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Education

Ph.D. in English
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
Dissertation: "Fearful Beginnings: The Evolution of the American Ghost Story for Children"
Committee: Susan Stewart (Director), Karen Roggenkamp, Hunter Hayes, and Eric Gruver.
December, 2013

Graduate Certificate in Studies in Children's & Adolescent Literature & Culture
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
May, 2013

M.A. in English
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
December, 2008

B.A. in English Literature, Minor in Philosophy
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
December, 2005

Peer Reviewed Publications

Books

Ferrier-Watson, Sean. *The Children's Ghost Story in America*. McFarland, 2017.

Book Chapters

Ferrier-Watson, Sean. "Beyond the Language Barrier: Just Approaches to Teaching Literacy at Community Colleges." *Beyond Equity at Community Colleges: Bringing Theory into Practice for Justice and Liberation* (Forthcoming with Routledge)
—. "Myth, Time, and Place in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*." *Place of Childhood Fancy: Essays on Space, Speculation, and Children's Fiction* (Forthcoming with McFarland.)

Articles

- Ferrier-Watson, Sean. "The Many Roads of Oz: An Existential Reading of Maguire's Wicked Witch of the West." *Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts.*, vol. 28, no. 2, 2017, pp. 218-35.
- . "Seasoned to Taste and Serve: Relativism and American Modernity in *Monkey Town: The Summer of the Scopes Trial*." *Journal of the American Studies Association of Texas*, vol. 44, Nov., 2013, pp. 21-33.
- . "The Quips of a Desperate Knight: Sir John Falstaff's Financial Woes in Shakespeare's 1 and 2 *Henry IV* and *Henry V*." *Sigma Tau Delta Review*, vol. 9, 2012, pp.106-15.
- . "A Bear and His Choices: Rebellion, Questioning, and Existentialism in *Winnie-the-Pooh*." *The Journal of Children's Literature Studies*, vol. 8, no. 2, Jul., 2011, pp. 33-44.

Republished/Anthologized

- Ferrier-Watson, Sean. "The Quips of a Desperate Knight: Sir John Falstaff's Financial Woes in Shakespeare's 1 and 2 *Henry IV* and *Henry V*." *Shakespearean Criticism: Criticism of William Shakespeare's Plays and Poetry, from the First Published Appraisals to Current Evaluations*, Vol. 175, Layman Poupard, 2017, pp. 52-55.

Reviews

- Ferrier-Watson, Sean. "Review of *The Cultural Construction of Monstrous Children: Chapters on Anomalous Children from 1596 to the Present Day*." *Supernatural Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Art, Media, and Culture*, Vol. 7, no 1, n/p., 2021.
- . "Review of *Malory's Magic Book: King Arthur and the Child, 1862-1980*." *Children's Literature Association Quarterly*, vol. 45, no. 2, 2020, pp. 195-7.
- . "Unraveling the Female Ghost. By Robin Roberts. *Subversive Spirits: The Female Ghost in British and American Popular Culture*." *Extrapolation*, vol. 60, no. 3, 2020, pp. 33-4.
- . Review of *Peanuts and American Culture: Essays on Charles M. Schulz's Iconic Comic Strip* ed. by Peter W. Y. Lee. *Children's Literature Association Quarterly*, vol. 44 no. 4, 2019, pp. 460-62.
- . "Review of *Oz Behind the Iron Curtain: Aleksandr Volkov and His Magic Land Series*." *Journal of the Fantastic in the Arts*, vol. 20, no. 1, 2019, pp. 110-2.
- . "Review of *That Mad Louisa*." *Journal of the Association for the Study of Australian Literature: Undead Ghosts: Spectrality and the Transgression of Cultural Norms*, vol. 11 no. 2, 2011.

Fiction & Poetry Publications

Poetry

- Ferrier-Watson, Sean. "Ghosts." *Down in the Dirt* (under consideration)
- . "Zombies." *Illumen*, vol. 17, no. 2., Winter, 2021, p. 48.
- . "Caprock Canyon." *Hawk & Whippoorwill*, Winter 2020
- . "White Lies." *Better Than Starbucks*, vol. 5, no. 3, 2020, p. 23.
- . "Wireless Master." *Forces*, 2015, p.54.
- . "If Superman." *Borderlands: Texas Poetry Review*, no. 29, Fall/Winter, 2007, p.47.

Short Stories

Ferrier-Watson, Sean. "Stargazer." *Uncharted Magazine* (under consideration)
— "Bend in the River." *Button Eye Review* (under consideration)
— "The Archway." *Black Static* (under consideration)
— "Don't Let the Dog Out." Black Shuck Publishing (under consideration)
— "Goatman's Bridge." *Button Eye Review* (under consideration)
— "Changing Classrooms." *Parents for Parents Magazine*, Summer, 2008, pp.48-9.

Fiction Reviews

Review of *Whispers of Magic*, Alban Lake Publishing for Hiraeth Books (in progress)

Teaching & Tutoring Positions

Professor, Dept. English and Literature
Collin College, Frisco, Texas
August, 2019-Present

Professor, Dept. English and Literature
Collin College, Plano, Texas
August, 2013-September, 2019

Graduate Assistant Teaching, Dept. Literature & Languages
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
August, 2009- August, 2013

Adjunct Instructor, English Dept.-Greenville Center
Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas
January, 2010-May, 2012

Writing Center Tutor, Dept. of Literature & Languages
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
July, 2011-August, 2011

Adjunct Instructor, English Dept.-Corinth Campus
North Central Texas College, Gainesville, Texas
January, 2009-July, 2009

Teaching Fellow, English Dept.
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
August, 2008-December, 2008

Academic Assistant, English Dept.
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
August, 2006-May, 2008

General Tutor, UNT Writing Lab
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

January, 2006-May, 2007

Administrative Positions

Assistant Director of the Writing Center
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
August, 2012- August, 2013

Tech Classroom Positions

Video Coordinator, Department of Distance Learning
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
July, 2007-December, 2007

Classes Taught

Honors World Literature II (course theme: “a golden age of children’s literature”)

World Literature I

World Literature II

American Literature I

American Literature II

Composition and Rhetoric I

Composition and Rhetoric II

Intro to College Reading & Writing Lab

Developmental Writing & Reading

Children’s Literature

Shakespeare (co-taught)

Scholarly & Teaching Interests

Children’s and Adolescent Literature; Young Adult (YA) Literature; Composition and Rhetoric; American Literature; Fantasy and Science Fiction; Writing Center Pedagogy; Fairy Tale Studies; and Studies in Popular Culture

External Grants

Humanities Texas Mini-Grant

Project Directors: Dr. Hunter Hayes (Director), Sean Ferrier-Watson (Co-Director), and J.D. Isip
Awarded: \$500

Date: March 25th, 2013 (Awarded); April 5th, 2013 (Event)

Purpose: funding poets Julie Kane and Irena Praitis to speak at *The Mayo Review* Launch Party

Humanities Texas: “Making Sense of the Civil War”

Project Directors: J.D. Isip (Director) and Sean Ferrier-Watson (Co-Director)

Awarded: \$1,405

Date: October 3rd, 2012 (Awarded); December 7th, 2012 (Event)

Purpose: funding presentations, readings, and discussion on Civil War history and literature for the Hunt County community and students of Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Conference Presentations

47th Annual Children's Literature Association Conference (Accepted)
Presenting: "Environmental Heroics in Cartoon Network's *Adventure Time*"
June 2022
Bellevue, Washington

62nd Annual American Studies Association of Texas Conference
Presented: "Americanizing *The Iliad*"
November 9, 2018
Huntsville, Texas

45th Annual Children's Literature Association Conference
Presented: "Myth, Time, and Water in *Miss. Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*"
June 28, 2018
San Antonio, Texas

61st Annual American Studies Association of Texas Conference
Presented: "The Power of Literary Fandom: The Journey to Save America in *Ready Player One*"
November 11, 2017
Huntsville, Texas

44th Annual Children's Literature Association Conference
Presented: "Haunting the Future of Children's Literature: Creepypastas and the Changing Face of Online Folklore"
June 24, 2017
Tampa, Florida

60th Annual American Studies Association of Texas Conference
Presented: "Slender Man and the Birth of Digital Folklore in America"
November 13, 2016
Huntsville, Texas

South Central Modern Language Association Conference
Presented: "'Ghost in the Machine': The Online Folklore of Bloody Mary and Other Ghostly Tales"
November 3, 2016
Dallas, Texas

59th Annual American Studies Association of Texas Conference
Presented: "Haunting the Margins of *The Brownies' Book*: Ghosts and Other Spooky Tales in Early African-American Children's Literature"
November 13, 2015
Huntsville, Texas

42nd Annual Children's Literature Association Conference
Presented: "Haunting Suburbia: Consumption, Consumerism, and Identity Crisis in R. L. Stine's *Goosebumps*"

June 20, 2015
Richmond, Virginia

Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC)
Roundtable Session: “Networks for Research: Building Infrastructures to Support Empirical
Research at #4C15 and Beyond” (Respondent)
March 20, 2015
Tampa, Florida

Two-Year College English Association-Southwest Annual Conference
Presented: “Extending the ‘Write’ Spaces: The Benefits of Workshop Collaboration in Community
College Writing Centers”
October 25, 2014
Frisco, Texas

41st Annual Children’s Literature Association Conference
Presented: “Unmasking the Ghost: Spectrality and the Liminal Space(s) of Nineteenth-Century
American Girlhood”
June 20, 2014
Columbia, South Carolina

57th Annual American Studies Association of Texas Conference
Presented: “The Rise of the Specter: the Beginnings of the Supernatural Ghost Story for Children”
November 16, 2013
Waco, Texas

South Central Modern Language Association Conference
Presented: “‘*Difference Made Legal*’: The Dilemma of the White Moderate in *To Kill a Mockingbird*”
Read by Jomar Daniel Isip
October 4, 2013
New Orleans, Louisiana

40th Annual Children’s Literature Association Conference
Presented: “Behind ‘The Closed Door’: The Risk of Discovery in a Forgotten Ghost Story by L. M.
Montgomery”
June 14, 2013
Biloxi, Mississippi

CSUF Acacia Conference: Mediated Selves
Presented: “‘Airy Nothings’: Transforming the Ghost Story for the Nursery”
March 2, 2013
Fullerton, California

56th Annual American Studies Association of Texas Conference
Presented: “The Regionalist Writings of Jack Kerouac”

November 17, 2012
Wichita Falls, Texas

10th Annual A&M Pathways Symposium
Presented: "Buying Their Words: Consumer Students, Corporate Colleges, and the Paper Mill Industry"
November 9, 2012
Galveston, Texas

19th Annual EGAD Conference
Presented: "Poe's Transcendental Gothic"
April 13, 2012
Commerce, Texas

38th Annual Children's Literature Association Conference
Presented: "A Bear and His Choices: Rebellion, Questioning, and Existentialism in *Winnie-the-Pooh*"
June 24, 2011
Roanoke, Virginia

National Popular Culture & American Culture Conference
Presented: "The Many Roads of Oz: An Existential Reading of Maguire's 'Wicked Witch of the West'"
April 23, 2011
San Antonio, Texas

Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC)
Presented: "Distorted Identities: Explicating Textbook Narratives in Segregated Communities"
April 8, 2011
Atlanta, Georgia

Federation Rhetoric Symposium
Presented: "Reimagining Literacy for Children: Democracy, Free Expression, and the Pressure to Defy in Children's Cartoons"
March 9, 2011
Commerce, Texas

East Texas Historical Association Conference
Presented: "African American Community Development in East Texas"
February 18, 2011
Waco, Texas

8th Annual A&M Pathways Symposium
Presented: "Relativism and American Modernity in *Monkey Town: The Summer of the Scopes Trial*"
October 22, 2010
Canyon, Texas

18th Annual EGAD Conference

Presented: "American Foreign Policy Perspectives in *The Great Gatsby*"

February 26, 2010

Commerce, Texas

Professional and Guest Speaking Appearances

Books 2 Movies: Don't Judge a Book by Its Movie

Introducing *Ready Player One* (keynote)

Midwestern State University, Moffette Library

November 15, 2018

Wichita Falls, Texas

Humanities Texas: "Making Sense of the Civil War"

Talk on Henry David Thoreau's "Slavery in Massachusetts" and "Civil Disobedience"

December 7th, 2012

Spring MANE Event

Introduction to English Studies at Texas A&M University-Commerce (requested to speak)

March 5, 2011

Professional Workshops & Seminars

Cengage Learning's TeamUP Faculty Program/THECB IRW Kickoff Conference (Attended)

Purpose: familiarizing administrators and instructors with the state coordinating board's new policies on developmental reading and writing courses.

Irving, Texas

February 7-8, 2013

Editorial Experience

Assistant Editor, *Journal of the American Studies Association of Texas*

Midwestern State University, Wichita Fall, Texas

November 2019-present

Section Editor, *Quest Journal*

Collin College, Plano, Texas

September 2013-present

Book Review Editor, *Journal of the American Studies Association of Texas*

Baylor University & Sam Houston State University, Texas

November 2015-2019

Poetry Editor, *The Mayo Review*

Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas

August 2012-May 2013

Fiction Editor, *The Mayo Review*
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
August 2011-May 2012

Publicity Editor, *The Mayo Review*
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
August 2010-May 2011

Poetry Reader, *North Texas Review*
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
December 2004-January 2005

Academic Organizations & Other Leadership Positions

Vice President, American Studies Association of Texas
Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas
Fall 2019-present

Faculty Adviser, Writer's Bloc
Collin College, Plano, Texas
Fall 2015-present

Assistant Chair, Writing Center Committee
Collin College, Plano, Texas
Fall 2013-Fall 2014

Vice President, Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
Fall 2011-Spring 2012

Vice President, JUNTO
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
Fall 2010-Spring 2012

Treasurer, English Graduates for Academic Development
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
Fall 2010-Spring 2011

Communications Officer, JUNTO
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
Fall 2010-Spring 2011

Honors & Awards

Collin College Engaged Scholar Award, 2016
ASAT Conference Best Presentation Award, 2013

TAMUC Summer Dissertation Fellowship, 2013
H. M. Lafferty Scholarship, 2011
Adelle Rogers Clark Memorial Endowment Scholarship, 2011
Paul Wells Barrus Endowment Scholarship, 2011
Marry Patchell Scholarship, 2004
Learning Center Certificate of Outstanding Service, 2003-2004
UNT President's List, 2003

Academic Affiliations (past & present)

International Association of the Fantastic in the Arts
International Writing Center Association
South Central Modern Language Association
Modern Language Association
Children's Literature Association
American Studies Association of Texas
Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society
Sigma Alpha Lambda, National Leadership Honor Society
Phi Kappa Phi (honor society)

Committee Work

Super Quiz Coordinator, Texas Academic Decathlon
August 2019-present

Faculty Advisor, Writers' Bloc: Collin College's Literary Society
August 2014-present

Search Committee Chair, Collin College
January-May 2016

Student Research Conference Committee
November 2013-Present

Writing Center Committee
October 2013-Present

Quest Journal Committee: Online Refereed Journal for Students
September 2013-Present

Academic Services

Internal:

Collin College 5th Annual Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Student Research Conference
Panel Chair

Panels: “Rewriting Writing’s Future: Exploring the Fate of Writing in the Modern World,”
Rhetorical Fallacies in Contemporary Advertising,” and “Unilever: Axing the ‘Dove Effect’”
April 16, 2014
Plano, Texas

Avoiding Plagiarism Workshop, November 8, 2013
Associate Professor Classroom Observation, September 2013
Quest Journal Committee

External:

Panel Chair
40th Annual Children’s Literature Association Conference
June 13, 2013
Biloxi, Mississippi

Ready Writing Judge
University Interscholastic League
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
April 2013

Presentation Judge for Undergraduate & Masters Student Panels
10th Annual A&M Pathways Symposium
Session Two, Social Science/Humanities Section
November 9th, 2012

Writing Judge for Student Contest Committee
The Guide To Writing at Texas A&M University-Commerce
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
April 2012

Ready Writing Judge
University Interscholastic League
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
April 2011

Conference Organizer, Federation Rhetoric Symposium
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
March 2011

Registration Assistant
American Studies Association of Texas Conference
Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
November 2010

Volunteer Tutor
UNT Learning Center
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
August 2003-May 2004