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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University–Commerce
M.S. in English, December 2012

Texas A&M University–Commerce
B.S. in Interdisciplinary Education, May 2010

Navarro College
A.A. in Teaching, May 2008

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Tarrant County College – Southeast Campus, Arlington, TX
Department Chair, Academic Foundations; Developmental English Instructor | 2013 – Present

- Lead full- and part-time faculty in English and Integrated Reading/Writing (INRW) programs.
- Coordinate curriculum design, outcomes alignment, and assessment for ENGL 1301 and INRW 0399.
- Oversee department scheduling, faculty evaluation, and professional development initiatives.
- Promote student success through OER adoption, embedded tutoring, and corequisite support models.
- Serve on the Academic Foundations ACT Committee and institutional strategic planning workgroups.

University of North Texas at Dallas
Adjunct Instructor, First-Year Writing | 2025 – Present

- Teach ENGL 1301 and 1302 emphasizing rhetorical awareness, academic discourse, and digital literacy.
- Integrate inferential reading, research ethics, and multimodal composition into writing instruction.

Tarrant County College – Connect Campus (Remote Instruction)
English Instructor (Online Learning Development) | 2025 – Present

- Design asynchronous composition courses aligned with TCC Core Objectives and QEP outcomes.
- Develop interactive Canvas modules emphasizing reading-to-writing transfer and metacognition.

North Lake College, Dallas, TX

Adjunct Instructor, English | 2013 – 2014

- Taught composition and integrated reading courses with a focus on student engagement and revision.

Navarro College, Midlothian, TX

Adjunct Instructor, English Tutor, Student Advisor & Office Support | 2008 – 2014

- Provided individualized writing instruction and academic advising to promote persistence and success.

PUBLICATIONS & FEATURED WORKS

NOW Magazines (Ellis County Region) – Contributing Writer & Community Editor

Authored numerous human-interest and profile features, including:

- “To the Max,” Mansfield NOW Magazine, Oct 2016
- “The Honor in the Ride,” Mansfield NOW Magazine, Jul 2015
- “Rejoicing in Redemption,” Southwest NOW Magazine, Oct 2014
- “Drafting Her Life Script,” Mansfield NOW Magazine, Oct 2013

...and additional feature articles highlighting education, community leadership, and storytelling.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

- Academic Foundations Department Chair, TCC Southeast Campus (2019 – Present)
- Committee Member, Academic Foundations ACT Committee
- Faculty Mentor for new English and INRW instructors
- Presenter on AI and Academic Integrity in Higher Education (2024 conference series)
- Developer of Open Educational Resources (OER) modules for Composition I and INRW integration

AREAS OF TEACHING & RESEARCH INTEREST

- Integrated Reading and Writing Pedagogy
- Rhetorical and Critical Thinking Strategies
- Digital Literacy & AI in Academic Writing
- Curriculum Design and Faculty Development
- Creative Nonfiction and Narrative Writing

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA)
- National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
- Two-Year College English Association (TYCA)

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

I believe that effective teaching begins with connection—between student and instructor, reading and writing, and theory and practice. My classrooms emphasize inquiry, reflection, and voice. I design courses that encourage students to see themselves as thinkers and

communicators, capable of interpreting, analyzing, and creating meaning. As a writing instructor, I view feedback as a form of dialogue and revision as a means of growth, ensuring students leave my courses not only with stronger skills but with confidence in their ability to engage critically with the world around them.