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An energetic and goal-oriented teacher-scholar whose enthusiasm for leadership grows out of a steady determination to serve and advocate for students and teachers alike.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR IN AMERICAN STUDIES

August 15, 2024 – June 15, 2025

Oslo, Norway

- Teaching-focused grant; based in Oslo for the academic year, I will travel to as many secondary schools as possible across the country of Norway to give in-service workshops for teachers, teachers-in-training, and students on a variety of topics related to American literature and culture as well as current pedagogical practices in the United States.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

1 March – 30 June 2024

The O’Neal School

Southern Pines, NC

Interim Head of Upper School

- Assumed leadership amidst crisis, following sudden resignation of Head of Upper School
- Shepherded students through the end of the academic year, including scheduling for AY 24 – 25
- Hired new US faculty and worked closely with existing faculty to ensure consistency in academic and cultural expectations of US

2023 – present

Director of Studies

- Liaise with new US Head to preserve institutional memory and best practices amidst shifts in Leadership (July 2024 – August 2025)
- Key member of team that wrote a winning proposal for an E.E. Ford Foundation grant (awarded in spring of 2023); subsequently, spearheaded development of research hub, teacher resources, faculty grants, and summer institutes with awarded funds
- Support, supervise, and observe faculty
- Partner with Department Chairs to improve, implement, and design curriculum
- Plan, encourage, and model professional development both in-house and off-site
- Chair Academic Committee, comprised of Department and Division Heads
- Secretary for O’Neal’s chapter of the Cum Laude Society

2021 – present

Director, Signature Scholars Research Program

- Created student-centered, inquiry-based research program for advanced upperclassmen
- Direct other faculty members as student advisors according to disciplinary focus
- Organize annual public symposium that showcases work of students graduating the program

2018 – present

Chair, English Department

- Implemented new grammar program in grades 1 – 12
- Implemented new research writing curriculum across all grades in US
- Oversee K – 12 curricula, including implementation of the Calkins Writers Workshop

Book Chapters

- 2021** “The Gambler, the Nun, and the Radio”: A Glossary and Commentary. *Reading Hemingway’s Winner Take Nothing*. Edited by Mark Cirino and Susan Vandagriff, Kent State UP, 2021, pp. 237 – 68.
- 2019** “Putting the Medium and the Message in Perspective: Teaching *The Sun Also Rises* in the Digital Age.” *Hemingway in the Digital Age: Reflections on Teaching, Reading, and Understanding*. Edited by Laura Godfrey, Kent State UP, 2019, pp. 105 – 15.

SELECTED RECENT AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024** Fulbright Scholar in American Studies, U.S. Department of State and Fulbright Norway
- 2024** Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Phi Beta Kappa Society (Central Carolinas Chapter)
- 2023** Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Phi Beta Kappa Society (Central Carolinas Chapter)
- 2022** Independent Scholar Award, Ernest Hemingway Society
- 2021** Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Phi Beta Kappa Society (Central Carolinas Chapter)
- 2014** Outstanding First-Year Composition Instructor Award, University of Georgia
- 2011** Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Georgia
- 2010** Graduate School Dean’s Award for Dissertation Research, University of Georgia

EDUCATION

Ph.D. English, University of Georgia	2012
M.A. English, State University of New York (SUNY)/College at New Paltz	2005
B.A. English, SUNY/New Paltz	1997
B.S. Music Performance, SUNY/New Paltz	1997

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)	Ernest Hemingway Society
Society for the Study of the American Short Story (SSASS)	F. Scott Fitzgerald Society

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Office
Learning Management Systems

LANGUAGES

Conversational French
Basic Italian

REFERENCES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST
