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**Education and Professional Experience**

Ph.D.	Vanderbilt University
M.A.	Vanderbilt University
M.A.	Pennsylvania State University
B.A.	English Literature, History, Vanderbilt University

**Academic Positions**

2016-present	Professor of English, Mississippi State University
2011- 16	Associate Professor of English, Mississippi State University
2005- 11	Assistant Professor of English, Mississippi State University
2003- 05	Assistant Professor of English, Southern New Hampshire University
2002- 03	Post-Doctoral Lecturer, Vanderbilt University
1998- 02	Graduate Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University
1996- 98	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Pennsylvania State University

**Administrative Positions**

2022-present	Interim Dean, Judy and Bobby Shackouls Honors College
2020-2021	Interim Dean of Mitchell Memorial Libraries, Mississippi State University
2019-present	Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, College of Arts & Sciences, Mississippi State University
2017-2019	Interim Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Affairs, College of Arts & Sciences, Mississippi State University
2018-2019	Associate Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Shackouls Honors College, Mississippi State University
2012-2018	Director of the Office of Prestigious External Scholarships, Mississippi State University
2012-2017	Mentor for the Presidential Endowed Scholars Program
2007-2014	Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of English, Mississippi State University

**Administrative Assignments**

2022 to present	Judy and Bobby Shackouls Honors College
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- Interim Dean. Manage a two-million-dollar budget; develop programs that support student success in honors, including advancing an innovative interdisciplinary curriculum, an

undergraduate research program, study abroad opportunities and an office for nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships; advise the Honors College Alumni and Friends Board; work with the MSU Foundation to develop donor relations; oversee a twelve member staff and fifteen full-time of partial-time Honors faculty.

- Oversee the Delta Scholars, an inter-university partnership program; 8 universities and regional agencies work together to promote undergraduate research and community enhancement projects in the Delta region for students from 8-10 colleges each summer; received a Community Funded Project Grant (\$150,000) to support the Delta Scholars Program

2020-2021 MSU Libraries

- Interim Dean. Successfully lead 30+ faculty, 60+ staff and over 30 student workers during COVID; manage a nine-million-dollar budget and a two-million-dollar endowment; work with the MSU Foundation and the College of Arts & Sciences to develop a senior faculty and library position in Lincoln and Civil War studies.

2017-2022 Mississippi State University, College of Arts & Sciences

- Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Affairs (until 2019); Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
- Oversee Undergraduate Academic Affairs. Monitor course scheduling for 14 college departments; work with department heads to provide low enrollment justifications; administrative oversight of the college curriculum committee; work with faculty to develop new courses and programs, including minors; collaborate with faculty and curriculum committee to make sure college proposals pass through the University Curriculum Committee; manage articulations agreements with other institutions; approve course substitutions for transfer students; maintain accurate records of curriculum and enrollments; write annual reports IHL; oversee the operations of the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies major, the General Liberal Arts major and the General Science major for A&S; recruit instructors for BSIS instruction; evaluate and process student dismissals and suspensions. Support college and university recruiting efforts; participate in Orientations, Preview Days, and Academic Insight; Oversee college Scholarship Committee.
- Oversee Graduate Academic Affairs. Triage graduate student issues such as dismissal appeals, probation, faculty-student conflicts; serve as the graduate coordinator liaison for the college to the Graduate School; oversee revisions to the graduate catalog and to the Graduate Coordinator Handbook; monitor

departmental policy and ensure that departments follow their own rules and procedures; assist departments in curriculum and program development.

2012-19

Mississippi State University, Shackouls Honors College

- Associate Dean (until 2017); Director of Prestigious External Scholarships.
- Collaborate with Honors College leadership to develop an innovative strategic vision.
- Implement and support programs that support undergraduate research for Honors students
- Enhance and promote the interdisciplinary curriculum in the Honors college
- recruit students from across the state and region, visiting high schools in other parts of the state to introduce MSU's academic programs and other opportunities to high school students and their parents.
- Collaborate with college recruiters and outreach coordinators to introduce opportunities across colleges to students at orientations
- Work closely with the university Registrar's Office and the Office of Admissions and Scholarships to develop new ways to bring as many of the state's best students to Mississippi State.
- Represent the Shackouls Honors College at major recruiting events on campus for National Merit Scholars and high achieving students participating in recruitment and orientation events; participate on Honors College information panels to discuss undergraduate research opportunities, national scholarships, honors curriculum and philosophy
- Diversity Initiative, 2015-2018. Initiate and chair a task force with the goal to increase representation of underrepresented students in the honors community; coordinating efforts on recruiting, programming, mentoring and curricular strategies; attended the Midwestern Symposium on Diversity and National Scholarships at Northwestern (2016), focusing on diversity and national merit opportunities.
- Mentor, Presidential Endowed Scholars Program. Recruit 8-12 students for the university's top scholarship; review 500-800 applications; chair the Presidential Scholars Selection Committee; conduct on-campus interviews for 24 finalists; host a luncheon for the finalists, their families, and key faculty and administration across campus; advise the Presidential Scholars about the requirements of the honors college curriculum; develop and maintain Presidential Scholar Handbook; produce the Presidential Scholar newsletter each fall for current students,

graduates of the program, and recruits; plan regular events for the scholars, including fall retreat and spring trip to a world class university city; begin cultivating relationships with alumni; initiate phone fundraising drive; host annual Presidential Endowed Scholars donor dinner in coordination with the Office of the President; meet with key donors.

- Director, Office of Prestigious External Scholarships. Manage university's nominations for nationally competitive awards such as the Rhodes, Goldwater, Truman, Marshall, and Udall Scholarships; conduct informational meetings about scholarship opportunities; recruit qualified students across the university; attend bi-annual conference for the National Association of Fellowship Advisers and special events sponsored by major fellowship sponsors; accompany Rhodes candidate to regional interview; recruit faculty support for mock interviews; develop internal review committees for the Goldwater Scholarship; work with students at every stage of the application process.

2011-13

Mississippi State University

- College Curriculum Committee (Chair, 2012-13). Review course proposals, course modifications and degree modification proposals from Arts & Science academic departments; communicate with faculty contacts about revisions; serve as a conduit of information between the University College Curriculum Committee and the college; approve final submissions before advancing them to the university committee.

2007-13

Mississippi State University

- Director of Undergraduate Studies. Advise approximately 100 English majors. Coordinate and train 6-7 faculty advisors; work with other departments, Dean and Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences, Registrar to solve problems that may arise for student registration; participate in summer pre-registration programs; recruit English majors within the University and in the local and regional community; grow undergraduate research opportunities in the major; develop programs to help undergraduates apply to graduate programs; review as needed undergraduate curriculum; maintain and update English Major Handbook.

2006-10

Mississippi State University

- Department Curriculum Committee. Participated in regular meetings to discuss proposed departmental curricular changes and course proposals.
- Faculty Advisor. Participated as one of six faculty members who met with students each semester to discuss course selection and graduation requirements.

- Search Committee. Participate in all stages of faculty search: reading applications, off-site and on-site interview team.

2003-05

Southern New Hampshire University

- Search Committee. Participate in all stages of faculty search: reading applications, off-site and on-site interview team.
- Coordinator, New Voices in Liberal Arts Lecture Series. Recruited Lecturers for the monthly program. Introduced the speakers.
- School of Community Economic Development Writing Liaison. Provided writing tutorial support for graduate students; worked with faculty in the School of Community Economic Development to identify writing weaknesses for graduate students; initiated individual, semester long tutorials.

1998-2003

Vanderbilt University

- Departmental Advisor, Computer-Aided Writing Instruction. Conducted training workshops for graduate students implementing technology in composition courses; provided support for graduate students and faculty interested in implementing the program in their classes.
- Syllabus Construction Workshops. Conducted seminars for new graduate students developing syllabi for writing courses.
- Course-Specific Pedagogy Workshop. Conducted seminars for new graduate students teaching literature and composition courses.

## **Publications**

### **Books**

*Shakespeare's Fugitive Politics* (Edinburgh Critical Studies in Shakespeare and Philosophy. Edinburgh University Press, 2016; PBK, 2018).

Reviewed in *Studies in English Literature*, *The Years Work in English Studies*.

*Performing Early Modern Trauma from Shakespeare to Milton* (Ashgate, 2006; PBK, 2016).

Reviewed in *Shakespeare Quarterly*, *Sixteenth-Century Journal*, *Comparative Drama*, *Studies in English Literature*, *Sewanee Review*, *Review of English Studies*, *Renaissance Quarterly*, *College Literature*, *Shakespeare Survey*, *Shakespeare*.

### **Edited Books and Journals**

*Acts of Reading: Interpretation, Reading Practices, and the Idea of the Book in John Foxe's Actes and Monuments*, co-edited with Ryan Netzley (U of Delaware P, 2010).

Reviewed in *Renaissance Quarterly*, *Studies in English Literature*, *Clio*, *Prose Studies*, *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme*, *Sixteenth-Century Journal*.

Special Issue, *Journal for Early Modern Cultural Studies*, “Cute Shakespeare,” co-edited with Julia Reinhard Lupton (Spring, 2017).

### **13 Articles in Refereed Journals and Chapters in Books**

#### **Grants**

“Uncommon Teaching Tips for the Secondary English Common Core,” Co-PI (With Dr. Missy Hopper, College of Education). Awarded \$90,000. 2012.

“Uncommon Teaching Tips for the Secondary English Common Core,” Co-PI (With Dr. Missy Hopper, College of Education). Submitted \$90,000. Not Funded. 2013.

#### **Awards and Fellowships at MSU**

Phil and Kari Oldham Outstanding Mentor Award in the College of Arts & Sciences, 2015.

Mississippi Humanities Council and the College of Arts & Sciences Teacher of the Year, Mississippi State University, 2014.

Research Fellowship, The Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, University of Tennessee, July, 2013.

Dean’s Eminent Scholar Award, College of Arts & Sciences, Mississippi State University, 2011.

Arts & Sciences Humanities and Arts Research Grant (HARP Fellowship), 2010. Awarded \$2,500 HARP Grant for research at the Folger and Newberry Libraries.

Humanities Researcher of the Year, College of Arts & Sciences, Mississippi State University, 2010.

Graduate Recruitment Assistant Grant (with Dr. Kelly Marsh). Graduate Office, 2009-10. Mississippi State University.

Outstanding Faculty Award. Shackouls Honors College, 2008. Mississippi State University.

Shackouls Honors College Faculty Member. Mississippi State University, 2006-

present.

Stephen D. Lee Faculty Leadership Program. Conducted by the Office of Research and Development, Mississippi State University, 2007-08.

Faculty Research Support Grant. Office of Graduate Research, Mississippi State University, \$1,000 fellowship for research at the Folger Library in Washington, D.C., Summer, 2006.

**University, College and Department Service at MSU**

Member, International Education Institute Committee, Mississippi State University, 2017.

Selection Committee, BSIS Selection Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, Mississippi State University, 2017.

Chair, Honors College Diversity Initiative, Shackouls Honors College, Mississippi State University, 2015-17.

Chair, Search Committee, Outreach Coordinator and Recruiter, Shackouls Honors College, Mississippi State University, 2017.

Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of English, Mississippi State University, 2016-17.

Search Committee, English Department Head, Department of English, Mississippi State University, 2015.

Committee Member, MA Exam Committee, Department of English, 2014-15.

Chair, Department Promotion and Tenure Committee, for Dr. Peter DeGabriele, 2014.

Director, Office of Prestigious External Scholarships, appointed 2012.

Mentor, Presidential Scholars, Shackouls Honors College, appointed 2012.

University Graduate Council, Mississippi State University, 2012-15.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of English, Mississippi State University, 2007-2014.

Chair, College Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Mississippi State University, 2012-13.

College Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Mississippi State University, 2011-13.

Chair, Ad-hoc Subcommittee for Graduate Student Dismissal Appeal, Graduate Council, Mississippi State University, 2012.

Search Committee, Shackouls Honors College, Mississippi State University, Dean of the Honors College, 2010.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Summer Advising, College of Arts and Sciences, Mississippi State University, 2010-11.

Search Committee, Post-colonial, Department of English, Mississippi State University (2010).

Portfolio Assessment Committee, Department of English, Mississippi State University (2008-10).

Panel Participant, "Writing in the Humanities (Books v. Journals)," Office of

Research and Development Seminar Series, Mississippi State University (2008, 2009).  
Search Committee, Linguist, Dossier Review, Department of English, Mississippi State University (2007).  
Graduate School Information Session, Department of English, Mississippi State University, October (2006-09).  
Bettersworth Leadership Lecture Series, Mississippi State University (2005-2007).  
“Re-Membering Ophelia,” Starkville High School, Honors English Class (2006)  
Search Committee, Creative Writer-Prose Fiction Interview Team, Department of English, Mississippi State University (2006).  
Department Curriculum Committee, Department of English, Mississippi State University (2006- to present).  
Peyton Williams Writing Award Committee, Department of English, Mississippi State University (2005).  
Search Committee, Linguist, Interview Team, Department of English, Mississippi State University (2005).  
Search Committee, Victorian Prose and Poetry, Interview Team, Department of English, Mississippi State University (2005).

### **Professional Service**

Book Review Editor, *Journal for Early Modern Cultural Studies*, 2011-16.  
Ad Hoc Academic Press Consultant  
Edinburgh University Press  
University of Nebraska Press

Ad Hoc Submission Reader

*Shakespeare*

*EMLS*

*Digital Studies / Le champ numérique*

*Journal for Early Modern Cultural Studies*

*Early Theatre*

External Departmental Program Review: Northern Illinois University

External Review for P&T: Indiana University-Purdue University  
Penn State, Erie-Behrend  
George Mason University