



**Curriculum Vita  
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<b>EDUCATION</b>
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Doctor of Philosophy East Texas A&M University, 2011  
Master's Degree (English) 2004 Hardin Simmons University  
Bachelor's Degree (English) 1996 Hardin Simmons University

<b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</b>
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August 2024 to May 2025 8th Grade English/Language Arts/Reading Teacher, Jim Ned Independent School District  
January 2019 to October 2023 Writing Center Manager, Western Governors University  
July 2015 to December 2018 Writing Center Course Instructor, Western Governors University  
Fall 2010 to Spring 2015 English Professor, Texas A&M University - Texarkana  
Spring 2010 Adjunct English Instructor, Tarrant County College District  
Fall 2009 - Spring 2010 Adjunct English Instructor, Argosy University  
Fall 2006 to Spring 2010 Graduate Teaching Assistant, East Texas A&M  
2005 - 2006 Adjunct English Instructor, Abilene Christian University  
2005 Adjunct English Instructor, Cisco Junior College

2002-2004 7th grade Language Arts, Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District  
2000-2002 7th grade Language Arts, Lubbock Independent School District  
1999-2000 Spanish Teacher, Plainview Independent School District  
1996-1999 English Teacher, Clyde Consolidated Independent School District

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Workshops

*"Writing as a Process."* Abilene Writers Guild. Abilene, TX. September 27, 2018.  
*"Now You See Me; Now You Don't: Revealing the Racialized Other in Young Adult Literature."* LSU Young Adult Literature Conference and Seminar: YAL: What is it good for? Absolutely everything! Louisiana State University—Baton Rouge, LA. June 2-6, 2014.

### Sessions Facilitated or Moderated

*"The Architecture of Knowledge: Making Meaning."* Sixteenth Annual English Graduates for Academic Development Conference (EGAD), Commerce, Texas, October 2007.  
*"Rhetoric and Oration."* North Texas Federation Rhetoric Symposium. Commerce, TX. February 2007

## PUBLICATIONS

Akens, J. (2009). [Review of the book *Invisibility in African American and Asian Literature: A Comparative Study* by K.Szmanko.] *Journal of the American Studies Association of Texas*, Vol 40, p 83.  
Akens, J. (2014). [Review of *Lynching to Belong: Claiming Whiteness through Racial Violence*, by Cynthia Stove Nevels.] *Journal of the American Studies Association of Texas*, Vol 45, p 67.  
Akens, J. (2015). [Review of *Discworld and the Disciplines: Critical Approaches to the Terry Pratchett Works*, ed. A. H. Alton and W. C. Spruiell.] *Children's Literature Association Quarterly*, Vol 40 (1) p 91.