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### EDUCATION

(ABD) East Texas State University  
(now Texas A&M at Commerce); 1980-84

Dissertation: The Struggle with Death in *Humboldt's Gift*  
(Saul Bellow, Nobel Prize in Literature, 1976)

Graduate Study Indiana University, 1977-78

Graduate Study Hardin-Simmons University, 1976-77

B.A. Hardin-Simmons University, 1976

### PROFESSIONAL RECORD AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Instructor 1984-present

### AWARDS AND HONORS

Recognized by the university for 30 years of service with a dandy gold-plated  
LSU watch, May 2014

Nominated, Tiger Athletic Foundation Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2012,  
2013

Caffee Award, English Department, LSU, spring 1994 (This is a writing award  
for First Year writing students. Both the student and instructor are given  
awards.)

Alpha Chi Graduate Scholarship, Hardin-Simmons University, 1976-77

Sigma Tau Delta Literary Award, Hardin-Simmons University, 1975, 1976

### PRESENTATIONS AND/OR PUBLICATIONS

"Cannibalism in *Humboldt's Gift*," Arkansas Philological Association, Pine Bluff,  
AR, November 9, 1984.

"Group Theory and Composition," Conference on College Composition and  
Communication (CCCC), New York, March 29, 1984.

"Coleridge's Tragic 'Withered' Self," Arkansas Philological Association,  
Conway, AR, November 19, 1983.

"The Struggle with Death in *Humboldt's Gift*," Contemporary Literature section  
of the SCMLA, Ft. Worth, TX, October 29, 1983

“Black Humor and Film,” Missouri Philological Association, St. Joseph MO,  
March 25, 1983.

“Impulses from Below: The View of Society in Emerson’s ‘Self Reliance,’”  
Arkansas Philological Association, Jonesboro, AR, November 12, 1982.

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

NCTE/Conference on College Composition and Communication

MLA/South Central Modern Language Association

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Advised students at Spring Invitational (Spring Testing) and Transfer Orientation,  
2011-present (Service to HSS)

College of Arts and Sciences, Student Meet and Greet, spring 2013

Coordinated Arts and Sciences Pre-Enrollment Faculty Advising, Summer  
Orientation, 1995-2000

Served at Arts and Sciences Pre-Enrollment Faculty Advising, Summer  
Orientation, 1988-1994

### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Executive Committee, 2014-15

Assessment Committee, 2013-14

Undergraduate Advisor, 2010-present (Transfer credits, Study Abroad Approvals,  
Course substitutions)

General Education Assessment committees, 2011-present

Instructor Review Committee, 2008-09

Reviewed First Year Instructors, Fall 2008, Fall 2007

Scored 1001 Semester Assessments, Fall 2013, Fall 2008, Fall 2007, Fall 2006

University Writing Committee, 2004-07

Chair, Caffee Award Committee, 2004-present; served 2000-03

Mentored new Instructors and Graduate Teaching Assistants, 1995-2004;  
currently the department’s informal mentor for new instructors teaching  
English 2027--Poetry

Served on various departmental committees, including Instructor Review  
Committee, Committee for Students, State Literary Rally Committee,  
1001 Syllabus revision committee