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## ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Disability studies, popular culture, film and digital media, games studies, genre studies (especially sci-fi and horror), postmodernism, poststructuralism, posthumanism, embodied writing, and critical theory (especially intersectional feminism, critical trauma, and Marxism).

## EDUCATION

### Master of Fine Arts in Writing: 2010 – 2012

*Vermont College of Fine Arts*

Focus: Fiction

### Bachelor of Arts in English: 2005-2008

*Florida Southern College*

Focus: Creative Writing (Poetry) & Literature

### Associate of Arts: 2003-2005

*Seminole Community College*

Focus: Theatre & Education

## HONORS & AWARDS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, SCBWI Miami's Rising Kite Award: 2015

*Call Me Capulet*, Fiction. Judge: Ginger Clark, Curtis Brown Literary Agency

### Creative Writing Merit Scholarship (Fiction): 2010

Vermont College of Fine Arts

### President's Scholar Medal: 2007

Florida Southern College

### Wesley Ryals Creative Writing Award (Poetry): 2006

Florida Southern College

## MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Writers & Writing Programs

Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators

## PUBLICATIONS

Essays

"Rita Farr: Doom Patrol's Chronically-III Superheroine."  
*The Mighty*. 2020. Forthcoming.

Poetry

"sex ed" *Brave New Voices*, Issue 5. Web. 2020.

"going south" *The Rumpus*. Web. 2019.

"conviction" *The Rumpus*. Web. 2019.

"skyscoping" *Culturework Magazine*. Web. 2018.

"opus" *Saw Palm: Florida Literature and Art*. 2007.

## PRESENTATIONS

"Using Monsters to Excuse the Monstrous: The Romanticization of Teen Dating Violence in YA Paranormal Romance." Critical Thesis Presentation. Vermont College of Fine Arts, Montpelier, VT. July 2012.

"Word Wars: Using Interactive Strategies and Games to Increase Vocabulary Comprehension." Teacher Workshop. Auburndale High School, Auburndale, FL. 2009.

"Masks of Femininity: A Cinematic Exploration of Postmodern Womanhood." Senior Thesis. Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL. Dec. 2007.

"Shades of Grey: An Examination of Peter Matthiessen's "Mr. Watson" as an Anti-Hero." Conference. Florida College English Association, Lakeland, FL. Nov 2006.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Adjunct English Instructor: 2012 – 2013

*Florida Southern College*

- Courses: Writing About Topics (ENG 1005); Engaging the Written Word (ENG 1003)
- Developed syllabi, lesson plans, and curriculum in accordance with college standards
- Taught first-year students foundational research skills, including how to find resources using online databases, how to evaluate those sources for relevance, currency, and reliability, and how to cite sources in MLA format.
- Taught first-year students foundational essay writing skills, focusing on personal, descriptive, expository and persuasive essays. Learning outcomes for students included: developing the ability to generate, revise, and proofread texts; utilizing appropriate rhetorical strategies to evaluate, represent, and respond to ideas using evidence-based reasoning; identifying biases and assumptions, both those belonging to essayists as well as those held personally; utilizing appropriate grammar, syntax, language, style, and sentence structure.

### English and Reading Teacher: 2008 – 2013

*Auburndale High School, Polk County*

- Courses: English I, English Honors I, Intensive Reading (9-12)
- Developed and implemented creative and innovative lesson plans
- Utilized a variety of multimedia sources to enrich curriculum
- Analyzed student data to implement student-specific strategies and support differentiated

instruction

- Lead Professional Learning Community activities
- Sponsored Creative Writing Club
  - Weekly meetings included craft discussions, writing exercises, and workshops
  - Awards won by students:
    - Coral Nolan: 1<sup>st</sup> place, Fiction, Polk State College, 2011
    - Willandria Dixon: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Campfire USA Slam Poetry Competition, 2009
    - Matthew Grady, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Campfire USA Slam Poetry Competition, 2009

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Grant Writer & Coordinator: 2018 – 2019**

*Columbia Gorge Community College*

### **Teen Services Coordinator: 2015 – 2018**

*The Dalles-Wasco County Public Library*

### **Teen Library Assistant: 2013 – 2015**

*Safety Harbor Public Library*

## SUPERVISORS

### **Dan Spatz: Marketing, Community Outreach, & Resource Development Manager**

*Columbia Gorge Community College*

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### **Dr. Peter Schreffler: English Department Chair**

*Florida Southern College*

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## REFERENCES

### **Dr. Keith Huneycutt: Professor of English**

*Florida Southern College*

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### **An Na, Author & Writing Faculty**

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