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OBJECTIVE

Seeking a position using my skills and experience to report the news and promote the culture in a particular region.

FULL-TIME JOURNALISM EMPLOYMENT

Aug 1996-May 1997 *General Assignments Reporter; Daily Siftings Herald; Arkadelphia, AR*

Covered all varieties of news relevant to readers in the Clark County area of a five-times-a-week newspaper. Usually produced 2-3 hard or feature news stories a day and one column weekly. Attended public governmental meetings, conducted interviews with sources, helped edit copy and decide on what would be covered.

PART-TIME JOURNALISM EMPLOYMENT

Aug.-Feb. 2009 *Opinion Columnist; Clarksdale Blues Star; Clarksdale, MS* Wrote twice-monthly column on state and national affairs.

Jan.-Aug. 2005 *Contributing Editor; Tiger Weekly; Baton Rouge, LA* Wrote cover feature articles on such topics as cell phone safety, the city's homeless population, arrests involving child pornography found on office computers, the state of talk-radio in the city.

FULL-TIME ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

August 2006-May 2020 *Associate Professor; Delta State University; Cleveland, MS* Taught in every course the fundamentals of writing research-based essays for differing situations and audiences. Taught American literature, introductory literature and writing courses for the Division of Languages and Literature. Served on University and Divisional Committees including Writing Across the Curriculum (University), Student Advisory and Recruitment (Divisional, Chair as of Sept 2014), Composition (Divisional), Personnel (Divisional) and Graduate (Divisional), Served two elected terms over five years as divisions Faculty Senator, taught online courses using Canvas LMS.

August 2005-May 2006 *Temporary Instructor Southeastern Louisiana University; Hammond, LA.* Began term with five courses (two critical reading and writing courses, two introductory writing courses and one American Literature survey). Added a sixth to accommodate students from other universities after Hurricane Katrina. Taught four courses in spring semester.

PART-TIME ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Summer Term 2004 *Temporary Instructor, River Parishes Community College; Sorrento, LA* Taught three classes (which each met six hours a week). Those classes consisted of two sections of first-semester Freshman English and one section of Developmental English.

Fall Semester 2003 *Temporary Instructor, Baton Rouge Community College*

Taught five classes consisting of two sections of first-semester freshman English, two sections of second-semester freshman English (emphasis on researched opinion writing) and one section of Workplace Writing. Responsibilities were similar to those carried on at Southeastern Louisiana U.

Teaching assistantships served at University of Arkansas (1994-96) and LSU (1997-2004)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in English, Louisiana State University, May 2005

- Dissertation Title: "To the Latest Generation": Cold War and Post Cold War U.S. Civil War Novels in Their Social Contexts
- Directed by Richard Moreland
- Dissertation available online at <http://etd.lsu.edu/docs/available/etd-04142005-121818/>
- Areas of specialization: American Literature Minor: U.S. History

M.A. University of Arkansas, 1996

Major: English with an emphasis on Literary Theory
GPA 3.8

- Thesis topic: *Gone With the Wind*, and the way the book responds to social forces at work its authors times

B.A. Ouachita Baptist University, 1994

- Major: English Minor: Communications
- GPA 3.81