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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Master of Arts in English and Creative Writing

Southern New Hampshire University Manchester, NH – June 2023

- GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication

Lamar University of Beaumont - Dec 2000

- GPA: 3.5

Licensures and Certifications

Certification in Rhetoric University of Texas in Austin, TX - June 2018

Certified K-12 English Texas Education Agency - June 2000 to Present

Certified ESL Texas Education Agency - June 2000 to Present

Certified Journalism Texas Education Agency - June 2000 to Present

Honors, Awards, and Associations

- Sigma Alpha Pi, National Society of Leadership and Success: January 2023 – Lifetime –

Selected by campus administration to participate among top students in a leadership program including:

Leadership Training Day: Trained in leadership and success skills via an introspective and interactive training session.

Speaker Events: Participated in seminars led by celebrities and best-selling authors on topics such as leadership, time management, and goal setting.

Success Networking Teams:

Participated in peer-based leadership development teams

Experience in setting and achieving goals, receiving coaching, coaching others, and holding others accountable to commitments.

- Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society Member: October 2022 - Lifetime
- UIL Sponsor 2000 – Present
- Girl Scout Troop Leader – Troop #3639 in Bridge City, Texas 2015 - 2021
- Board Member of Texas Gulf Coast Writers 2012 – 2018.
- Board Member of Bayou Writers Group of Louisiana 2012 – 2015.
- TCTA campus Representative 2003 - 2007.
- Awarded Who's Who Among Americas Teachers and/or Business Women 2003 - 2021.
- 1996-1999 Held Alumnus chair, Public Relations chair, and President of the Professional Communication Association.
- 1999 Journalism Student of the Year. Awarded Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges for 1999-2000.

Professional Experience and Teaching Experience

Adjunct and Assistant Professor of Composition and Literature:

Lamar University Orange, TX: Aug 2021 - Present

- Coordinate and train with the university to assist in teaching dual credit classes at Bridge City High School.

English Teacher, Bridge City High School: May 2018 - Present

- In addition to teaching high school students at all grade levels, I coordinate and teach the dual credit classes through Lamar University - Orange.
- I sponsor and coach six UIL academic events taking students all the way to the state level competition – Copy editing, News writing, Feature writing, Editorial writing, Headline writing, and Literary Criticism.
- I sponsor the campus Writer's group which put together and published a campus anthology.

- I sponsor the campus book club created and maintains a “Little Free Library” available to the community.
- I serve on the discipline committee
- I work with homebound students who cannot currently attend classes on campus.
- Create and facilitate Curriculum content development and expansion
- Standardize and implement a uniform curriculum design to ensure consistent, reproduceable, and effective delivery of content material, regardless of instructor.
- Develop and administer curriculum testing material.
- Mentor new English teachers and UIL sponsors to help develop or streamline curriculum, improve classroom management strategies, and improve parent communication.

Adjunct Professor University of Texas at Austin: Jun 2018 - Aug 2021

- I coordinate and train with the university to teach the dual credit classes at Bridge City High School

Freelance: Jun 2007 - Present

- Writer and photographer working with multiple magazines, newspapers, and other anthologies and publishers at local, regional, and national levels. Responsibilities include working to meet writing and photography deadlines, editing layout material, and marketing the work through use of various technology, software, and social media platforms.

Girl Scout Troop Leader, Bridge City: Sep 2015 – October 2020

- Responsibilities include creating and following educational objectives for girls K-12th grade, ensuring girls learn individual strengths, the importance of teamwork, and giving back to the community.

Clerk, Accounting, Purchasing, Shipping and Engineering Departments: Jun 1995 - Oct 2017

- Responsibilities include filing, Job Cost, Accounts Payable, typing, data entry, and filing purchase orders, purchase worksheets, packing lists, job orders, bill of materials, transmittals, drawings or blueprints, and change of order worksheets

Journalism and English Teacher, Little Cypress – Mauriceville High School: Jun 2002 - July 2007

- Responsibilities include developing educational objectives, benchmarking, lesson plans and effective use of cooperative learning strategies for English, Journalism I, Newspaper, Yearbook and Photography classes. Sponsor of four U.I.L. writing events, and initiating technology use in the classroom.
- I worked for three years with a technology grant coordinated through 20 other school districts.
- Attended school functions and teacher conferences.
- Served as a member of the scholarship committee.
- Served as TCTA District sponsor.

Fifth Grade Teacher, Cleveland Intermediate: Jan 2001 - Jun 2002

- Responsibilities include developing educational objectives, benchmarking and lesson plans for fifth grade classrooms, implementing and effectively using cooperative learning strategies, teaching individualized reading groups, tutoring and sponsoring U.I.L. writing events, initiated and directed computer use in the classroom, attended school functions and teacher conferences

Managing Editor and Staff Writer, University Press – Lamar, Beaumont: Sep 1996 - Dec 1999

- Responsibilities include answering phones, interviewing, writing stories, layout, copyediting, managerial services, photography, and maintaining the appearance of both the publication and the offices

PUBLICATIONS

ebooks

- Amazon - “Meditation” *Fly Away* – November 29, 2022.
- Amazon - “Broken Angel” – April 2, 2016.
- Smashwords – “Broken Angel” – April 17, 2016.

Magazine/Journal/Anthology Credits

- First Love: The Art of Making Doughnuts – “Paper Faces” - IWSG Anthology #7 – September, 2022.
- Chicken Soup for the Soul: Think Positive for Preteens – “Feeding the Soul” (reprint) – October, 2020.
- Road Kill: Texas Horror Anthology Vol. 4 – “Lights Out” – October, 2019.
- Thrive – “” – June, 2018.
- Southern Writer’s Magazine – “Writing Escape” - July , 2018.
- Thrive – “8 Weekend Getaways That Won’t Break the Bank” – May, 2018.
- Thrive – “5 Scientific Secrets to Grilling the Best Burger – May, 2018.
- Thrive – “7 Easy Ways to Go Green” – April, 2018.
- Thrive – “11 Backyard Gardening Trends in 2018” – March, 2018.
- Thrive – “7 Steps to Ace Your Next Job Interview” – February, 2018.
- Thrive – “7 Home Décor Trends in 2018” – January, 2018.
- Thrive – “Add a Little Hygge to Your Holidays” – December, 2017.
- Thrive – “Hassle Free Thanksgiving Planning” – November, 2017.
- Thrive – “12 No-Carve Pumpkin Decorating Ideas” – October, 2017.
- Thrive – “6 Steps to Save Now for Christmas” – September, 2017.

- Thrive – “Finding the Support You Need to Cope with Infant Loss” – August, 2017.
- Thrive – “Time Saving Tips for Your Morning Routine” – July, 2017.
- Thrive – “8 Tips to Control Blood Pressure Without Medication” – May, 2017.
- Thrive – “7 Amazing Places to Enjoy Glamping in the South” – April, 2017.
- Thrive – “Prepare Like a Pro for the Ultimate Outdoor Concert Experience” – March, 2017.
- Thrive – “What’s New at the Meat Market” – February, 2017.
- Houston Family Magazine – “Summer Internships in Houston” – February, 2017.
- Houston Family Magazine – ““What Happens When the Super Bowl Comes to Your Town”” – January, 2017.
- Thrive – “Throw a Winning Super Bowl Party” – January, 2017.
- Thrive – “From Hectic Holiday to Calmer Christmas in 5 Easy Steps” – December, 2016.
- Thrive – “Celebrate Christmas West of the Border” – December, 2016.
- Thrive – “Black Friday Shopping” – November, 2016.
- Thrive – “Halloween Treats Without the Scary Ingredients” – October, 2016.
- Thrive – “5 Lunchbox Prep Tips to Transform Your Eating Habits” – September, 2016.
- Thrive – “Make Back-to-School Photos a Snap” – August, 2016.
- Thrive – “Travel the World from Your Living Room” – July, 2016.
- Thrive – “Don’t Allow In-laws to Interfere with Your Marriage” – July, 2016.
- Southern Writer’s Magazine – “The Fantastic World of Frank Tuttle” – July, 2016.
- Thrive – “Best Gulf Coast Destinations for Summer Travel” – June, 2016.
- Thrive – “Staying Fit While Traveling” – June, 2016.
- Thrive – “Summer Strategies for Young Learners” – June, 2016.
- Parallels: IWSG Anthology – “WIN” – May, 2016.
- Southern Writer’s Magazine - “The Success Stories of Wally Lamb” – March, 2016.
- Southern Writer’s Magazine - “Pen-L Publishing’s Husband and Wife Duo: Duke and Kimberly Pennell” – November, 2015.
- Southern Writer’s Magazine – “Mumm’s the Word: A Conversation with Freelance Editor Anita Mumm” – September, 2015.
- Southern Writer’s Magazine – “Playing Chicken: Amy Newmark Talks Soup” – July, 2015.
- Houston Family Magazine - "Party Like the Book" - June, 2015.
- Southern Writer’s Magazine – “Meet the Editor: Jerry Craven” – May, 2015.
- Southern Writer’s Magazine – “Closing the Gap” – May, 2015.
- Southern Writer’s Magazine – “Getting it Right the First Time” – January, 2015.
- Houston Family Magazine - "Introducing Your Child to Coin Collecting" - January, 2015.
- Houston Family Magazine - "Holiday and Winter Fire Safety" - December, 2014.
- Insecure Writer’s Support Group: Guide to Publishing and Beyond – “8 Steps to a Flawless Media Kit” – December, 2014.
- Southern Writer’s Magazine – “Once Upon a Couch” – November, 2014.
- Southeast Texas Family Magazine - "Education Beyond the Classroom: Sylvan Services" – November, 2014
- Southeast Texas Family Magazine - "Feminine Health in Adolescents" - October, 2014.
- Chicken Soup for the Soul: Reboot Your Life – “Family of Rejects” – September, 2014.
- Southern Writer’s Magazine – “What Editors Want and Give Back” – September, 2014.

- Houston Family Magazine - "Mentoring: Do You Have What it Takes?" - September, 2014.
- Houston Family Magazine - "Tapping into the Community for Mentors" - September, 2014.
- Southern Writer's Magazine – "Expect an Adventure" – July, 2014.
- Southeast Texas Family Magazine - "Birds of a Feather" - June, 2014.
- Southern Writer's Magazine – "Ask the Agents – Part II" – May, 2014.
- Southeast Texas Family Magazine - "11 Perfect Picnic Spots" - April, 2014.
- The Searcher, Vol. 51, No. 2 – "Homegrown Love" - Spring 2014: 54-55.
- Southern Writer's Magazine – "Ask the Agents – Part I" – March, 2014.
- Proud to Be: Writing by American Warriors Vol. 2 – "Giving Veterans a Voice" – November 2013.
- Southern Writer's Magazine – "Edge of Freedom" – November, 2013.
- Southern Writer's Magazine – "The Journey of Jody Hedlund" – September, 2013.
- Southern Writer's Magazine – "Taking a Bite Out of Illiteracy" – July, 2013.
- Gator Bites – "Gift" – November, 2012.
- Southern Writer's Magazine – "A Sci-fi Firestorm: Alex J. Cavanaugh Explores the Final Frontier" – November, 2012.
- Chicken Soup for the Soul: Just for Preteens – "Feeding the Soul" – July, 2011.
- It's In the Gulf – "Forgotten Memories" – 2010.
- National Library of Poetry: Windows of the Soul – "Secret Admirer" – 1996.

Newspaper Publications

- The Times of Southwest Louisiana – "Scenes of Southeast Texas following Hurricane Ike" – photos and text – October 2008.
- University Press for Lamar in Beaumont – More than 100 articles – photos and text – 1997 to 2000.
- The Derrick – Orangefield High School Newspaper – more than 30 articles – photos and text – 1992 to 1996.

Columns

- *Gator Talk* – January 2012 to December 2013 (monthly column) – 24 issues.
- Paw Pints – August 1995 to May 1996 (monthly column) – 10 issues.

Online Credits

- Writing In Wonderland – More than 1,000 posts - 2010 to present.

- Insecure Writer’s Support Group: A Collection of Anthologies – “Character Creation” – April 5, 2023: <https://iwsganthologies.blogspot.com/2023/04/character-creation.html>
- First Love - More than 10 posts – 2021 to present: <https://iwsganthologies.blogspot.com>
- Insecure Writer’s Support Group – 2022 – Present - [IWSG Anthologies](#)
- Parallels – More than 10 posts – 2016 to present – see below.
- Parallels – “Universal Connectivity” – June 14, 2017: <http://parallelsanthology.blogspot.com/2017/06/universal-connectivity.html>
- Southern Writer’s Magazine – “5 Reasons to Love Western Genres” – June 15, 2016: <http://southernwritersmagazine.blogspot.com/2016/06/5-reasons-to-love-western-genres.html>
- Parallels – “Science Fiction, Science Future” – August 10, 2016: <http://parallelsanthology.blogspot.com/2016/08/science-fiction-science-future.html>
- Parallels – “Victory” – April 26, 2016: <http://parallelsanthology.blogspot.com/2016/04/v-victory.html>
- Parallels – “Normal” – April 16, 2016: <http://parallelsanthology.blogspot.com/2016/04/n-normal.html>
- Parallels – “Juxtaposition” – April 12, 2016: <http://parallelsanthology.blogspot.com/2016/04/j-juxtaposition.html>
- Parallels – “Science Fiction Challenge” – March 16, 2016: <http://parallelsanthology.blogspot.com/2016/03/science-fiction-challenge.html>
- Parallels – “Science: Past, Present, and Future” – February 17, 2016: <http://parallelsanthology.blogspot.com/2016/02/science-past-present-and-future.html>
- Insecure Writer’s Support Group – “Pad Your Resume, and Wallets, by Writing for Small Markets” – December 10, 2014: <http://www.insecurewriterssupportgroup.com/2014/12/pad-your-resume-and-wallets-by-writing.html?showComment=1418223217267#c5041049455641085911>
- Thrive Magazine – same articles and dates as above.
- Houston Family Magazine – same articles and dates as above.
- Southeast Texas Family Magazine – same articles and dates as above.
- Texas Gulf Coast Writers - Administrator/Editor of TGCW blog and website – More than 50 posts – Sept. 2012 to present.
- Texas Gulf Coast Writers – Administrator of TGCW facebook page – Sept. 2012 to present.
- The Searcher, Vol. 51, No. 2 (Spring 2014): 54-55 – “Homegrown Love”. <https://www.scsgenealogy.com/geneci/media/2012/GENEii2012SylviaNey-HomegrownLove.pdf>
- Write Me a World - [7 Common Fears and Advice for Writers](#) – December 9, 2013.
- Bayou Writers Group - Administrator/Editor of BWG blog and website – More than 150 posts – Jan. 2012 to December 2013.
- Bayou Writers Group – Administrator of BWG facebook page – Jan. 2012 to December 2013.
- Southern Writer’s Magazine – “For the Love of Shakespeare” – April 25, 2012 : <http://southernwritersmagazine.blogspot.com/2012/04/for-love-of-shakespeare.html>
- Praise, Prayers and Observations – [I’ve Had a Wonderful Time, but...](#) - October 2011.
- Darlene Quinn – [Title Tricks](#) – October 2011.
- Heroines With Hearts – [Loving Your Villain](#) - September 9, 2011.

- Rope and Wire – Broken Angel – August 2011.
- Literary Rambles – Paint Chip Storytelling – August 9, 2011.

Professional Presentations

- June 22-25, 2020 - University of Texas OnRamps Training - Austin, TX - "Preparing for a New OnRamps Year."
- March 30, 2020 - UT OnRamps - Bridge City, TX - "Evaluating Research."
- February 29, 2020 – Girl Scouts of Southeast Texas – Port Arthur, TX - “World Thinking Day.”
- February 24, 2020 - University of Texas OnRamps Teachers - Dallas, TX - "Creating an Annotated Bibliography."
- February 11, 2020 - University of Texas OnRamps Teachers - Austin, TX - "Research Techniques."
- January 27, 2020 - University of Texas OnRamps Teachers - Austin, TX - "Virtual Moments."
- January 21, 2020 – UT OnRamps – Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Nederland, TX - Gender, Race, and Ethnic Awareness and Celebrations Locally."
- November 9, 2019 - Fleur Fine Books - Port Neches, TX - "Writing Short Horror Stories."
- June 26-27, 2019 - University of Texas OnRamps Training - Austin, TX - "Preparing for a New OnRamps Year."
- June 25, 2019 - University of Texas UIL Convocation - Austin, TX - "Preparing for a New UIL Year."
- May 3-4, 2019 - University of Texas State UIL Journalism - Austin, TX - "School Journalism Programs."
- March 27, 2019 - University of Texas OnRamps Teachers - Austin, TX - "Evaluating Research."
- February 20, 2019 - University of Texas OnRamps Teachers - Dallas, TX - "Creating an Annotated Bibliography."
- February 8, 2019 - University of Texas OnRamps Teachers - Austin, TX - "Research Techniques."

- February 7, 2019 - Girl Scouts - Bridge City, TX - "Researching Other Cultures."
- January 28, 2019 - University of Texas OnRamps Teachers - Austin, TX - "Virtual Moments."
- January 24, 2019 - Girl Scouts - Bridge City, TX - "Verbal Storytelling."
- January 17, 2019 - Girl Scouts - Bridge City, TX - "Writing Poetry, Articles, Essays, and Short Stories."
- September 27, 2018 - Girl Scouts - Bridge City, TX - "Nature Writing: Composing a Haiku."
- July 16, 2018 - University of Texas OnRamps Teachers – Austin, TX - "Identifying Stakeholders in any Controversy."
- June 2, 2018 - Bayou Writers Group – Lake Charles, LA - "Becoming a Prolific Writer."
- May 15, 2018 - Bridge City High School Staff - Bridge City, TX - "The Role of an Author in the Classroom."
- April 25, 2018 - Bridge City Middle School Staff - Bridge City, TX - "The Role of an Author in the Classroom."
- April 4, 2018 - Bridge City Intermediate Staff - Bridge City, TX - "The Role of an Author in the Classroom."
- January 20, 2018 - Texas Gulf Coast Writers - Beaumont, TX - "What a Writer Needs From Their Writers Group".
- October 26, 2017 - Girl Scout Scribes - Bridge City, TX - "Verbal Storytelling, and Writing Poetry, Articles, Essays, and Short Stories".
- October 19, 2017 - Girl Scout Scribes - Bridge City, TX - "Verbal Storytelling, and Writing Poetry, Articles, Essays, and Short Stories".
- July 27, 2017 - Girl Scout Families- Bridge City, TX - "How to Preserve Family Memories: Creating Cookbooks and Family Memoirs".
- July 26, 2017 - Girl Scout Screenwriters- Bridge City, TX - "How to write a Screenplay".
- July 25, 2017 - Girl Scout Novelists - Bridge City, TX - "How to Write a Novel".
- July 24, 2017 - Girl Scout Scribes - Bridge City, TX - "Verbal Storytelling, and Writing Poetry, Articles, Essays, and Short Stories".

- June 24, 2017 - The Write Support - Beaumont, TX - "Critique Groups, Editing for Others, and Self-Editing".
- May 20, 2017 - Texas Gulf Coast Writers - Beaumont, TX - "Becoming a Prolific Writer".
- February 18, 2017 - Texas Gulf Coast Writers - Beaumont, TX - "Writing Science Fiction".
- August 20, 2016 - Texas Gulf Coast Writers - Beaumont, TX - "Writing for Magazines".
- July 16, 2016 - Sun Coast Writers - San Marcos, CA - "Writing for Magazines".
- June 25, 2016 - The Write Support - Beaumont, TX - "Editing, Publishing, and Marketing Your Work".
- May 18, 2016 - Scottish Dreamers - Pitlochry, Scotland - "Writing and Publishing Trends in the United States".
- March 4, 2016 - Bridge City Intermediate classes - Bridge City, TX - "Dr. Seuss and Writing or Illustrating for Publication".
- February 13, 2016 - "Write Your Heart Out" Workshop Facilitator - Beaumont, TX - "Earning Money Writing 1500 Words or Less".
- May 2, 2015 - Bayou Writers Group – Lake Charles, LA - “Giving Agents, Editors and Publishers What They Want”.
- April 13, 2015 - Texas Gulf Coast Writers – Beaumont, TX – “Giving Agents, Editors and Publishers What They Want”.
- March 5 and 6, 2015 - Bridge City Elementary classes – Bridge City, TX – “Dr. Seuss and Wocket in My Pocket”.
- November 10, 2014 - Texas Gulf Coast Writers – Beaumont, TX – “Growing Your Nonprofit Organization”.
- November 11, 2013 - Texas Gulf Coast Writers – Beaumont, TX – “Platform and Promotion”.
- February 2, 2013 - Bayou Writers Group – Lake Charles, LA – “Power of Research and the Interview”.
- December 9, 2012 - Texas Gulf Coast Writers - Beaumont, TX – “Social Media’s Impact”.

- November 11, 2012 - Texas Gulf Coast Writers – Beaumont, TX – “Creating By-laws”.
- March 3, 2012 - Bayou Writers Group – Lake Charles, LA – “Benefits of the Blog Challenge”.
- February 4, 2012 - Bayou Writers Group – Lake Charles, LA – “How Important is Social Media?”.
- February 2010 - Golden Triangle Writers Group – Beaumont, TX – “The Importance of Critique Groups” .

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