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EDUCATION

M.F.A., (Poetry), University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho Thesis Title: Moon Talk Advisor: Robert Wrigley	2007
M.A., (Creative Writing) Miami University, Oxford, Ohio	2004
B.A., English and Creative Writing (<i>magna cum laude</i>), Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia	2002

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of English, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, Texas	2007-Present
Tenure	2010
Teaching Assistant, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho	2004-2007
Graduate Assistant, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio	2002-2004

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: COURSES TAUGHT

English 2307 Creative Writing I
 English 2341 Forms of Literature
 English 2322 British Literature I—Online and Face-to-Face
 English 2323 British Literature II—Online and Face-to-Face
 English 2332 World Literature I—Online and Face-to-Face
 English 2333 World Literature II—Online and Face-to-Face
 English 1302 Composition II—Online and Face-to-Face
 English 1301 Composition I—Online and Face-to-Face

EDUCATIONAL GROWTH

Academic Year 2015-2016

- Iowa Summer Writing Festival
 - Workshop “Out of Our Hands: An Advanced Poetry Workshop” with Daniel Khalastchi
 - Workshop “Another Republic: Learning from Different Traditions” with Ilya Kaminsky
- Faculty Professional Development Day
 - Workshop: “Making Connections: Creating an inclusive environment for ESOL learners”
(Presenter: Jennifer Oden, ESOL Instructor)
 - Workshop: “Special Interactive Discussion for Faculty and Administrators” (Jim Klein, Moderator)
- Certifications
 - Preventing Discrimination and Sexual Violence: Title IX, VAWA and Clery Act for Faculty and Staff
 - Security Basics
 - Unlawful Harassment Prevention for Higher Education Faculty

Academic Year 2014-2015

- Iowa Summer Writing Festival

- Workshop: “The Far Field” with Arda Collins
- Workshop: “With a Voice Like That...Developing Voice and Persona in Poems” with Adrian Matejaka
- Summer Academy: “Connecting Core Competencies” (Team Lambda)
- Poetry Reading: Robin Carstensen
- Poetry Reading: Tom Murphy
- Faculty Professional Development Day
 - “The Pedagogical Backgrounds for Innovative Education”
 - “QEP in Action!”
 - "Draft State in Canvas" (Presenters: Juan Saldana and Jessica Montalvo)
 - "How to Identify and Assist Students in Distress" (Presenter: Rene Cantu, M.S. LPC)
- Colloquiums
 - “The Merchant of Venice and Anti-semitism” (Moore)
 - “The Chinaman is not the issue here, Dude!': Xenophobia in The Big Lebowski" (Perry)
- Del Mar College Extra Curricular Film Series

Academic Year 2013-2014

- Conference: Associated Writing Programs, Boston
- Lecture: Dr. Bryan Stone *The Chosen Folks: Jews on the Frontiers of Texas*, Department of Social Sciences.
- Lecture: Ensuring the Success of Latino Males in Higher Education, (Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend)
- Poetry Reading: Lyman Grant
- 1st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration (Tavis Smiley and Cornel West)
- Summer Academy: Summer Design Workshop
- 47th Annual National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show, DMC
- Event: League of United Latin American Citizens Council One Foundation, Inc.: Outstanding Community Leaders (by Invitation from Elizabeth Flores, Educator of the Year)
- 8th Annual Natural Sciences Student Poster Session
- Natalie Stovall in Concert, DMC
- Faculty Professional Development Day
 - “The Pedagogical Backgrounds for Innovative Education” and “QEP in Action!”
 - "Innovation Nation: Transformational Thinking about STEM, Humanities, and Arts-Keynote Address & Interactive Workshop"
- Colloquiums
 - "Defining Moments: On Plato, Developmental Students, and the Essays They Published in English 307," (Cain-Calloway)
 - "The Allure of Ernesto ‘Che’ Guevara,” (Bertero)
- Certifications
 - Canvas Certified
 - Preventing Sexual Harassment, Training Certificate
 - Preventing Employment Discrimination, Training Certificate
 - Training Session on College and Faculty responsibilities as it relates to students and DMC policy B7.19
 - Response to Workshop Violence Training Session

Academic Year 2012-2013

- Conference: Embracing and Empowering Student Potential 2012 DMC Title V Professional Development
- Lecture: “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration: Poverty, Income Inequality, Social Justice, Economic Challenges and MLK Tradition of Love and Service”
- Presentation: "Embracing a Changing Culture of Student Service"
- Colloquiums
 - "Surviving a Career Interrupted: A Metamorphosis of the 4 C's," (Valerio)
 - "SALT: Life, Death, and an Eternal Idea," (Anzaldua)
- Workshops
 - “A Discussion Concerning Academic Integrity”

- Quality Matters Workshop
- Webinar: "Learning Styles: Do they Really Matter?"
- Faculty Professional Development Day
 - "General Education: Core Curriculum & You: an Update,"
 - "Faculty Perspective on Canvas and Desire 2 Learn (Learning Management Systems,)"
 - "Final Exam Alternatives"
- 7th Annual Natural Sciences Student Poster Session
- Articles Read
 - "Reengineering Higher Education"—A Lumina Foundation Article;
 - "Should Professors Use Facebook to Communicate with Students?"—Trends in Higher Education;
 - "An Address to New MFA Students: Now What Have You Done?" -Association of Writers and Writing Programs;
 - "The Battle Over Electronic Publishing"—Association of Writers and Writing Programs

Academic Year 2011-2012

- Coastal Bend Summer Writing Institute
- Workshops
 - General Education Mapping
 - Weave Assessment, TLC
 - Grants Workshop
 - Assessment: Utilizing Action Plans for Program Improvement
 - ADA Workshop
 - QEP Advising Module

Retention Alert Training

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Academic Year 2015-Present

- Pushcart Nomination, Jim Reiss
- Documented Contributions to Publications/Work-in-Progress
 - Poetry Submissions under Review at the following National Literary Journals
 - *The Georgia Review*
 - *Southern Humanities Review*
 - *Crazyhorse*
 - *Appalachian Heritage*
- iTAG for Iowa Summer Writing Festival
- Teacher of the Year Nominee

Academic Year 2014-2015

- Pushcart Nomination, Jim Reiss
- Poetry Reading, "Featured Poet" for the Del Mar College Open Mic Series
- Stone Renga Project (Poetry Publication)
- Teacher of the Year Nominee
- Special Faculty Honoree: Recognition Ceremony for Nurya Silva
- iTAG for Iowa Summer Writing Festival

Academic Year 2013-2014

- Craft Lecture on Creative Writing at Texas A&M—Corpus Christi, Introduction to English Studies, Jenny Heil
- Women's History Month: Women Who Write—Library Feature Display
- Cultural Programs Grant for Guest Lecturers, Spencer Herrera and Robert Kaiser
- Poetry Lecture and Discussion in Dr. Barb Craig's Forms of Literature class.
- Special Faculty Honoree: Recognition Ceremony for Devin Moreno, Outstanding Academic Student
- Teacher of the Year Nominee

Academic Year 2012-2013

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- Presentations and Poetry Readings
 - Food Studies: An Interdisciplinary Conference, Austin (Co-Presenter, Maria Hollendonner)
 - "A Place to Dine: A Comparative Analysis of Pedagogical Practices of Food Studies across Cultural Boundaries"
 - Poetry Reading, TAMU-CC
 - Poetry Reading, Del Mar College
- Cultural Programs Grant for Visiting Poet, Gary Soto
- Publications
 - Mississippi Press Literary *Conversations Series*: "Conversations with Natasha Trethewey" Interview" with Poet Laureate, reprinted from *Fugue* 2007
 - *Marco Polo Arts Magazine*, "Purple Kayak at the Seashore" & "Sundogs"
 - Pushcart Nomination, Jim Reiss
- Honors
 - Women's History Month Feature, Del Mar College White Library
 - Guest Speaker on Natasha Trethewey and Poetry Appreciation: for AAUW (American Association of University Women)
 - Employee Recognition Service Award, 5 Years at Del Mar College
 - *Foghorn Article*: Faculty Feature

Academic Year 2011-2012

- Pushcart Nomination, Jim Reiss
- Poetry Reading at TAMUCC
- Poetry Reading, ASU Creative Writing Conference
- Cultural Programs Grant for Visiting Poet, B. H. Fairchild (for Poetry Series)
- Presentation: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Reinventing Instruction and Learning Conference "Emotions in the Classroom" (Austin)
- University of Nebraska Technology Study of Technology in Libraries in CC Interview

INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Academic Year 2015-Present

- Parliamentarian, Faculty Council
- Chair, Faculty Council Rules Committee
- Chair, Cultural Programs Committee (2012-2015)
- Mexican American Studies (MAS)
- Industrial Machining Program Review Committee
- Academic Ethics Committee
- Library Committee
- Professional Development and Grants Committee (POD)
- Composition Committee
- Sophomore Literature Committee
- Divisional Aileen Creighton Award Committee
- *Switchgrass Poetry Review* Judge
- English and Philosophy Department Outreach Committee
- Corpus Christ Literary Reading Series: Patron

Academic Year 2014-2015

- Parliamentarian, Faculty Council
- Chair, Faculty Council Rules Committee
- Creative Writing I: Core Application
- Chair, Cultural Programs Committee
- English Department Program Review Committee
- Industrial Machining Program Review Committee
- Mexican American Studies (MAS)

- Library Committee
- Professional Development and Grants Committee (POD)
- E-Communications Committee
- Composition Committee
- Sophomore Literature Committee
- Promoted and Contracted Event, *Sagrado: A Photopoetics Across the Chicano Homeland* presented by Spencer R. Herrera and Robert Kaiser
- College Relations Promotion Video and Interview for *Sagrado*
- Creative Writing I recognized by *Siren* for its contributions to help the magazine win Pinnacle Award
- Corpus Christ Literary Reading Series: Patron

Academic Year 2013-2014

- Secretary, Faculty Council
- Committee on Committees, Faculty Council
- Promotion Appeals Selection Committee, Faculty Council
- Chair, Cultural Programs Committee
- Chair, Sophomore Literature Committee
- Political Science Search Committee
- Physical Therapy Program Review Committee
- Core Curriculum Objectives Team (Critical Thinking)
- Promoted and Contracted Gary Soto Event
- E-Learning Committee
- Professional Development & Grants Committee
- Recruitment and Retention Committee
- E-Communications Committee
- Composition Committee
- Patron: Blue & Silver Spectacular: An Evening Honoring Extraordinary Alumni, Faculty & Friends of Del Mar College. Mike Anzaldúa Honored as Distinguished Faculty
- Ensuring the Success of Latino Males in Higher Education, Presentation (Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend)
- Poetry Reading: A Musical Tribute to Mike Anzaldúa
- Patron of TACHE and MAS's "A Time to Remember... Celebrating the Life of Mike Anzaldúa"
- Del Mar College Alumni Association, Benefactor and Member
- Designed Faculty Development Day Convocation August 2013 Brochure
- General Education Committee Assessment, ETS Proficiency Profile for DMC Accreditation (World Lit. I Class)
- Adjunct Observer
- Mentor: CCISD At-risk middle school student
- Updating English/Philosophy Website: Dreamweaver
- Corpus Christ Literary Reading Series: Patron
- Secret Santa Coordinator

Academic Year 2012-2013

- Faculty Council, Member
- Chair, Cultural Programs Committee
- Chair, Sophomore Literature Committee
- Physical Therapy Program Review Committee
- Core Curriculum Objectives Team (Critical Thinking)
- E-Learning Committee
- Professional Development & Grants Committee
- Recruitment and Retention
- E-Communications Committee
- Composition Committee
- Dual Credit: Reviewed CHS Student Applications
- Veterans in the Arts: In Celebration of the Those Returned (and publication in *The Grackle*)

- Guest Lecturer: Philosophy of Religion, Chinese Poetry and Oedipus on Fatalism
- Guest Lecturer: Barb Craig's Forms of Literature Class, Poetry Craft Lecture
- Nomination Letter: Aileen Creighton Award (Barbara Craig)
- Faculty Advisor *Grackle Literary Journal*
- Mentor: CCISD At-risk middle school student
- Updating English/Philosophy Website: Dreamweaver
- Adjunct Observer
- Corpus Christ Literary Reading Series: Patron
- Secret Santa Coordinator

Academic Year 2011-2012

- Application Evaluation Committee/Hiring Committee: Testing Examiner
- Application Evaluation Committee/Hiring Committee: Tutor Coordinator
- Chair, Sophomore Literature
- Secretary, Technology Committee
- Secretary, E-Communications Committee
- Secretary, Composition Committee
- Cultural Program Committee
- Diversity Committee
- Library Committee
- E-Learning Committee
- Professional Development & Grants Committee
- Recruitment and Retention Committee
- Promoted and Contracted Guest Poet, B.H. Fairchild to Literary Reading Series
- Presentation, Professional Development Day "Emotions in the Classroom"
- Faculty Advisor *Grackle Literary Journal*
- Faculty Advisor, Honor's Seminar
- Literacy Council Bowl Trivia Night@ the Ortiz Center
- English Department Social Events Committee
- Mentor: CCISD At-risk middle school student
- Guest Instructor, Poetry Festival
- Corpus Christi Literary Reading Series: Introduction for Joshua Ferris
- Corpus Christ Literary Reading Series: Patron
- World AIDS Day 2011
- Certificate of Acknowledgment Boys Town Annual Appeal
- Developed Professional Development Website for Travel
- Adjunct Observer

Affiliations

- TACHE
- Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) *foremost creative writing association
- College English Association (CEA)
- Corpus Christi Literary Reading Series, Editor's Choice Patron
- Writer's League of Texas
- Academy of American Poets Prize. "I'm News to You." 2004
- Women's History Month Feature, Del Mar College White Library
- Nixon Scholarship, University of Idaho. 2004-2007
- Walter E. Havinghurst Award, Miami University, 2004
- Graduate Summer Fellowship, Miami University, 2003
- Mini-CELT Grant on Teaching and Assessing of Writing. Miami University, 2003
- Presented at English Department Symposium
- Outstanding Teaching Award. Nomination. Miami University. 2004
- Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society 2004

Presentations

- Poetry Reading, Open Mic Series, Del Mar College, White Library 2015
- AAUW (American Association of University Women) Poetry Appreciation Guest on Natasha Trethewey, 2012
- Poetry Reading, Literary Reading Series, at Del Mar College White Library, 2011
- Presentation/TLC Professional Development: “Computing in the Clouds”, 2011
- Presentation/TLC Professional Development: “Managing Emotions in the Classroom”, 2011
- Poetry Reading, TAMU-CC, 2012
- Poetry Reading ASU Creative Writing Conference
- *Scissortail* Creative Writing Festival: Guest Poet, 2010
- Food Studies: An Interdisciplinary Conference, (Co-Presented with Maria Hollendonner)
 - "A Place to Dine: A Comparative Analysis of Pedagogical Practices of Food Studies across Cultural Boundaries" (Austin)
- Presentation: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Reinventing Instruction and Learning Conference
 - “Emotions in the Classroom” (Austin)
- College English Association Conference: Paper “The Art of Restraint,” 2010
- Featured Author: District #4 Library Conference—Local Author’s Reception, 2010
- Visiting Writer, Miami University Bicentennial Writer’s Festival, 2009
- NCTE Presentation: “(Re)structuring a Departmental Honors Program”
- Poetry Festival Host Instructor: Del Mar College, 2007-2011
- Becky Flores’ Introduction to Literature Class, Del Mar College, 2009
- Ryan Habermeyer’s Creative Writing I Class, Del Mar College. 2008
- *Shakespeare Film Series: Measure for Measure. Del Mar College. 2008*
- Barbara Craig’s Women’s Literature Class, Del Mar College. 2007
- Editorial Presentation, Washington State University. 2005
- Coffee House Presentation on the Importance of Poetry. Miami University. 2003

CONFERENCES, COLLOQUIA, WORKSHOPS, AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Iowa Summer Writing Festival
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 - Workshop: “The Far Field” with Arda Collins
 - Workshop: “With a Voice Like That...Developing Voice and Persona in Poems” with Adrian Matejaka
- Conferences: Associated Writing Programs, Boston
- Majorie Cook Poetry Festival and Conference. Miami University. 2003
- CCCC (Conference on College Composition and Communication)
 - “Making Waves.” San Francisco, 2009.
- Moderator: TXDLA (Texas Distance Learning Association) Conference
 - Presentation: “TANDBERG Goes Tactile”
- NCTE (National Convention for Teachers of English) Conference.
 - “Because Shift Happens: Teaching in the 21st Century.” San Antonio, 2008.
- CASP Conference. “Surfing the Waves Together.” Texas College Reading and Learning Association & Texas Association for Developmental Education. Corpus Christi, 2008.
- DMC Title V Professional Development Conference: Education and Public Service Quality Matters Workshop
- "Embracing a Changing Culture of Student Service," Presented by Dr. Minita Ramirez, Vice President for Student Success, Texas A&M International University-Laredo
- Embracing and Empowering Student Potential (2012), Keynote Speakers: Daniel Hernandez and John Quiñones.
- Summer Academy, Del Mar College, 2008-2014
- IT Overview: See New and Future IT Developments. Del Mar College. 2007
- Advising: Hear About the Process, Del Mar College. 2007
- “New Standards for the New Student,” Texas Association of Community College, Starlinktraining.org. 2007
- TLC Workshop: Weave Assessment
- Webinar: “Communicating with TACT”

- Workshop: “Growing Great Ideas Through Grants”
- Tech Teach: Move Maker Basics. Del Mar College, 2008.
- Sloan C Workshops Del Mar College. 2008
- 2nd Annual Learning Technology Fair, Presented WebCT Demo. Del Mar College, 2007
- Lectures:
 - Dr. Bryan Stone The Chosen Folks: Jews on the Frontiers of Texas, Department of Social Sciences.
 - Ensuring the Success of Latino Males in Higher Education, (Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend)
- Event: League of United Latin American Citizens Council One Foundation, Inc.: Outstanding Community Leaders
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- 47th Annual National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show, DMC
- Natalie Stovall in Concert, DMC
- Annual Student Poster Sessions, Garcia Science Building, Del Mar College
- Virtual Classroom, Teaching Online in Higher Education. Del Mar College. 2007
- Colloquiums:
 - "Defining Moments: On Plato, Developmental Students, and the Essays They Published in English 307," (Cain-Calloway)
 - "The Allure of Ernesto ‘Che’ Guevara,” (Bertero)
 - "Surviving a Career Interrupted: A Metamorphosis of the 4 C's," (Valerio)
 - "SALT: Life, Death, and an Eternal Idea," (Anzaldua)
 - “Negative Space in World Literature
- Interactive Workshop on Using Tape-recorded Comments. Miami University. 2002 Presented by Jeff Sommers
Sponsored by: English Department Workshops on Assessing Student Writing, CELT grant
- Intensive Poetry Workshops. Miami University. 2003-4, Instructor: Jeffrey Skinner and David Lehman
- Blackboard Trainings: Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Center
- Blackboard Training. Miami University. 2002
- Certifications
 - Canvas Certified
 - Preventing Sexual Harassment, Training Certificate
 - Preventing Employment Discrimination, Training Certificate
 - Training Session on College and Faculty responsibilities as it relates to students and DMC policy B7.19
 - Response to Workshop Violence Training Session
 - Preventing Employment Discrimination Certificate
 - Preventing Sexual Harassment Training Certificate

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Faculty Advisor: *Illuminati*. Del Mar College, 2007-2011
 Editor, *Fugue*. University of Idaho. 2005-2007
 Poetry Editor, *Fugue*. University of Idaho. 2004-2005
 Poetry Editor, *Oxford Magazine*. Miami University. 2003-2004

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Faculty Council, member	2012-2016
Faculty Council, (officer) Secretary	2013-2014
Faculty Council, (officer) Parliamentarian	2014-2016
Cultural Programs Committee, Chair	2013-2015
E-Learning Committee	2011-2014
Technology Committee	2011-2014
Library Committee	2011-2016
Composition Committee	2011-2016
Sophomore Literature Committee	2011-Present
Co-Instructor/Faculty Advisor: Honor's Seminar	2007-Present
<i>Illuminati</i> and <i>The Grackle</i> Faculty Advisor	2007-2011
Honor's Seminar Faculty Co-Instructor	2009-2011
English Department Social Events Committee	2009-2011
English & Stone Writing Center Building Redesign Committee	2009-2011
Adjunct Mentor	2008-Present
Grade Appeals Committee	2009-Present
<i>English & Philosophy Express</i> newsletter, designer/layout editor.	2009-2011
Focus Group: Catalog Reorganization	2008
E-Communications Committee;	2007-Present
Secretary	2009-2011
Diversity Committee, 2008-2011	2008-2011
PT-Instructional Design Team Member. 2008	2008
English 1301 Committee, 2007-Present	2007-Present
Chair	2008-2011
English 1302 Committee,	2007-Present
Secretary	2007-2008
Convocation Steering Committee	2008
Literacy Bowl Participant	2011
Reviewer for Collegiate High School Applications	2011

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Corpus Christi Literary Reading Series, Editor's Choice Patron
National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), Member
Associated Writing Programs (AWP), Member
Texas Association of Creative Writing Teachers, Member
Writer's League of Texas, Member
 College Composition and Communication (CCC)
 College English Association (CEA)
 Texas Community College Teaching Association (TCCTA)
 Texas Distance Learning Association (TXDLA)
 CCISD Mentor for at-risk 7th grader in the GPS Program, 2008-10