1998
Teaching Fellow University of North Texas	1990-94
Business Outreach Instructor Cooke County College	1992

Instructor
Collin County Community College 1991-92

Tutor
El Centro Community College 1989

PUBLISHING AND EDITING EXPERIENCE:

Faculty Advisor
Oxcart
Adrian College 2016-24

Copy Editor 2020
Clan Destine Press

Submissions Editor 2019-20
Taco Bell Quarterly

Submissions Editor 2019
Cease, Cows

Copy Editor 2019
Improbable Press

Faculty Advisor
Talking River Review
Lewis-Clark State College 2000-03

Manuscript Referee
InLand
InLand Northwest Council of Teachers of English 1999

Manuscript Referee
Genre
University of Oklahoma 2000

Writer, Editor, Features Coordinator
The Dallas Times Herald 1984-90

Editorial and Copy Editing Consultant 1989-90
Wordware Publishing, Inc.

Copy Editing Consultant 1988-89
Taylor Publishing Company

Copy Editing Consultant 1986-88
Southern Methodist University Press

PUBLICATIONS AWARDS:

“This Time,” Top 20 Finalist, Fiction War 2018, International 72-hour Writing Contest.

“Hard Cookie Love,” Third Place, Rochester Writers’ 2012 Writing Contest, Micro Fiction.

Winner, Mary McKinney Ware award for Best Dissertation in The Humanities Published from 1997-1999, University of Denver, June 1999.

FICTION PUBLICATIONS:

“Stay,” *Things Improbable*, Improbable Press, 2023.

“The Taste of Stars,” *Things Improbable*, Improbable Press, 2023.

“When the Last Giant Died,” *Things Improbable*, Improbable Press, 2023.

“Adopt A Human,” *Dark Cheer: Cryptids Emerging, Volume Silver*, Improbable Press, 2022.

“Appreciation,” *Dark Cheer: Cryptids Emerging, Volume Silver*, Improbable Press, 2022.

“Postcard from Roswell, New Mexico, USA,” *Dark Cheer: Cryptids Emerging, Volume Silver*, Improbable Press, 2022.

“Sumpin Extra,” *Guilty: Crime Story Magazine*, 5 Dec. 2022,
<https://www.guiltycrimemag.com/flash/sumpin-extra-by-carman-c-curton>

“With Angels,” *The Violet Hour*, 14 Aug. 2022, theviolethourmagazine.com.

“Caution,” *Dark Cheer: Cryptids Emerging, Volume Blue*, Improbable Press, 2021. (co-authored with student Mariah Barkovitz).

“No, We’re Not Getting a Bog-Hound: A Monologue by Your Irish Mam,” *Dark Cheer: Cryptids Emerging, Volume Blue*, Improbable Press, 2021.

“The Price of Everything,” *Dark Cheer: Cryptids Emerging, Volume Blue*, Improbable Press, 2021.

“Stalk Más,” *The Daily Drunk*, 11 Dec 2020, DailyDrunkMag.com.

“The Small Things,” *Spark*, 1 May 2020. ImprobablePress.com.

“Take Time Before (but After Coffee),” *Spark*, 1 April 2020.

“Magic Exists,” *Truly U Review*, 31 Dec. 2019.

“The New Normal,” *Teacher Voice*, Malarkey Books, 2019.

“Devils Lake, No Apostrophe,” *Truly U Review*, 31 Oct. 2019.

“A Completely False Rumor,” *Taco Bell Quarterly*, August 2019,
TacoBellQuarterly.org/issues/

“Rachel’s Offering,” *Corvid Queen*, 10 May 2019.

“Said the Kitty,” Flash Fiction Offensive, 10 April 2019, OutOfTheGutterOnline.com.

“Duct Tape Escape,” *Spark*, 16 Aug. 2018.

“Do It!,” *Spark*, 8 May 2018.

“All Stories Grow,” *Spark*, 1 May 2018.

“Grandma Vertie’s Favorite Recipe.” *Snakeskin Poetry Webzine*. The Food Issue, Issue 173, February 2011, <http://www.simmers1.webspace.virginmedia.com/>

ACADEMIC AND NONFICTION PUBLICATIONS:

Interviewed and cited in, “The Power of Poetry in Our Lives,” The Tecumseh Herald, April 12, 2025.

“Journaling Key for Pageant Winner,” *Mature Living Magazine*, Adams Street Publishing, Toledo, Ohio, October 2019.

Crisis in Higher Education: A Plan to Save Small Liberal Arts Colleges. With Jeffrey R. Docking. Michigan State University Press, (forthcoming February 2015).

“Interview with Author Heather Graham.” *Kiss! Kiss Bang! Bang! Love is Murder Newsletter*. September 2013.

“Why I Love Mystery Fiction.” *Kiss! Kiss Bang! Bang! Love is Murder Newsletter*. October 2013.

“A Newbie No More: A First-Timer’s View of Love is Murder.” *Kiss! Kiss Bang! Bang! Love is Murder Newsletter*. February 2014.

“Abandonment in *The Joy Luck Club*,” *Encyclopedia of Themes in Literature*. Ed. Jennifer McClinton-Temple. Facts on File Press, 2010.

“Commodification/Commerce/Commercialism in *Moll Flanders*,” *Encyclopedia of Themes in Literature*. Ed. Jennifer McClinton-Temple. Facts on File Press, 2010.

“Gender in *Moll Flanders*,” *Encyclopedia of Themes in Literature*. Ed. Jennifer

McClinton-Temple. Facts on File Press, 2010.

“Gender in *The Joy Luck Club*,” *Encyclopedia of Themes in Literature*. Ed. Jennifer McClinton-Temple. Facts on File Press, 2010.

“Innocence and Experience in *Moll Flanders*,” *Encyclopedia of Themes in Literature*. Ed. Jennifer McClinton-Temple. Facts on File Press, 2010.

“Introduction--*Moll Flanders*,” *Encyclopedia of Themes in Literature*. Ed. Jennifer McClinton-Temple. Facts on File Press, 2010.

“Introduction--*The Joy Luck Club*,” *Encyclopedia of Themes in Literature*. Ed. Jennifer McClinton-Temple. Facts on File Press, 2010.

“Regret in *The Joy Luck Club*,” *Encyclopedia of Themes in Literature*. Ed. Jennifer McClinton-Temple. Facts on File Press, 2010.

“Amy Tan.” *Contemporary American Women Fiction Writers*. Ed. Laurie Champion and Rhonda Austin. Greenwood Press. 2002.

“Sui Sin Far/Edith Maude Eaton.” *American Women Writers, 1900-1945: A Bio-Bibliographical Critical Sourcebook*. Ed. Laurie Champion. Westport, CN: Greenwood Press, 2000.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Presentations and Panels:

Guest Reader: Authors Round Table, Schultz-Holmes District Library, 28 Jan. 2025.

Host and Moderator: Cryptids: Myth, Reality, and Creation, Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library, June 2024.

Host and Moderator: Feminist Readings of Fairy Tales, Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library, April 2024.

Host: Flash Fiction Writing Workshop, Stair District Library, 27 Oct. 2023.

Judge: Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library Poetry Contest, April 2023.

Host: Flash Fiction Writing Workshop, Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library, 23 April 2022.

Guest Reader: Blissfield Literary Festival, 9 March 2021.

Host and Moderator: Feminism, Fairy Tales, and Fiction: The *Real* Origin of all those Disney Movies. Date???

Telling Your Stories: Writing Flash Fiction from Your Own Experiences, Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library, February 2022.

Host and Moderator: Telling Your Stories: Writing Flash Fiction from Your Own Experiences, Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library, February 2022.

Host and Moderator: Telling Your Stories: Writing Flash Fiction from Your Own Experiences, Board of Trustees Spouse event, Adrian College, Adrian, MI, February 2020.

Host and Judge: 8th Annual Blissfield Student Poetry Contest, Blissfield, MI, 8 May 2014.

Guest Celebrant, Reader, and Host: 8th Annual Celebration of Poetry, Blissfield, MI, 8 May 2014

Panelist: "Readers Panel: Readers Talk," Love Is Murder XV, Chicago, IL, 8 February, 2015.

Host and Coach: "Dig Into Reading and Writing: Daylong Creative Writing Workshop for High Schoolers, 25 July 2013.

Guest Speaker: "Reading the Undead: Zombies, Literature, & Culture," 28 March 2013, Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library

Attendee and Discussant. "Depth versus Breadth in Children's Literature Collections." Loleta Fyan Rural Libraries Conference, Traverse City, Michigan, May 5, 2012.

Guest Speaker: Michigan Great Reads, *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*, Stair Public Library, Morenci, MI. 27 April 2010.

Guest Speaker: Resume Workshop: "Put Your Best *You* Forward." Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library, Blissfield, MI. 25 October 2007.

Guest Speaker: "Why Reading Amy Tan Can Change Your Life." Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library, Blissfield, MI. 14 December 2007

Attendee and Discussant. "Children's Literature and Public Library Collections." Loleta Fyan Rural Libraries Conference, Traverse City, Michigan, May 8, 2007.

"Deconstructing the Doctrine of Virtue in Milton's *A Mask*." Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, 58th Annual Meeting, Boulder, September 30, 2004.

"Asian American Literature in the Service of the New Frontier," Modern Language Association, 119th Annual Convention, San Diego, December 27, 2003.

Host and Speaker, "Surviving Graduate School," Student Seminar, Lewis-Clark State College, April 19, 2001.

"Marketing Your Teaching Skills throughout the Application Process." Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association, 54th Annual Meeting, Boise, October 14, 2000.

"Frontier Discourse as a Re-affirmation of Racial/Gender Hierarchies." Southwest Social Sciences Association, Galveston, Texas, March 17, 2000.

Guest Speaker, Faculty Colloquium, "The Ever-Expanding Canon: Or, How Big Can an Anthology Be?" Lewis-Clark State College, October, 13, 1999.

Moderator, Special Topic Meeting: "Emptying Out the Empire: An Examination of English World Literatures in Context," Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association 51st Annual Meeting, Denver, October 16, 1997.

"Healing the Wound: Feminism and Troubled Mother-Daughter Relationships in Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club*," South Central Modern Language Association 50th Annual Convention Seminar, Gender and Race in Twentieth-Century Literature, Austin, October 15, 1993.

"Paradox in Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club*," University of North Texas Graduate Student English Conference, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, April 25, 1992.

"The Use of Polysyndeton to Build a Litany in Malory's *Morte D'Arthur*," Federation of North Texas Area Universities Symposium in Rhetoric, Denton, Texas, April 5, 1991.

COLLEGE SERVICE

Committees:

Academic Status Review Committee	2013-2015
Convocation Speaker Committee	2004-2007
Curriculum Committee	2010-2012
Internship Committee	2004-2025
Institutional Review Board	2017
Library Committee	2011-2013, 2017-2019
Peer Review Committee (Chair)	2011-2013
Academic Policy Committee	2021-2024
Retention Committee	2017
Ribbons of Excellence Mentor	2013
Secretary to Collegium I	2005-2006, 2021-2024
WAC Committee	2012-2019

Ribbons of Excellence Contributions:

2024: Moderator and Organizer: Hickman Gallery Readings: “Speaking Out: A Reading in Response to Art.”

2024: Mentor Katherine Berry

2024: Mentor: Timothy Bilen

2024: Mentor: Donald Davis

2024: Gabrielle Revels

2024: Mentor: Madison Sims

2024: Mentor: Allison TenHove

2023: Moderator and Organizer: Creative Writing Contest Readings

2023: Mentor: Ryan Girdwood, “Star Wars and the Cycle of Art Reflection Life”

2013: Mentor: Max Rush, “Teaching the Essay through Video Games”

Served on at least eleven search committees since 2003

Sneak Peak Day, Summer 2019

Majors on the Mall, Welcome Week, 2017-present

Administrator and Co-ordinator, Annual Creative Writing Contest, Adrian College, Spring 2006-2019.

Chair, English Department, Adrian College, 2008-2009.

Host and Facilitator, Adrian College Experience Adrian Day, February 19, 2007.

Host and Facilitator, Adrian College Academic Scholarship Day, December 9, 2006.

Host and Facilitator, Adrian College Academic Scholarship Day, February 18, 2006.

Host, Adrian College Scholarship Recognition Day, March 19, 2005.

Author and Presenter, Funding Grant Proposal, to Technology Fee Committee, Lewis-

Clark State College, Spring 2001. Awarded \$5,800 technology funding grant toward purchase of computer hardware and software for the literary journal *Talking River Review*.

Host and Co-ordinator, *Talking River Review* Writers' Association Reading Series, Lewiston, Idaho, Fall 2000-Spring 2001.

Administrator and Scorer, 2000-01 Credit by Exam, English 203, Lewiston, Idaho, Fall 2001.

Proctor and Scorer, Teacher Certification Oral Competency Exam, Denver, Colorado, March-June 1999.

Holistic Scorer, Auraria Campus Testing and Assessment, Denver, Colorado, April 1999-August 1999.

English Department Representative, Graduate Students of the Three Faculties (GSTF), 1997-98.

Proctor and Contest Director, UIL (University Interscholastic League) Regional Spelling and Vocabulary Contest, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, April 24, 1993.
Co-coordinator and co-host, English Department Reading Series, University of North Texas, October 1992-May 1993.

T.A.A.S. (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) Holistic Scoring Consultant, Slaughter Middle School, McKinney Independent School District, McKinney, Texas, April 1991.

Memberships:

American Society of Journalists and Authors
Love is Murder
Michigan Assessment Consortium
Midwest Modern Language Association (M/MLA)
Midwest Writers Workshop
Rochester Writers Association
Sisters in Crime
Society for the Study of Midwestern Literatures

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Secretary, "Yes" Committee, Supporting the Millage for the Schultz-Holmes District Library, May 2024-August 2024.

Host and Co-ordinator, Sidewalk Poetry Corner, Art at Your Feet Festival, South Lane Street, Blissfield, MI, August 9, 2017.

11 July 2017, Team Leader, Iron Chef: Blissfield, Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library, Blissfield, MI

March 26-June 10 2014, Program Co-ordinator, Host, and Building Coach, Explore the World of Science: LEGO to the Library Building Challenge Program, Tuesday afternoons, Blissfield, MI

17 Oct. 2013, Team Leader, Iron Chef: Blissfield, Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library, Blissfield, MI

18 June-3 July 2013, Host and Co-ordinator, Wii at 3, High School Wii Tournament. Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Blissfield, MI

11 Oct. 2012, Team Leader, Iron Chef: Blissfield, Light of Christ Catholic Church, Blissfield, MI

Spring 2009-2011, Soccer Coach 1-4th grades, St. Joseph Academy, Adrian, MI

Spring 2007, Weekly Book Club Host and Moderator, Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library, Blissfield, MI

Spring 2007 St. Joseph Academy and Montessori House Gala-Gift Basket Donation and Auction Committee

Fall 2006 Book Club Host and Moderator, Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library, Blissfield, MI

Spring 2006 St. Joseph Academy and Montessori House Gala-Gift Basket Donation and Auction Committee

Fall 2006- Present Proofreader and Copy Editor of Schultz-Holmes Memorial Library Quarterly Community Newsletter