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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., English Literature, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1988.  
M.A., English, University of Louisiana-Lafayette, 1983  
B.A., English, University of Louisiana-Lafayette, 1980.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Chair and Professor, Department of English & Journalism Western Illinois University**

Primary duties include: Providing leadership and supervision of faculty, curriculum implementation and scheduling; administering the UPI union contract; managing the department's appropriated and foundation budgets; reviewing tenure and promotion dossiers for probationary and full-time faculty; supervising the search process tenure-track hires; creating materials and documents to support department initiatives and recruitment.

Major accomplishments:

- Led successful program review for the undergraduate and graduate programs in English
- Led successful curriculum revision of the undergraduate English major, which greatly diversified program offerings and requirements
- Worked with other departments to develop an interdisciplinary Film Studies minor
- Led twelve successful tenure-track searches, which helped to diversify the department
- Created an annual spring department awards night
- Initiated and implemented a revision of departmental governance structure
- Secured an endowment for an annual lecture
- Coordinated department efforts to implement the University and College of Arts & Sciences strategic plans (Higher Values in Higher Education)
- Led the promotion of departmental courses by creating and distributing individual course descriptions
- Led efforts to improve the appearance of Simpkins Hall, which houses the department
- Led efforts to provide more technological infrastructure to Simpkins Hall
- Worked with the Dean of Arts & Sciences to develop undergraduate and graduate programs to support a developing satellite campus in the Quad Cities

- Chaired the review committee for the College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Review Committee

### **Professor of English, Tennessee Technological University**

- Led the efforts to create an interdisciplinary symposium linking engineering and humanities; speakers included Al Gore, Daniel Goldin, Howard Baker, Rick Bass
- Worked on the English department's efforts to revise its curriculum
- Spearheaded efforts to pressure administration leaders to implement the TTU's salary equity formula
- Nominated four times for TTU Outstanding Faculty Award
- Recipient Tennessee Council of Teachers of English Award for Excellence in the Teaching of English (1994)
- Attended American Antiquarian Society: Critical Methods in Bibliography and the History of the Book in the United States (1993)
- Attended NEH/ Arizona Milton Institute (1992)
- Supervised three M.A. theses and served on seven others committees

### **TEACHING**

#### **Western Illinois University**

- Introduction to Literature, Introduction to British Literature, Short Story, Topics in Literature: The Woman Controversy, Topics in Literature: Milton and the Romantics, Milton

#### **Tennessee Technological University**

- Composition, Composition and Literature, Survey of British Literature through the Eighteenth Century, Survey of American Literature, Literature of the Seventeenth Century, Shakespeare, Literature and Technology, Seminar in British or American Literature: Milton and Melville, Seminar in British or American Literature: Seventeenth-Century Poetry, Milton, Seminar in British Literature: The Woman Question, Special Topics: Sixteenth-Century English Poetry (Spenser and Donne), Introduction to Honors

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **Original Works/Research:**

- "Milton after 9/11," *Milton in Popular Culture*, eds. Laura Lunger Knoppers and Gregory Semenza. New York: Palgrave, 177-186
- "Pandemonium." "Vallombrosa." *Milton Encyclopedia*. Ed. Thomas Corns. Yale UP (forthcoming)
- "Milton and the Woman Controversy," in *A Search for Meaning: Critical Essays on Early Modern Literature*, ed. Paula H. Payne, Peter Lang (2004), 125-143.

- AMilton, Garrison and the Rhetoric of Demonization,≡ *American Periodicals* 9 (1999): 15-26
- A>Women are indebted to Milton...=: Milton and Woman=s Rights in the Nineteenth Century,≡ in *Arenas of Conflict: Milton and the Unfettered Mind*, eds. Durham and McColgan, Susquehanna University Press (1997), 51-64. (Volume was winner of the Milton Society of America Irene Samuel Award for the best multi-author collection of essays)
- A>according to our custom=: Milton=s Papal Attacks and their Italian Sources,≡ *Explorations in Renaissance Culture* XX (1994): 19-39.
- AA Fissure in the Milton Window?: Arnold=s 1888 Address,≡ in *Spokesperson Milton*, eds. Durham and McColgan, Susquehanna University Press (1994), 126-137
- AMilton at Vallombrosa,≡ *Milton Quarterly* 26 (March 1992): 20-21
- AHeywood=s Indulgent Pardoner,≡ *English Language Notes* 29 (1991): 21-30
- AGeorge W. Childs,≡ *American National Biography*, ed. John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes, 24 vols. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 4:812-14
- AJames McHenry,≡ *American National Biography*, ed. John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes, 24 vols. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 15:82-83

#### **Abstracts:**

AMilton at Vallombrosa,≡ *Milton Quarterly* 25 (December 1991): 157

AMilton and the Fascists,≡ *British Studies Intelligencer* (Winter 1990): 37-38

#### **Papers Presented:**

- “Milton and the Newtonians,” 9<sup>th</sup> International Milton Symposium, July 7-11, 2008, London, England
- “‘Something of doubt remains’: Milton and Cosmology,” 2007 Conference on John Milton, October 26, 2007, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- “Milton’s ‘Family Values’: Poems by Richard Howard,” 2005 Conference on John Milton, October 21, 2005, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- “Milton the Christian Scientist,” 2003 Conference on John Milton, October 24, 2003, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- “Milton’s Satan and 9/11,≡ 7<sup>th</sup> International Milton Symposium, June 2-6, 2002, Beaufort, South Carolina
- A>Crooked by nature= or >Godlike erect=: In Defense of Feminist Milton,≡ 2001 Conference on John Milton, October 19, 2001, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- AWhen Eve Reads Genesis,≡ South-Central Conference on Christianity and Literature, February 16, 2001, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- AMilton in >Performance=: Introducing Chief Seattle,≡ 1999 Conference on John Milton, October 23, 1999, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- AThomas Wright of Durham: A Study of Milton=s Influence on the Study of Cosmology,≡ 1997 Conference on John Milton, October 24, 1997, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

- ABuilding Shakespeare=s Identity in the Late Nineteenth Century,≡ Midwest Modern Language Association, November 1995, St. Louis, Missouri
- AMilton, Abolition, and the American Civil War: *Paradise Lost* and the Rhetoric of Demonization,≡ 1995 Conference on John Milton, October 27, 1995, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- AWhen Eve Learned to Read: Nineteenth-Century Feminists and Milton,≡ Midwest Modern Language Association, November 1994, Chicago, Illinois
- AWomen are indebted to Milton...=: Milton and Women=s Rights in the Nineteenth Century,≡ Southeastern Nineteenth Century Studies Association, April 9, 1994, Lexington, Kentucky
- AWomen are indebted to Milton...=: Milton and Sarah Grimke,≡ Second Southeastern Conference on John Milton, October 22, 1993, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
- AThe Politics of Shakespeare=s *Taming of the Shrew*,≡ Central Renaissance Conference, April 25, 1992, Lincoln, Nebraska
- AMilton at Vallombrosa,≡ Fourth International Milton Symposium, August 9, 1991, Vancouver, British Columbia
- AMilton and the Fascists,≡ Western Conference on British Studies, October 5, 1990, Snowbird, Utah
- A>wondrous Art Pontifical=: Milton=s Identification of Rome,≡ South-Central Conference on Christianity and Literature, February 9, 1990, New Orleans, Louisiana
- AA Brief History of Rhetoric and Composition,≡ Symposium on Composition and Rhetoric, Tennessee Technological University, March 22, 1990, Cookeville, Tennessee
- AThe >History= of *Paradise Lost*,≡ Western Conference on British Studies, October 30, 1987, Lincoln, Nebraska

#### **Other Presentations:**

- “Milton after 9/11,” Department of English and Journalism Faculty Colloquium, November 9, 2004
- AThe Stonecipher Symposium,≡ presented to President Robert Bell=s Board of Advisors, April 4, 2001
- AWatching the Western,≡ Guest Lecture in History 425-525: American Westward Movement, December 1, 1999
- ATTU=s Web of Instruction: Where are we headed?≡ sponsored by the TTU Instructional Improvement and Faculty Development Committee, April 8, 1999
- ATeaching with a Web-Page,≡ sponsored by TTU Department of English, February 23, 1999
- ALong Distance Learning,≡ sponsored by Tennessee Tech AAUP Chapter, Tennessee Technological University, November 10, 1998, Cookeville, Tennessee
- ATeaching with the Internet,≡ Tennessee Technological University, June 23, 1998, Cookeville, Tennessee

- AOpening Remarks,≡ Stonecipher Symposium on Technology, Communication and Culture, Tennessee Technological University, March 2, 1998
- ACreating a Reading Journal,≡ Teaching Literature Conference, Tennessee Technological University, March 25, 1995, Cookeville, Tennessee.
- ATeaching Metaphor,≡sponsored by TTU Department of English, December 7, 1993
- AMilton in American Periodicals,≡ sponsored by TTU Department of English, May 7, 1993

### **Professional Memberships:**

Milton Society of America (Life)  
 Modern Language Association  
 Phi Kappa Phi

### **SERVICE**

#### **Western Illinois University:**

- Arts & Sciences Presidential Scholarship Committee (2007- )
- Arts & Sciences Masters of Liberal Arts & Sciences Steering Committee (2007- )
- Arts & Sciences Ad Hoc Chairs Committee on Department Criteria (Summer 2005)
- Arts & Sciences Search Committee for Associate Dean for Research, External Funding, and Graduate Studies (Spring 2005)
- First-Year Experience Committee (2004-2006)
- Arts & Sciences Dean Review Committee, Chair (2002-2003)

#### **Tennessee Technological University:**

- Stonecipher Symposium on Technology, Communication and Culture, Organizer and Co-Chair (1997-2002)
- University Admissions and Credits Committee (1994-2000)
- University Non-Instructional Faculty Assignment Committee (1995-1998)
- University Regents Degree Committee (2001-2002)
- Committee on the Undergraduate Program for Tennessee Tech=s Self-Study (1993-1994); secretary for committee
- Arts & Sciences Academic Misconduct Committee (1999-present); chair of committee, 2001-2002
- Department of English Promotion Committee, Chair (1997-1998; 1999-2000)
- Department of English Five-Year Review Committee (1997, 2001)
- Department of English Curriculum Review Committee (1997-2002)
- Department of English Curriculum Committee (1994-2000)
- Department of English Freshman Advisory Committee (1993-2002)
- Department of English Portfolio Review Committee (1991-1996)
- Department of English Identity Committee (1993-1994)
- Department of English Search Committee (1992-1994; 1995-1996)

- Department of English Adjunct Committee (1989-1994)
- Department of English Research Committee (1992-1993)
- AAUP Executive Committee, (1990-1991; 1999-2002)
- AAUP, Chair of Committee Z, Economic Status of the Profession (1999-2002)