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EDUCATION

PhD in English, May 1998, University of Kansas  
Concentration: Rhetoric and Composition  
Dissertation: *Paradise Renamed: Context and the Metaphoric  
Reconstruction of American Wilderness, 1872-1916*  
(James Hartman, Director).

MA in English, May 1985, University of Kansas  
Concentration: Composition

BA in English, BA in Technical Communication, July 1980, Pittsburg  
State University

TEACHING AND  
RESEARCH INTERESTS

Rhetoric, professional writing, composition theory, grammar,  
nonfiction literature, ecocriticism

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Missouri Western State College, Fall 1999-present  
*Composition and language courses:* Advanced Composition,  
Language Awareness, Intro. to Composition Theory  
*Technical communication courses:* Senior Portfolio, Technical  
Documentation and Editing, Organizational and Public Relations  
Writing, Worlds of Technical Communication, Intro. to Technical  
Communication  
*General education courses:* Literature of the Environment, Honors  
Composition, College Composition and Research, College  
Composition and Rhetoric  
University of Kansas English Department, Fall 1982-Spring 1999  
*Graduate course:* Practicum in the Teaching of College English I  
*Professional writing courses:* Business Writing, Technical Writing  
*Advanced composition courses:* Expository Writing, The Research  
Paper  
*General education courses:* Literature of the Environment,  
Composition and Literature, Composition, Basic Writing  
*Pilot course (team taught):* Civil Engineering 484: Transportation  
Materials, Civil Engineering Department, Spring 1997

## PUBLICATIONS

- Technical Communication: A Practical Approach*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. Pearson, 2009.  
with William S. Pfeiffer
- Instructor's Manual for *Technical Communication in the Twenty-First Century*, S. Dobrin, C. Keller, and C. Weisser, Prentice Hall 2007
- "Writing, Nature, and Composing Bridges: Response to 'A Conversation with Cheryl Glotfelty,'" in Sidney Dobrin and Chris Keller, eds., *Writing Environments: Rhetoric, Texts, and the Construction of Nature*, SUNY Press, 2005.
- "'Foundation-Stones': Natural History for Children in *St. Nicholas Magazine*," in Sidney Dobrin and Kenneth Kidd, eds., *Wild Things: Children's Literature, Ecocriticism, and Ecological Literacy*, Wayne State UP, 2004.
- "Serpents and Sheep: The Harriman Expedition, Alaska, and the Metaphoric Reconstruction of American Wilderness." *Technical Communication Quarterly*, Fall 2003.
- Contributing Editor, *Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment Bibliography*, 1995-2005
- "Date: Wed, 15 Nov 1995. Re: The Hunt," in "Re: The Hunt (Voices from the Internet)." *Imagining Nature*, Pete Hay, ed., Hobart, Tasmania: Tasmania School of Art at Hobart, 1996
- Minority Tutoring in Writing Operations Guide* (in-house publication), May 1994

## PRESENTATIONS

- "Applied Learning in English Studies: Technical Communication at Missouri Western," The Purpose(s) of English: A Conference on the Future of English Studies, Springfield, IL Oct. 2007
- "Grabbing the Brass Ring: Technical Communication and Applied Learning," Council of Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication, Oct. 2007
- "The Least You Need to Know About Policies and Procedures," Workshop for Teachers of Technical Writing, Springfield, MO April 2007
- "Sarbanes-Oxley: The Technical Communicator's Role in Compliance Documentation," Association of Teachers of Technical Writing, New York March 2007
- "Low Impact Program Development," Conference on College Composition and Communication, Chicago, IL March 2006
- "Better Audit Reports," Half-day workshop for Institute of Internal Auditors, Topeka, KS March 2006
- "Musical Chairs with More Chairs Than Players" (panel participant), Conference of the Council of Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication, Lubbock, TX October 2005
- "Placing Writing on Campus," Conference on College Composition and Communication, San Antonio, TX March 2004.
- "Guiding Students Through *Silent Spring*," Conference on College Composition and Communication, New York, March 2003.
- "The Organic Nature of Writing," Conference on College Composition and Communication, Chicago, IL, March 2002.
- "Learning to Read Workplace Communities," Society for Technical Communication, Region 6, Minneapolis, MN, October 2001.

PRESENTATIONS, cont.

- “Read Globally, Write Locally: Using Local Resources in the Eco-composition Classroom,” Association for the Study of Literature and Environment,” Flagstaff, AZ, June 2001.
- “Toward a Theory of Eco-composition,” Conference on College Composition and Communication, Denver, CO, March 2001.
- “Wonders of the West: Dispelling and Creating Myths of the Western American Landscape in *St. Nicolas Magazine for Young Folks*,” Western Literature Association, Norman, OK, October, 2000.
- "Reconciling Rhetorics of Ecology and General Education," Conference on College Composition and Communication, Atlanta, GA, March, 1999.
- "Rhetoric and the Teaching of Nature Writing." Midwest Modern Language Association, St. Louis, November 1998
- "Fighting Money with Money: The Rhetoric of Wealth in the Battle for the Hetch Hetchy Valley," Western Literature Association, Albuquerque, NM, October, 1997
- "Paradise Renamed: The Metaphoric Reconstruction of Wilderness and the Birth of the National Park Service," Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment, Missoula, MT, July, 1997
- "Wasteland or Warehouse: Metaphoric Mediation of Imperial Ecology and Arcadian Ecology in James Fenimore Cooper's *The Prairie*," Fifth Annual Graduate Conference on Language and Literature, Northern Illinois University, March, 1997
- "Serpents, Sheep, and Spirit: The Alaska of the Harriman Expedition," The Ends of Nature: Fifth Annual Cultural Studies Symposium, Kansas State University, March 1996
- "Serpents and Sheep: Metaphoric Reconstruction of Wilderness in Alaska," Humanities and the Environment Colloquium, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, February 1996
- "Using Rhetorical Criticism to Teach Nonfiction Literature," Conference on Composition and Literature, University of Kansas, October 1995
- "Nature Writing in the Literature Classroom," Conference on Composition and Literature, University of Kansas, October 1992

ADMINISTRATIVE  
EXPERIENCE

- Administrative Intern, Office of Freshman-Sophomore English, August 1992-July 1994. Explained departmental policies to students and parents, maintained the FSE reference library, met textbook representatives, chaired textbook selection committee, acted as liaison for Graduate Teaching Assistants.
- Director, Minority Tutoring in Writing, June 1992-July 1994. Hired, trained and assigned tutors, computerized record keeping, maintained records, prepared periodic reports for chairman and dean, prepared budget requests.
- Director, Practicum in the Teaching of College English, Fall 1991. Trained, supervised, and evaluated new Graduate Teaching Assistants.

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

Editorial Board, *Programmatic Perspectives* (journal of the Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication), 2007-present  
Chair, English Graduate Committee, English core curriculum revision committee, Textbook selection committee  
Committees: Critical Thinking Steering Committee, Campus Curriculum, Dean's Task Force on Outcomes, Composition, Professional Writing Coordinator, Special Interest Group on Eco-composition, Conference on College Composition and Communication  
Sponsor, Campus chapter, Society for Technical Communication  
Basic Writing Consultant, University of Kansas English Department

HONORS AND  
RECOGNITION

Jesse Lee Myers Excellence in Teaching Award  
Master Graduate Teaching Assistant  
Department of English Outstanding Instructor  
English Department Nominee, Graduate Student Award for Distinguished Service to the University of Kansas  
Phi Kappa Phi  
Omicron Delta Kappa  
Kansas State Scholar  
Charles Guardia Scholarship for Excellence in English Studies

PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS

Association of Teachers of Technical Writing  
Conference on College Composition and Communication  
Council of Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication  
National Council of Teachers of English  
Policies and Procedures Special Interest Group of the Society for Technical Communication  
Society for Technical Communication

OTHER EXPERIENCE  
AND SERVICE

MWSU Policy Guide Revision team, 2005-2006.  
Universal Data Corp. Consultant, SAS-70 documentation project, 2005.  
Capitol Federal Savings and Loan, Topeka, KS. Consultant, Operations Guide revision project, 1986, 2003.  
Deerfield Elementary School, Lawrence, KS. Sixth-grade literature group facilitator, 1997. Readers are Leaders volunteer, 1991-2002  
Student Association of Graduates in English, University of Kansas. Coordinator, First Annual Book Sale, 1995.  
Seismograph Service Corporation, Tulsa, OK. Technical Writer, 1980-1981.