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Education

Baylor University, Waco, Texas

Ph.D. in Contemporary American literature conferred December 2000
Dissertation: "Whose Culture Are You Bearing?": Searching for Self in Toni Morrison's Novels
Area of Concentration: 20th Century Literature & Contemporary 20th Century Literature

The University of Dallas

Master of Arts, English Literature with a concentration in the Humanities,
May 1991
Thesis: "The Feminine Treatment in Dostoevsky"

Baylor University, Waco

Bachelor of Arts, English

May 1986

Secondary Education Certification

May 1987

Teaching Experience

Baylor University

Senior Lecturer, 2006-present

**Dual Lectureship: the College of Arts & Sciences, English
And Curriculum & Instruction, the School of Education.**

Resident Faculty Fellow, the *Office of Engaged Learning*, College of Arts & Sciences, 2023-present.

Director of Civic Engagement, the *Office of Engaged Learning*, College of Arts & Sciences, August 2019-2023.

Post-Doctoral Fellow, August 2000-2001

Teaching Assistant, 1998-2000

British Literature (Sophomore Masterpieces)

American Literature

Thinking and Writing

Thinking, Writing, and Research

Dallas Baptist University

Adjunct Instructor
Thinking, Writing, and Research
British Survey of Literature
Developmental English

McLennan Community College, Waco, Texas
Adjunct Instructor
Thinking and Writing
Thinking, Writing, and Research
Developmental English
British Literature

Navarro College, Waxahachie campus
Adjunct Instructor and Concurrent Curriculum Author
Thinking and Writing
Thinking, Writing, and Research
British Survey before Burns, After Burns
Concurrent Credit English for Waxahachie I.S.D.

MountainView College, Dallas Community College District
Thinking and Writing
Developmental English

Waxahachie High School
English I, III, IV, and Honors I&IV
Department Chairperson, English, Foreign language, reading
departments

Honors and Awards

Invited Speaker, “The Necessity of Young Adult Literature in Secondary Schools Today,” invited by Undergraduate Admissions for program *Bear For a Day*, February 24 & April 5, 2024, the Mark and Paula Hurd Welcome Center, Baylor University.

Invited Faculty Member, *Baylor in Great Britain Wintermester*, December 27-January 12, 2024. I travelled to London and Paris with Director, Dr. Chuck North, to supervise and teach 14 Baylor students in English 3378 or Travel Writing.

Resident Faculty Fellow, Office of Engaged Learning, College of Arts & Sciences, appointed by Dean Andy Hogue, August 2023.

Invited Speaker, “Mock English Classroom Lecture: The Artistry of Sue Monk Kidd’s *The Secret Life of Bees*.” Presented for Undergraduate Admissions and future Baylor Bears, mostly Juniors in High School. Foster Success Center. April 1, 2023.

Invited Speaker, “The Art of the Lecture,” presented at *New Graduate Student Orientation*, the *Academy for Teaching and Learning*, Baylor University, August 16, 2023.

Director of Civic Engagement, *Office of Civic Learning and Engagement*, College of Arts & Sciences, appointed by Deans Andy Hogue and Lee Nordt, August 2019-2023.

Faculty Co-Director, Australia Study Abroad Program, the School of Education, Curriculum & Instruction, appointed by Drs. Trena Wilkerson and Suzanne Nesmith, fall 2023. Duties included supervising students in elementary and middle schools in Brisbane, Australia.

Keynote Speaker, “Motivating Advanced Placement Students in the College Classroom,” invited by *the College Board* and *Advanced Placement Teachers*, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, June 24, 2022.

Invited Speaker/Panelist, Baylor Admissions/Events and Experiences, “Welcome to Baylor, our English Department, and Study Abroad Opportunities,” program given in home of BU Donors as part of a welcome reception, Houston, Texas, April 10, 2022.

Invited Speaker, “My Role as Faculty-in-Residence and Senior Lecturer,” *Baylor University Alumni Engagement*, invited by Virginia Ellis, Senior Director for Alumni Engagement, Atlanta, Georgia, February 16-20, 2022.

Invited Speaker/Panelist, Baylor Admissions/Events and Experiences, “Welcome to Baylor, our English Department, and Study Abroad Opportunities,” program given in home of BU Donors as part of a welcome reception, Dallas, Texas, October 19, 2022.

Invited Speaker, “Lilly Discovers Her Past: a Study of The Secret Life of Bees,” *Know Where You Are Going Day*, Baylor University, Undergraduate Admissions, April 15, 2019.

Invited Speaker, “Why I am Passionate about Teaching,” Kappa Delta Pi, the School of Education Initiation Ceremony, November 10, 2019.

Invited Keynote Speaker, “The Power of the Narrative,” Baylor University Academic Convocation, August 2018, chosen by the Convocation Committee and the Provost, August 17, 2018.

Awardee, Named Question Leader/Exam Leader by *The College Board* and Advanced Placement leadership for English AP exam. June 3-19, 2018. Duties included leader of over 250 secondary and college English teachers for the annual grading symposium, 2018.

Invited Speaker, Baylor University, “Called to Teach,” sponsored by *The Academy for Teaching and Learning*, Symposium, fall 2018.

Invited Speaker, Baylor University's *Distinguished Scholars Day*, "How to Succeed as a Secondary Education Major," September 2018 and February 2019.

Invited Speaker, New Faculty Orientation, "What it Means to be a Senior Lecturer at Baylor University. August 2018-2024.

Invited Speaker, *Know Where You Are Going Weekend*, Baylor University, invited by Directors of Admissions, April 15, 2018.

Invited Faculty Member, Baylor in Great Britain, summer 2015, 2017, and 2019. I will teach English 2301/British Literature in the BGB program as well as English 3378, a travel writing course.

Faculty in Residence at South Russell Residence Hall, appointed by Campus Living and Learning, July 2014-present.

Featured Speaker, "Minutes with Mona," Monthly gathering of South Russell Impact LLC students, with focus on academic support at Baylor University, August 2016-present.

Invited Speaker, Invitation to Excellence, Baylor University, Curriculum & Instruction, School of Education, August 2016-present.

Honoree, Moon Mullins Outstanding Faculty Award, October 2016, given by the Mullins' family to support faculty members who excel in the classroom and devote time and energy to student athletes by supporting sports in and out of the classroom.

Honoree, *Outstanding Professor Award*, presented by the Student Athletes of Baylor University, presented at Athletic Banquet, Ferrell Center, May 2016.

Honoree, *Outstanding Professor Award*, presented by the Student Athletes of Baylor University, presented at Athletic Banquet, Ferrell Center, May 2015.

Honoree, *Outstanding Professor Award*, presented by the Student Athletes of Baylor University, presented at Athletic Banquet, Ferrell Center, May 2013.

Honoree, *Outstanding Professor Award*, presented by the Student Athletes of Baylor University, presented at Athletic Banquet, Ferrell Center, May 2012.

Question Leader, chosen by The College Board for the summer *AP* Advanced Placement Grading, held in Louisville, KY, June 3-15, 2014, 2016, 2017.

Invited Keynote Speaker, Baylor Fling, held on April 12, 2014, The Galloway Suites, Floyd Casey Stadium, sponsored by the Baylor Women's Network.

Director of Baylor in Maastricht Study Abroad Program, fall 2013. I took 24 students to Maastricht, The Netherlands for a semester study abroad program, where I taught 2 classes at The University of Maastricht.

Baylor Fellow 2011-2012, chosen by Ed Burger, Vice-President for Strategic Educational Initiatives, and Provost Dr. Elizabeth Davis.

Honoree, Baylor University's Mortar Board, Distinguished Professor award, Circle of Achievement Banquet, spring 2010.

Faculty Fellow 2009, chosen as member of inaugural class at Baylor University, led by Dr. Gardner Campbell in the ATL (Academy for Teaching and Learning).

Honoree. Outstanding Professor, as chosen by 2009 Baylor Football team, presented at the BU vs. University of Connecticut game, September 19, 2009.

Honoree. Baylor University's Mortar Board, Recognition of Teachers. Nominated by Adrienne Bowman, November 20, 2008.

Winner, *Collins Outstanding Professor Award*, presented by the Senior Class 2008 Baylor University, April 7, 2008. University-wide Lecture entitled, "Tell Me the Stories I love to Hear: Why I Am Passionate about Teaching" given to colleagues, friends, and family on May 13, 2008, 4 pm, in Cashion Auditorium, Baylor University Campus.

Honoree, *Outstanding Professor Award*, presented by the Student Athletes of Baylor University, presented at Athletic Banquet, Ferrell Center, May 6, 2008.

Invited Participant, the *Summer Faculty Institute*, Baylor University, June 2-July 4, 2008, led by Drs. Tom Hanks, Lenore Wright, and Elizabeth Davis. Summer 2008 Participant.

Invited Guest Speaker, *The Waco Women's Reading Group*, November 2007. Presented "Why I Love Teaching American Literature" to thirty invited group members.

Dissertation—"Whose Culture Are You Bearing: Searching for Self in Toni Morrison's Novels"—was recently cited in *The Fiction of Toni Morrison: Reading and Writing on Race, Culture, and Identity*, edited by Jami L. Calacio and published by NCTE, 2007. ISBN: 9780814116791.

Honoree, Baylor University's Mortar Board, Recognition of Teachers. Nominated by Mallory Furmheister, November 2006.

Newly elected officer, Councilor for executive committee, *Council for College Teachers of English (CCTE)*, as of March 2006.

Guest Speaker, *Early College*, based in Dallas, where I film lectures for students to obtain dual credit via distance learning. October 2006 to present.

Summer Sabbatical Recipient, Baylor University, June and July 2005. * I will be writing a chapter on spirituality in Toni Morrison's *Paradise*.

Honoree, Pi Beta Phi's *Professor Book Dedication*, in conjunction with *One Book, One Waco* Reading Initiative, December 11, 2005, Baylor University.

Outstanding Woman Faculty Member, Presented by Theta Kappa Chapter of Chi Omega, Baylor University, spring 2003.

Baylor Women's League *Outstanding Women in the Workplace*, Recipient, Baylor University, spring 2001.

Pi Beta Phi Sorority *Outstanding Teacher Recognition*, Baylor University, spring 2000.

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Recipient, Baylor University 2000-2001.

Christine Fall Excellence in Teaching Award, Recipient, Baylor University, 1998-1999.

Honoree, Volunteer for *Campus Living and Learning*, Baylor University, spring 2003

Full Tuition Fellowship, Baylor University, Fall 1995-2000.

Finalist, "*Best Essay*," Clement Goode Young Scholars' Symposium, Baylor University, 1998.

Outstanding Teacher, Waxahachie I.S.D., 1994-1995.

Teacher of the Month, Waxahachie I.S.D., November, 1995.

Humanities Department Chairperson, 1995-1997 (Coordinator of English, Foreign Languages, Social Studies, and Reading). Waxahachie I.S.D., 1995-1997.

Nominee, *Outstanding Teacher of the Humanities*, awarded by The University of Texas, 1989-1990.

Publications

"What Now? On-line Pedagogical Reasoning of Student Teaching Secondary ELAR in Virtual Learning Environments. Handbook of *Research on Transforming Teachers' Online Pedagogical Reasoning* for engaging K-12 Students in Virtual Learning. IGI Global. Book chapter. Drs. Mona M. Choucair, Sandra Talbert, and Jess Smith. April 2021.

“Three Pillars for Successful Partnerships: A Shared Approach to the Work of Learning Communities, article published in *The Talking Stick*, April 2021, Drs. Mona M. Choucair, Ryan Erck, Program Director, IMPACT LLC, and Ms. Lauren Ross, Resident Hall Director, IMPACT LLC, South Russell Hall, Baylor University.

“Answering the Call to Teach: Captivating Readers with Young Adult Literature,” Book Chapter in *Called to Teach*, Wipf & Stock, spring 2020.

“Lovin the Skin I’m In: The Need for Young Adult Literature in the Secondary Classroom,” Book Chapter in *Teaching Literacy in Urban Schools*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2018. Drs. Lakia Scott and Barbara Purdum-Cassidy, editors.

“Whose Culture Are You Bearing: Searching for Self in Toni Morrison’s Novels”— my dissertation--was recently cited in *The Fiction of Toni Morrison: Reading and Writing on Race, Culture, and Identity*, edited by Jami L. Calacio and published by NCTE, 2007. ISBN: 9780814116791.

“Joyce Carol Oates.” (article) *Contemporary American Women Fiction Writers*. Westport: Greenwood Press, fall 2000.

Blood Ties & The Christmas Box (entries). *Dictionary of Literary Characters*. Ridgefield: American Book Works Corporation, summer 2000.

“Phillis Wheatley.” (article) *African-American Authors*. Westport: Greenwood Press, spring 1999.

In- Progress

“Gravestone Imagery in Toni Morrison’s *Beloved*,” article co-written Dr. Nancy Chinn. Accepted for publication by The University of Portugal in a *Critical Edition on Toni Morrison’s Works*, under review / resubmission.

“Finding Spirituality in a C(oven): Salvation in Unlikely Places in Toni Morrison’s *Paradise*,” under review / resubmission.

“Murder, Mayhem, and Mystery: Finding Spirituality in Paradise: A Study of Toni Morrison’s *Paradise*, forthcoming in the *Toni Morrison Society Journal*.

Reviews

Young Adult Literature in the Twentieth Century, reviewed fall 2007 for McGraw Hill.

Cartwright, Keith. *Reading Africa into American Literature: Epics, Fables, and Gothic Tales* in *The Journal of the American Studies Association of Texas*, August 2002, Marvin Harris, editor.

Grewall, Gurleen. *Circles of Sorrow, Lines of Struggle: The Novels of Toni Morrison in The Journal of the American Studies Association of Texas*, August 2001, Marvin Harris, editor.

Harcourt Brace Handbook. Spring 1999. Harcourt Brace College Publishers, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Scholarly Presentations

Invited Panelist, “Redeeming the Space Between: How Residential Communities Promote Success by Blending the Curricular and Co-Curricular,” *Best Practices in Christian Higher Education*, Abilene Christian University, presented alongside Dr. Ryan Erck and Ms. Katie Windham, September 27, 2022.

Invited Panelist, “Hauntings in American Literature: Toni Morrison’s Sacred Spaces in *Beloved* and *Paradise*.” *American Literature Association* and the Washington Irving Society, Chicago, Illinois, May 26, 2022.

Invited Panelist, “Cultivating Community Resilience Through Engagement,” *Gulf South Summit 2021*, cancelled in-person due to Covid. Presented via Virtual platform, March 23, 2022.

Invited Panelist, “Voices in Teacher Education: Motivating Interns in the Post-Pandemic World,” *AILACTE, Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Educators*, New Orleans, LA, March 4, 2022.

Invited Speaker, “How Small Acts of Gratitude can Make a Big Difference: Making the Most of the Fall Semester,” Baylor University, *South Russell IMPACT LLC*, Lecture Series, November 9, 2021.

Invited Speaker, “Understanding How Students Navigated Classes During Covid,” the *Academy for Teaching and Learning*. Virtual Seminar, April 15, 2021.

Invited Speaker, “Discovering the Best Path for Your Career,” *Know Where You Are Going Day*, the *College of Arts & Sciences*, Virtual platform, April 8, 2021.

Invited Panelist, “How to Navigate College Choices,” the *College of Arts & Sciences, Distinguished Scholars Day*, Virtual platform, March 25, 2021.

Invited Panelist, “Making your Mark at Baylor University,” the *College of Arts & Sciences*, via Zoom session. March 20, 2021.

Invited Speaker, “Academic Thriving,” Freshman Orientation, June 2019, invited by Michelle Cohenour, Director of Student Success Initiatives.

Co-Presenter, “How to Best Integrate Young Adult Literature into the Common Core,” *Critical Issues in Education Conference*, with Ms. Jess Smith, Savannah, Georgia, March 2019.

Faculty Mentor, *Short Session Pilot*, fall semester 2021, invited by Dean Blake Burleson. I taught English 2310 as a short session course for the pilot. October-December 2021.

Faculty Mentor/Director, Civic Engagement Pilot Courses, in collaboration with the Office of Engaged Learning, College of Arts & Sciences. I recruited/mentored eight faculty members from across disciplines to participate in our CE Pilot. August 22, 2021-December 10, 2021.

Invited Speaker, “How to Succeed as a Secondary English Major,” Distinguished Scholar Day, Baylor University, September 2018.

Presenter, “Called to Teach” Symposium, the *Academy for Teaching and Learning Conference*, Baylor University, October 12, 2018.

Presenter, “The Need for Young Adult Literature in the Secondary Classroom,” *Association of Teacher Educators*, Las Vegas, Nevada, February 16, 2018.

Presenter, “Roundtable Discussion of Best Practices in Teaching American Literature,” *National Council Teachers of English*, Houston, Texas, November 18, 2018.

Invited Faculty Member, *The Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty Program*, representing Dean’s office, College of Arts & Sciences, Cleveland, Ohio, August 4-8, 2018.

Panelist, “Best Practices in the English Classroom,” *National Council Teachers of English*, St. Louis, Missouri, February 2017.

Invited Session Leader, Faculty Interest Groups (*FIGS*), created by *The Academy for Teaching and Learning* at Baylor. I led a FIG entitled, “Judicial Stewardship” with Dr. Charles Weaver in the spring of 2014.

Invited Question Leader/Seminar Presenter, Denver, Colorado, March 2014, by *The College Board* for Advanced Placement AP Presentations.

Invited Question Leader/Seminar Presenter, Mesquite High School, November 2014, by *The College Board* for Advanced Placement AP Presentations.

Invited Keynote Speaker for *TAIR (Texas Improvement in Reading) Conference*, held on October 6, 2011, at Baylor University.

Invited Chair of Creative Writing: "Boundaries: Cross Curriculum Navigation," CCE/College Council of Teachers of English, Annual Meeting, March 10-12, 2009, San Antonio, TX.

"What's All the Buzz About: Why Must We Include Young Adult Literature in Our Secondary Curriculum?" *TAIR Conference*, Baylor University, November 21, 2008.

"First Year Skills and Successful Transitions: Debunking the Advanced Placement (AP) Myths and Making the Bridge to College Composition," *South Central Modern Language Association (SCMLA)* annual conference, San Antonio, TX, November 608, 2008.

Invited Chair of Panel Discussion: "Literature and Lives," *CCE/College Council of Teachers of English*, Annual Meeting, February 28, 2008, San Antonio, TX.

"Answering Emerson's Charge: The Need for Young Adult Literature in our Classrooms," *South Central Modern Language Association (SCMLA)* annual conference, Memphis, Tennessee, November 1-3, 2007.

"The Need for Young Adult Literature in the Secondary Classroom," presented at *CCE* annual conference in College Station, TX, April 2006.

Invited Keynote Speaker, "*Zora Neale Hurston's Tent Revival: A New Slant on Teaching Their Eyes Were Watching God*," hosted by Waco High School, Waco, Texas. Presented to 65 students and teachers on October 21, 2007. Invited by my former student, Mr. Brian Harris, Honors English II and III teacher, Waco High.

Invited Keynote Speaker, "*Gender Matter: A Day of Multi-generational Conversations About Shared Concerns*" Conference, hosted by the Northeast Independent School District and Communications Arts High School, San Antonio, TX, November 29, 2005.

Invited Chair of Panel/Roundtable Discussion: "*Gender Matters*" Conference, hosted by the Northeast Independent School District and Communications Arts High School, San Antonio, TX, November 29, 2005. *Led small group discussions of Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* and Sue Monk Kidd's *The Secret Life of Bees*, all under the topic of gender issues in literature.

Co-authored article, written with Dr. Nancy Chinn: "For Sixty Million and More: Resurrecting Meaning in Toni Morrison's Gravestone Imagery," *Slavery Oppression and Prejudice: Ancient Roots and Modern Implications* conference, hosted by Baylor University and *Pruitt Memorial Symposium*, Waco, TX, October 2, 2004.

Conference Workshop Participant with Nobel Laureate, Toni Morrison: "*Toni Morrison and the Politics of Learning*," hosted by Howard University and *The Toni Morrison Society*, Washington, D.C., June 26-29, 2003.

"Seeing the Magical in Zora Neale Hurston's Works," *American Literature Association* conference, Los Angeles, California, May 28-June 2, 2002.

"Rethinking the Research Paper: Self-Assessment in Composition Courses," (CCTE) *Council for College Teachers of English* conference, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, March 1, 2002.

Conference Host/ Chair of Panel: "*Storytelling in the Millennium*," Baylor University, February 2-4, 2001.

Conference Host/ Chair of Panel: "*Communities of Women: Woman Writing and Written in Literary & Cultural Experience*," Baylor University, September 24-25, 1999.

Conference Host/ Chair of Panel: "*Romanticism and the Brownings: An International Conference*," Baylor University, March 12, 1999.

Conference Host/ Chair of Panel: "*The Christ-Haunted South*," Baylor University, September 1998.

Conference Host/ Chair of Panel: "*Toward the 21st Century*," Baylor University, April 1998.

"*A Handsome Achievement: The Artistic Sensibility of Willa Cather*," 1998 Willa Cather Conference, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"*From Cynic to Lover: The Cinquopace of Benedick in Much Ado About Nothing*," Atlanta, October 1997.

"*Marie de France: The Imaging of Woman*," Nashville, September, 1997.

"*The Many Green Worlds of Beloved: Exploring Fantasy in Toni Morrison's Novels*," 1998 Clemente Good Young Scholars' Symposium, Baylor University (one of only three papers selected for presentation).

Related Professional Experience

Invited Faculty Member/Leader, Baylor in Great Britain Study Abroad Summer Program, located in London, England, participant (every other summer) since July 2016, invited by Drs. Chuck Weaver and James Henderson; also participating in coming July term, 2024. Duties include teaching *British Literature* and *Travel Writing* as well as co-directing one weekend study program outside of London.

Invited Committee Member, Search Committee for Director, The Academy for Teaching and Learning, Baylor University, January-April 2024.

Chair, Lecturer Search Committee, English Department. January 15-Marc 30, 2018.

Intern Supervisor, English/Language Arts Interns (student teachers), Department of Curriculum & Instruction, 2007-2020.

Invited Committee Member, Search Committee for Program Director, invited by Dean Suzanne Nesmith, the School of Education, Curriculum & Instruction, February-March 2019.

Committee Member, *Lecturer Review Committee*, English department, appointed by Chair Dr. Kevin Gardner, March 2019-present.

Guest Lecturer on Toni Morrison's *Paradise*, invited by Dr. Sarah Ford for upper-level novel class, Dec 3, 2008.

Guest Lecturer on *the Harlem Renaissance*, invited by Dr. Bill McDonald for upper-level American Literature class, November 15, 2008.

Invited Committee Member, The College Board; test item writer for The American Literature exam, CLEP test, member since 2001.

Invited Grader for National Advanced Placement Exams, AP Summer Grading Institute, June 2004 and June 2006, Orlando, Florida.

Guest Faculty Member for the Education Department, teaching an interdisciplinary course, *TED 2380*, Baylor University, fall semester, 2003.

Guest Faculty Member for the Education Department, helping to supervise student teachers in the Waco schools, Baylor University, fall semester, 2004.

Honors Colloquium featured speaker on Toni Morrison's novels, Baylor University Honors College, spring semesters, 2002-2005.

Guest Lecturer on Toni Morrison's *Paradise*, Baylor University in upper-level novel class, fall, 2000.

Guest Lecturer for the *Baylor University Interdisciplinary Core (BIC)*, spring 1999, fall 2000.

Interactive copyediting and proofreading for the Baylor Health and Wellness Department, Waco, Texas, 1998-2000.

Administrative Associate, Baylor University Health and Wellness Department; facilitated various programs and coordinated mentoring programs, 1998-2000.

Student-athlete tutoring for Baylor Student Academic Developmental Services, English composition and survey literature courses, summer and fall, 1996.

Tutoring for Waco and Midway I.S.D. through *The Tutor Connection*, Waco, Texas.

Languages

*French, *Spanish, Arabic

*Comprehensive exams passed in each.

University Service

Invited Committee member, Search committee for Director of the *Academy of Teaching and Learning*, Provost's Office, January-April 2023.

Committee Member, *Faculty-in-Residence Council*, meeting monthly, 2016-present.

Invited Committee member, Dean Search Committee, the *School of Education*, August 2019.

Invited Committee member, Program Director Search, the *School of Education*, Curriculum and Instruction, March 2019.

Chair, Lecturer Search, College of Arts and Sciences, English department, fall 2017.

Co-chair, Lecturer Search, College of Arts and Sciences, English department, fall 2016.

Faculty in Residence, South Russell Impact LLC, **August 2014-present.**

Faculty Co-Sponsor, Mortar Board, Baylor University, August 2015-2019.
Social Committee CO-Chairperson, Department of English, 2003-2007 calendar years, Baylor University, 2005- 2010.

Faculty Partner for Women's Dormitories and the Office of Student Life, Baylor University, and fall 2004.

Education Faculty Committee, 2002-present, Departments of English and Curriculum & Instruction, Baylor University.

Freshman English Committee, 1996-1997, Department of English, Baylor University.

Professional Associations

National Council Teachers of English, (NCTE), member since 2004.

Council for College Teachers of English (CCTE), member of executive board, 2005-2009.

Modern Language Association

South Central Modern Language Association

The Toni Morrison Society

English Graduate Student Association, Baylor University, (1995-2000).