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Education

1987 Ph.D. in English Education (major area: rhetoric and composition), University of Missouri-Columbia
1983 Educational Specialist Degree, University of Missouri-Columbia
1973 M.A. in English, North Texas State University, Denton, Texas
1969 B.A. in English, University of Missouri-Columbia
1967 A.A. Degree, Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri

Employment

1999-2004 Professor
1996-99 Associate Professor
1989-96 Assistant Professor, Department of English,
Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida

1987-1989 Assistant Professor, College of Education, University of Missouri,
Columbia, MO.

Director, Program for the Support of Writing in the Schools, jointly
sponsored by the Colleges of Arts & Science and
Education, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

1982-1987 Coordinator of Freshman Writing, English Department, University
of Missouri, Columbia, MO

1979-1982 Director, Title IV-C In-Service Writing Project (Writing Across the
Curriculum), Columbia Public Schools, Columbia, MO

1971-1979 Teacher (grades 9-12), Hickman High School, Columbia, MO

1969-71 Teacher (grades 7-12), Cooper County R-IV Schools, Bunceton,
MO

Publications

- "Scott Russell Sanders: The Grounded Voice." *Writing Environments: Rhetoric, Texts, and the Construction of Nature*. Eds. Sid Dobrin & Chris Keller. Syracuse: State University of New York Press, forthcoming, January 2005.
- "Searching for Duncan: a glimpse into the process of finding a college president." *Rollins Alumni Record*. Fall 2004: 14-15.
- Editor, *Shifting Gears: Small, Startling Moments In and Out of the Classroom*. Orlando, FL: Red Pepper Press, March 2004.
- "One Night, I Saw the Goddess on Park Avenue." *Shifting Gears: Small, Startling Moments In and Out of the Classroom*. Orlando, FL: Red Pepper Press, March 2004.
- "Bringing Down the Fire: Writing with Emotion." *Thought and Action* Fall 2002: 1-11.
- "Welcome to the Underworld." *The Orlando Group and Friends: A Collection of Writings and Art*. Eds. Christine Blackwell, Philip F. Deaver, & Stephen Caldwell Wright. Orlando: Arbiter Press, 2000.
- "A Teacher's Lament." *The Voice* Vol. 2, No. 2 Fall 1997: 9.
- "Lezlie and Brian's Excellent Academic Adventure." *Sharing Pedagogies: Students and Teachers Write About Dialogic Practices*. Eds. Gail Tayko and John Tassoni. Portsmouth, NH: Boynton Cook Publishers, 1996. 33-48.
- "Imaging Experience." *The Quarterly* December 1994: 20-22+.
- "Old Voices / New Conversations." *English Journal* December 1993: 30-34.
- "Story ≠ Essay." *Journal of Teaching Writing* Summer/Fall 1992: 89-104.
- "Questioning Our Way to 'Wonder, Wisdom, and Serendipitous Knowledge.'" *English Education* December 1989: 230-238.
- "The Cumulative Comment Sheet: A Way Students Can See Their Writing Improve." *Missouri English Bulletin* April 1989: 19-20.
- "'So Much Depends' . . . on how you begin--A Poetry Lesson." *English Journal* November 1987: 29-35.
- "A Policy Statement on the Teaching of Grammar." *Tutorial* Vol. 2, No. 1. Spring, 1987.
- "Anatomy of a Writing Assignment, or How Dieting Can Improve Your Students' Writing." *English Journal* September 1983: 29-31.

Unpublished Manuscripts

When the Teacher is Ready, Students Will Appear. (A collection of autobiographical essays on teaching, writing, creativity, and spirituality.)

Bush League Essays. (A collection of humorous essays completed December, 2002.)

Letters for the New Millennium: Queries, Observations, and Meditations on a Teacher's Life. (A collection of epistolary essays completed November, 2000.)

Representative Conference Presentations

March, 1999. Conference on College Composition and Communication.
Atlanta, Georgia. "Thinking Partnerships in the Writing Workshop."

March, 1998. Conference on College Composition and Communication.
Chicago, IL. "Students' Reflective Practices."

March 23, 1995. Conference on College Composition and Communication,
Washington, D.C. "Developing Response Techniques through Protocol Analysis."

November 21, 1992. Conference of the National Council of Teachers of
English, Louisville, KY: "Social Constructivism in the Teaching of Writing."

November 18, 1992. NCTE Assembly for Research Conference. Louisville, KY:
"Improving Writers' Response Language."

October 3, 1992. Miami University Conference on the Teaching of Writing,
Oxford, Ohio: "Using Portfolio Assessment to Increase Effectiveness in
Peer Response Workshops."

March, 1992. Conference on English Education, Washington, DC: "Reflecting
on Practice/Testing Theory: Teachers Learning from their Students."

October, 1991. Florida Council of Teachers of English Conference, Daytona
Beach, FL: "Bio-Sketch: Yet Another Adaptation of the Character Sketch."

March, 1991. Conference on College Composition and Communication,
Boston, MA: "A Story Does Not An Essay Make."

February, 1990. Write-to-Learn Conference, Missouri Department of Education,
Lake Ozark, Missouri: "The Exploratory Essay and Its Place in College
Composition."

November, 1989. National Convention of the National Council of Teachers of
English, Baltimore, MD: "A Sequence of Summary Assignments."

College Teaching Experience

Rollins College:

Eng 101	Freshman Composition
Eng 103	Writing in the Liberal Arts*
INT 200	Introduction to Liberal Studies
Eng 206	Style & Stylistics *
INT 220	The Search for Meaning *
Eng 230	Literary Non-Fiction*
Eng 268	Saturday Writing Intensives*
Eng 300	Expository Writing
Eng 301	The Art & Craft of Autobiography*
Eng 306	Autobiographical Fiction*
Eng 327	The Art of the Personal Essay*
Eng 329	Winter with the Writers*
Eng 350	Rollins Writing Workshop*
Eng 370	Spiritual Autobiography*
Eng 391	Writing About Literature
Eng 384	Prose Style*
Eng 372	Editing Essentials*
Eng 450	Writing Autobiography *
Eng 498	Independent Writing Projects*
Eng 590	Teaching of Writing*

*Indicates new course developed for Rollins.

University of Missouri:

Composition and Rhetoric
Theory and Practice of College Composition
Missouri Writing Project
Language Instruction in Secondary English
Teaching Composition in Secondary English
Approaches to Composition/Theory and Practice

Grants

2001, Writing Residency at the Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT (Oct, 2002).

2001, Scholarship of Teaching Grant from Christian A. Johnson Institute
for Effective Teaching, \$2000.

2001, Project Grant from Association for Continuing Higher Education, \$1500.

1997, Rollins Faculty Development Grant to attend Conference on Creative
Nonfiction, August 13-16, 1997, Baltimore, Maryland.

- 1996, Rollins Faculty Development Grant to attend Covey Leadership Workshop (Seven Habits of Highly Effective People), March, Orlando, FL.
- 1995, Rollins Faculty Development Grant to attend the Iowa Writers' Workshop, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.
- 1993, Jesse Ball duPont Summer Seminar Study Grant, National Humanities Center, Chapel Hill, North Carolina: "Constructing Selves."
- 1992, Rollins Faculty Development Grant to attend workshop sponsored by the Assoc. of Writing Program Administrators, Breckenridge, CO.

Awards

- 2003 Arthur Vining Davis Fellowship 2003-2004
- 1999 28th Annual Women's Achievement Award: Outstanding Educator Women's Executive Council of Orlando, FL.
- 1994 Walter E. Barden Award for Excellence in Teaching, Rollins College.

Committees

- 2004, Curriculum Task Force Committee, Hamilton Holt School
- 2003-2004, Search Committee for President, Rollins College
- 1999-00, Search Committee for Dean of Arts and Science, Rollins College
- 1996-04, Writing Committee, Chair
- 1989-2004, Holt Core Faculty Committee
- 1998-00, Writing Center Advisory Committee
- 1997-99, Professional Standards Committee
- 1995-96, Steering Committee for the Johnson Institute for Effective Teaching and Learning
- 1993-94, Professional Standards Committee
- 1992-93, SACS Evaluation Curriculum Committee
- 1992, NEH / NSF grant proposal committee
- 1991-93, Academic Affairs Committee, Secretary

Professional Boards and Organizations

- Advisory Council for Florida Writing Projects
- Associated Writing Programs
- Conference on College Composition and Communication
- Council of Writing Program Administrators
- Florida Association of Teachers of English

National Council of Teachers of English