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current academic position

Career Instructor, 2015-present
Department of English, Composition Program
University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon

education

Ph.D. Candidate (ABD, expected Summer 2017), Composition & TESOL

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania
Dissertation: Novice Academic Authorship in the Multilingual, Digital Age

M.A. English

Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho
Graduation Date: May 2005

B.A. in English, Magna Cum Laude

Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
Graduation Date: December 1995

publications + presentations

journal publications

- 2016 "Teaching for Agency: From Appreciating Linguistic Diversity to Empowering Student Writers." in *Composition Studies*. Co-authored with Shawna Shapiro, Michelle Cox, Gail Shuck.
- 2015 "Book review: *Redesigning composition for multilingual realities*." *Basic writing e-journal*, 12.1, http://bwe.ccnycuny.edu/Simnitt_Review.html.

conference presentations

- 2016 "Shifting Literacies, Shifting Roles: Students as Policymakers at Sites of Writing." Accepted by the *TYCA-PNWCA Joint Conference 2016*. Corvallis, OR, October 22.
- 2016 "Students as 21st Century Authors and Policy Makers in FYW." Accepted by the *Council of Writing Program Administrators Summer Conference*. Raleigh, North Carolina, July 15.

- 2016 "WPA or wpw (writing program work): Story Changing Behind The Scenes." Accepted by the *Council of Writing Program Administrators Summer Conference*. Raleigh, North Carolina, July 16.
- 2016 "Whose Writing? For What Purpose?: Taking Action With Writing About (Multilingual) Writing." Accepted by the *Conference on College Composition and Communication*. Houston, Texas. April. Presented with Daniel Wilber and Jason Montgomery.
- 2015 "Six Graduate Students Walk into a WPA Course: Suggestions, Inquiries, and Tentative Proposals to Create Sustainable Administrative Practices." Accepted by *Council of Writing Program Administration Summer Conference*. Boise, Idaho. July. Presented with Daniel Wilber and Cheryl McKell.
- 2015 "Service Learning: What Is Its Place in First Year Writing?" Accepted by *Civic Engagement Exhibition at Boise State University*. Boise, Idaho. April.
- 2015 "Teaching For Agency: The Risks and Rewards for Multilingual Writers." Accepted by the *Conference on College Composition and Communication*. Tampa, Florida. March. Presented with Michelle Cox, Gail Shuck, Shawan Shapiro, and Angela Dadak.
- 2014 "Designing the Public Intellectual: Affordance & Constraints of Instant Infographics In Research-Based Composition." Accepted by the *National Council of Teachers of English Conference*. Washington, DC. November.
- 2014 "Tweeting Student Agency: Using Social Media to Respond to the 'Crisis' of Multilingual Student Literacy." Accepted by the *Western States Rhetoric and Literacy Conference*. Reno, Nevada. November.
- 2014 "Aesthetic Recognition: Positioning Political And Popular Plays By Women In Modernist Studies." Accepted by the *Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Conference*. Boise, ID. October.
- 2014 "Engaging Writers at Risk: Connecting Studio Confidence and Main Class Participation." Accepted by the *Idaho Writing Plus Project Institute*. Boise, ID. June. Poster presentation.
- 2014 "Designing The Public Intellectual: Affordances & Constraints of Instant Infographics In Research-Based Composition." Accepted by the *Computers & Writing Conference*. Pullman WA. June.
- 2014 "Opening Composition and Communities To Translingual Practice: Using Cultural Negotiation and Translation To Improve Early Childhood Literacy and Build on Student Multi-Competencies." Accepted by the *Conference on College Composition and Communication*. Indianapolis, IN. March.
- 2013 "Multilingual meets multimodal: Digital infographics & 21st century literacy." Accepted by the *Computers & Writing Conference*. Frostburg, MD. June.
- 2013 "Research goes mobile: Using Twitter To Find Serendipity in Research." Accepted by

the *Conference on College Composition and Communication*. Las Vegas, NV (2013, March). Digital poster presentation.

2012 "Twitter and the ZPD: Bridging the digital divide in the composition classroom." Accepted by the *National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention*. Las Vegas, NV. November.

2011 "Teaching composition with digital technology." Accepted by the *High Mountain Affiliate of the Council of Writing Program Administrator Conference*. Spokane, WA September. Half-day institute.

workshop facilitation + presentations

2016 **Panelist**, "How can we fairly (and efficiently) evaluate our students' work?" Comp Conference, University of Oregon, September.

2016 **Presenter**, Digital Humanities Workgroup: Roundtable on Digital Tools in the Classroom, University of Oregon. May.

2016 **Presenter + Facilitator**, "Diversity and Discourse Community: Student Voices in the Multilingual Classroom," University of Oregon, Spring Term.

2015 **Developer + Facilitator** of Professional Development Workshop Series for FYW Graduate Teaching Assistants, Boise State University.

- "ePortfolios and Student Writing," April
- "Digital Tools To Help Students Manage Research," March
- "Responding to Student Writing," February
- "Developing Good Research Questions," January
- "Student Authorship and Public Writing," January

2015 **Coordinator + Presenter**, "Combined First Year Composition Courses: Exploring Experiences at Boise State University and Conceptualizing Strategies for Idaho State University." Pocatello, Idaho, April.

2014 **Presenter + Facilitator** "Using Technology To Support Multilingual Students," Boise State University Campus-Wide Workshop, August.

2014 **Presenter + Facilitator**, "Negotiations + Circulations: 21st Century Multilingual Composition," professional development workshop First Year Writing Program, Boise State University, April.

2013 **Facilitator**, "Responding to Student Writing." Spring workshop, Boise State University.

2013 **Panelist**, "Every Teacher is an ESL Teacher: Best Practices for the Multilingual Classroom." Center for Teaching and Learning workshop, Boise State University, Boise, ID. January.

- 2013 **Presenter**, "Service Learning and Social Media: A Tool for Deepening Student Learning." CTL workshop, Boise State University. February.
- 2012 **Presenter**, "Mobile Learning Strategies in the FYW Classroom." First Year Writing Inservice, Boise State University, Boise, ID. September.
- 2012 **Presenter**, "Teaching with Technology: Twitter for Beginners." Panel on multimodal composition at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. July.
- 2011 **Presenter**, "Teaching Composition with Digital Technology." First Year Writing In-service, Boise State University, Boise, ID. September.

service to the profession

2015-Present

Elected Member, Writing Program Administrators Graduate Organization (WPA-GO), co-chair Digital Presence Committee, chair Research Writing Group Committee

2016-Present

Chair Elect, Second Language Writing Standing Group of the Conference on College Composition and Communication.

2014-2016

Elected Secretary, Second Language Writing Standing Group of the Conference on College Composition and Communication.

2013-2015

Facilitator, Faculty Cross Cultural Design Community, Boise State University

reviewing

Manuscript Reviewer: *Applied Linguistics*, (2013)

Manuscript Reviewer: *Basic Writing e-Journal*, (2014)

Proposal Reviewer, Sloan Consortium Blended Learning Conference and Workshop, (2014, 2015)

Proposal Reviewer, 2012 National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media (2012)

institutional service

2016

Co-Chair, English as an International Language Minor Committee, University of Oregon

2016

Member, Digital Humanities Advisory Board, University of Oregon

2015

Member, Textbook Committee, Composition Program, University of Oregon

2014-2015

Member, First Year Writing Committee, Boise State University

2014-2015

Member, Teaching and Learning Committee, Boise State University

2011-2015

Member, First Year Writing Assessment Team

2011-2015

Member, Mobile Apps Users Work Group, Boise State University

2014-2015

Founding Member, Adjunct Advocacy Committee

2013-2015

Mentor, First Year Writing Program: meet with, share course materials, etc., with newly hired adjunct faculty

2012-2015

Member, Adjunct/Lecturer Learning Exchange Community, Boise State University

2012-2015

Member, 101+ mentoring committee, Boise State University

2011-2015

Member, Inter-Institution Adjunct Faculty Professional Development Group, Boise State University + College of Western Idaho

2008-2015

Judge, President's Writing Award, Boise State University

2011-2015

Member, Multilingual Writing Instructors Inquiry Group: developed and assessed writing courses to support for international, refugee, and other multilingual students in meeting first year writing requirements; facilitated workshops for faculty across campus; provided support for peer instructors working with multilingual writers

2009

Member, English 102 Curriculum Revision Committee, Boise State University

teaching honors

2015 ePortfolio Power User Award, Boise State University, for being "an innovative, flexible instructor" using new digital portfolio platform

2015 English 101P Trailblazer Award, Boise State University, for "going far above and

beyond in helping to shape the new curriculum, piloting early sections, and teaching a high number of sections” of new curriculum to support and promote success of at-risk students

2013 Faculty Community Engagement Award, Boise State University Service Learning

grants + awards

2014, WPA-Graduate Organization Travel Grant Award to present at the *Conference on College Composition and Communication*

2013, Faculty Community Engagement Award, Boise State Service Learning

2012-2106, Indiana University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Travel Grants

2011-2012, Boise State Service Learning Course Development Grants, Boise State University

2011, Boise State University English Department Travel Grant to present at High Mountain Affiliate of the

2008- 2011, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Scholarship to attend National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media

2007, Idaho Press Club Award for Journalistic Excellence

1997, ISU Graduate Student Research Committee Scholarship Grant Recipient

1992-1996 Brigham Young University Trustees Scholarship

teaching experience

Writing 121e, 122, University of Oregon

course description: argumentative writing in multilingual classrooms

methods of delivery: face-to-face

digital components: Canvas

English 123, Boise State University

course description: academic writing for multilingual students

methods of delivery: face-to-face

digital components: Twitter

English 101/101+, Boise State University

course description: introduction to college writing

methods of delivery: face-to-face, Service Learning, cross-cultural

digital components: Twitter, Google+, Google Hangouts, infographics, Digication (eportfolio)

English 102, Boise State University

course description: introduction to research writing

methods of delivery: face-to-face, Service Learning, cross-cultural

digital components: twitter, youtube/video, Digication (eportfolio)

English 201, Boise State University

course description: non-fiction research writing

methods of delivery: face-to-face with digital components (tumblr, info graphics)

digital components: tumblr, infographics

relevant graduate coursework

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, doctoral coursework research in writing program administration, technology and literacy, second language literacy, teaching writing, theories of composition, quantitative language assessment, and creative writing pedagogy

Boise State University writing program administration as rhetorical practice (as non-degree seeking student)

professional certifications + memberships

National Council of Teachers of English
Council of Writing Program Administrators
WPA-GO (WPA Graduate Organization)
Certified Public Manager, State of Idaho

previous positions

Instructor/Lecturer, 2006-2015
Department of English, First Year Writing Program
Boise State University, Boise, Idaho

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 1997-1999
Human Subjects Committee Liaison, 1998-1999
Writing Center Tutor, 1997-1999
Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho

Public Information Officer, 2007-2012
Social Media Liaison, 2011-2012
"Closer Look At Your Health Correspondent, 2007-2012
Business Writing Instructor, 2008-2012
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Boise, Idaho

Reporter, 2000-2007

Online Reporter, 2006-2007

Features Writer, 2004-2006

Planning Committee for Young Adult Special Publication, 2002-2004

Local Government Reporter, 2000-2004

Idaho Statesman, Boise, Idaho

Freelance Writer, 2004-2005

Art Idaho, Boise, Idaho

State Government/Higher Education Reporter, 1999-2000

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello, Idaho

references

available on request