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Curriculum Vitae

Education

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Minneapolis–St. Paul May 2010

Doctor of Philosophy, Writing Studies; Rhetoric: Scientific and Technical Communication

Specialty Area: Writing Pedagogy/Instruction and Technology

- 3.93 overall G.P.A.; 4.0 department G.P.A. (63 units earned)
- Dissertation:
Online Pedagogy: Designing Writing Courses for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders
Laura J. Gurak (advisor), Lee-Ann Kastman Breuch, Mary Lay Schuster, Aaron H. Doering, Cassandra Scharber; Submitted Dec. 22, 2009; Defended May 11, 2010
- Oral Preliminary Examinations passed Apr. 2009
Committee: Laura J. Gurak, Lee-Ann Kastman Breuch, Richard Graff, Richard Beach
- Diversity of Views and Experiences (DOVE) Summer Fellowship; 2009
Different by Design: Online Spaces for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Diversity of Views and Experiences (DOVE) Summer Fellowship; 2007
Virtually Different: Rhetorical Strategies of Autistic Students in Virtual Spaces
- University Diversity of Views and Experiences (DOVE) Fellowship; 2006 – 2007
- Coursework
Digital Composition, Rhetoric and Ethics, Major Figures in Rhetorical Tradition, Science Writing for General Audiences, Research Methods, Quantitative Statistics, Visual Rhetoric, Information Design, Technology and Culture

California State University, Fresno May 2006

Master of Arts with Distinction, English; Composition Theory and Rhetoric

- 4.0 GPA (45 units earned)
- Thesis, Advised by Anthony Michel:
The Blackboard Barrier: Student and Teacher Perceptions of Blackboard Online Learning
- Courses in Pedagogy
Writing Workshop for Teachers, The Teaching of Writing, Current Writing Theory, Independent Studies in Writing Across the Curriculum and Assessment
- Courses in Rhetoric
Form and Theory of Fiction, Plays in Performance, Film Theory and Criticism, Visual Rhetoric

College of the Sequoias; Visalia, California Summer 2005

Bilingual Competency for CSU Graduate Programs

- Coursework: Spanish I, II, and III.

Chapman University; Orange, California Summer 1991

Coursework in Education

- Coursework: Curriculum Theory, Research and Evaluation

University of Southern California; Los Angeles, California Dec. 1990

Bachelor of Arts, Communication; Print Journalism with Media Management Emphasis

Bachelor of Arts, English; English Secondary Education Emphasis

- Thematic Option Honors program (132 units earned)
- Dean's Scholar award recipient
- Dean's List, Fall 1989, Spring 1989
- Coursework
Symbols and Conceptual Systems, The Teaching of Reading and Writing, Learning and Evaluation, Teaching Methods, Use of Instructional Technology, Linguistics and Education

Teaching Experience

Robert Morris University; Moon Township, Pennsylvania

School of Communications and Information Systems

Department of English and Communication Skills

Assistant Professor of English Studies

Jun. 2011 – Present

- Developed online course shells for Blackboard Learn for courses taught
- Spring 2012: ENGL 3025: Technical Writing (on-campus); ENGO 3025 (online)
- Taught upper-division technical writing skills
- Implemented Wikimedia, blogging, and content management systems within courses
- Delivered supplemental materials via podcasts and screencasts
- Taught Web and digital technologies including HTML/CSS, Wikitext, and XML
- Taught advanced Microsoft Word skills including template creation, styles, and macros
- Fall 2011: ELIT 2010: Study of the Essay (on-campus); LITO 2010 (online)
- Presented historical overview of essay forms in Western literature

Coordinator, Concentration in Professional and Technical Writing

Aug. 2011 – Present

- Coordinate the development and offering of new courses for the PTW concentration
- Coordinate the development of a Certification in Technical Communication
- Coordinate the development of a Specialization in Technical Communication with the Mater of Science program in Communications and Information Systems
- Recruit qualified faculty to teach profession writing and technical communication courses
- Develop and coordinate outcomes assessment efforts for the PTW concentration
- Prepare quotes for continuing education (CE) courses for local organizations and employers
- Research similar programs to ensure program leadership status

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Minneapolis–St. Paul

Instructor (GA/TA); Department of Writing Studies

Aug. 2007 – May 2010

- Writing 3562w: Professional and Technical Writing; Six upper-division writing courses
- Developed junior-senior writing curriculum and syllabi
 - Developed “hybrid” Technical Writing section with most course sessions online; Spring 2009
 - Implemented Blackboard WebVista/WebCT online collaboration in courses
 - Implemented Wikimedia, blogging, and content management systems within courses
 - Delivered supplemental materials via iTunesU podcasts and screencasts
 - Taught Web technologies including HTML 4, Wikitext, and XML
 - Oversaw student creation and maintenance of four public Wikibook projects
 - Guided student team productions of podcasts and screencasts
 - Supervised student online media projects with more than two-dozen non-profit clients

Instructor (GA/TA); Department of Rhetoric

Aug. 2006 – Dec. 2006

Rhetoric 1223: Oral Presentations in a Professional Setting; One public speaking course

California State University, Fresno

English 1/1LA Instructor (TA)

Aug. 2004 – May 2006

Fall 2004: English 1/Lab A; Four 12-student writing lab sections

Fall 2005: English 1; One first-year composition course

Spring 2006: English 1; Two first-year composition courses

- Developed first-year composition curriculum and syllabi
- Thematic composition courses: “Rhetoric and Art” and “Art in the Digital Age”
- Implemented Blackboard Learning System online collaboration in courses
- Contributed to composition program training materials
- Conducted a survey of writing assignments in various departments, comparing assignments to those in first-year composition courses

College of the Sequoias; Visalia, California

Contract Faculty; Business and Community Education Center Aug. 1998 – Jun. 2000

- Creative writing instructor
- Business computing instructor for courses including Windows, MS Word, MS Excel, MS Access, MS PowerPoint, and Using the Internet
- Responsible for custom curriculum development and implementation for regional employers

Interim Department Coordinator Jun. 1999 – Aug. 1999

- Responsible for payroll, receivables, payables, and personnel issues
- Developed new database systems for billing and project management
- Formalized procedures and instituted quality controls

Tulare County Department of Education; Visalia, California

Substitute Teacher Oct. 1998 – Oct. 1999

- Assigned to schools throughout county, including Exeter, Farmersville, Visalia, and Woodlake

Visalia Unified School District; Visalia, California

Long-Term Substitute, Consultant Mar. 22, 1991 – Aug. 15, 1991

- Taught journalism, newspaper production, yearbook, and photography
- Designed personal computer-based publishing system for student and teacher use
- Co-wrote and edited district in-depth study of computer and technology uses

Other Experience

Tameri Publications; Visalia, California

Writer, Editor, and Consultant

May 1994 – 2003, 2009 – Present

- Supervise fiction and non-fiction editing and consulting service for writers, editors, and others
- Conduct seminars on creative writing and editing for educators, writers, and client organizations
- Prepare documents for clients, including newsletters, brochures, flyers, catalogs and more
- Create new media content using various development and editing applications
- Advise in-house publishing departments using both Windows and Macintosh platforms
- Install and maintain Drupal, Wikimedia, and WordPress content management system (CMS) platforms

Magic Dragon Books & More; Visalia, California (Partner)

General Manager, Retail Store

May 1, 2000 – Dec. 12, 2002

- Guest speaker at various colleges and universities on issues of children's literacy
- Designed advertising and promotional materials
- Developed Web presence (www.magicdragonbooks.com / www.visaliabooks.com)
- Served as primary buyer of children's / young adult literature
- Oversaw store redesign and merchandising plans

Provident Mortgage Corporation; Visalia, California

Vice President, Information Systems and Operations

Jan. 1, 1999 – Apr. 5, 1999

- Supervised all information and technology infrastructure throughout the corporation
- Established budgets, present proposals, and set goals technology implementations
- Managed LANs, WANs, and other company data networks

Old Republic Title Company; Visalia, California

Training Coordinator, Real Estate Learning Center

Jun. 3, 1997 – Feb. 15, 1998

- Wrote and edited training documentation, brochures, and other materials
- Designed and maintained Old Republic, Visalia, World Wide Web site
- Supervised Realtor training curriculum development and implementation
- Conducted classroom instruction of Old Republic staff and client Realtors

EveryBit Computers & Software; Visalia, California (Partner)

General Manager, Retail Store

Jan. 15, 1992 – Dec. 31, 1994

- Prepared quarterly newsletter and monthly supplements with software and hardware advice
- Designed and implemented all advertising and promotional campaigns
- Taught classes covering DOS, Windows 3.x, MS Word, MS Excel, and Lotus 1-2-3
- Designed and administered the EveryBit BBS, an Internet provider (everybit.com)
- Developed EveryBit Point-of-Sale software, DOS and Windows versions

Student Oriented Software; Visalia, California (Partner)

Consultant, Product Development

Jan. 1, 1986 – Dec. 31, 1992

- Used desktop publishing to produce manuals, advertisements, and other documents
- Trained clients on Lotus 1-2-3, WordPerfect, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Word
- Served as Lead Programmer / Project Coordinator on all software development projects
- Developed educational software for early personal computers

USC University Computing Services; Los Angeles, California

Junior Systems Programmer

Aug. 17, 1987 – Apr. 10, 1990

- Wrote and edited IBM VM/CMS manuals for UCS software including compilers, statistical analysis tools, and basic operating system procedures
- Conducted Internet training seminars for clients and employees of UCS
- Programmed user interfaces for Internet mail services USCMail and USCMenu
- Programmed IBM 3081 and 3090 mainframes; MVS/TSO and VM/CMS

Conferences & Presentations

Invited Speaker

Autistic Students and Education

- AHEADD College Readiness Support Group;** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Oct. 17, 2011
 Panel: *Planning for the College Years*
- Arc Midstate and School District 742;** St. Cloud, Minnesota May 23, 2011
Life with Autism: Lessons Learned by a Teacher
- Central Minnesota Schools,** District 742; St. Cloud, Minnesota Mar. 30, 2011
The Value of Life Skills: How Life Skills Become Success Skills
- Arc Midstate: Potpourri for Providers and Parents;** Sauk Rapids, Minnesota Feb. 26, 2011
Autism and Developing Interpersonal Relationships
- Minnesota Midstate Teens with ASDs;** St. Cloud, Minnesota Oct. 15, 2010
Strategies for Living with Autism, with a Q and A Forum
- Arc Midstate: Potpourri for Providers and Parents;** Sauk Rapids, Minnesota Feb. 27, 2010
Plenary Speaker: *Life with Autism: Lessons Learned by a Teacher*
Breakout Session: *Vocational Planning: Working Your "Spectrum" Strengths*
- Asperger's Support Network;** St. Cloud, Minnesota Dec. 3, 2009
Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Arc Midstate Autism Resource Fair;** St. Cloud, Minnesota Oct. 3, 2009
Featured Speaker: *The Value of Life Skills: How Life Skills Become Success Skills*
- Autism Society of Minnesota;** St. Paul, Minnesota Jan. 14, 2009
The College Years: Success Beyond High School
- Hastings Senior High School;** Hastings, Minnesota Sep. 18, 2008
High School and Beyond: Preparing for Higher Education with Autism
- Autism Society of Minnesota;** St. Paul, Minnesota Jan. 23, 2008
The College Years: Success Beyond High School
- University of St. Thomas;** Minneapolis, Minnesota Nov. 15, 2007
 Education 330: The Psychology of Teaching and Learning; Prof. D. Wingert
Understanding Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- University of Minnesota;** Minneapolis, Minnesota Apr. 26, 2007
 Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences Department; Prof. J. Reichle
Autism from a Personal Perspective
- Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights;** Minneapolis, Minnesota Feb. 27, 2007
Postsecondary Education and Students with Asperger's Syndrome

Professional Writing and Editing

- Military Writers Society of America;** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Sep. 29 – Oct. 1, 2011
Screenwriting and Military Stories
 Panel Moderator: *Writing Dialogue* with Jack London, Bob Doerr, and Del Staecker
- Public Safety Writers Association;** Las Vegas, Nevada Jul. 22 – 17, 2011
It's Not a Book, It's a Movie! The Challenge of Adapting a Work to Screen
 Panel: *What's Missing in Your Manuscript* with Marilyn Olsen, Billie Johnson, and Jo Wilkins

University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, Minnesota Sep. 22, 2010
 Writing Studies 3001: Introduction to Scientific and Technical Communication;
 Mr. Thomas Wright (ABD)
Developing a Freelance Career in Scientific and Technical Communication

Childhood Education and Literacy

University of San Diego; *Literature in the Classroom* Jun. 25, 2002
 Porterville College; *Selecting Reading Books for Children* May 16, 2002
 University of San Diego; *Literature in the Classroom* Jun. 27, 2001
 Visalia Unified School District; *BTSA Training Seminars* Jan. 20, 2001
 University of San Diego; *Literature in the Classroom* Jun. 28, 2000

Academic Conferences

Autistic Students and Education

Autism Society of America 41st Annual Conference; Dallas, Texas Jul. 7 – 10, 2010
Online Education and Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders
Autism Society of Minnesota 2010 Conference; Minneapolis Apr. 28 – May 1, 2009
Higher Education and Your Legal Rights
Autism Society of Minnesota 2009 Conference; Minneapolis Apr. 29 – May 2, 2009
The College Years: Success Beyond High School
Autism Society of America 39th Annual Conference; Orlando, Florida Jul. 9 – 12, 2008
Online Education and Autism at Universities
Autism Society of Minnesota 2008 Conference; Minneapolis Apr. 30 – May 3, 2008
The College Years: Success Beyond High School

Literacy Education: Writing and Reading

Computers and Writing 2010: Virtual Worlds
 Purdue University, Indiana May 20 – 23, 2010
Virtually Different: Online Writing Courses and Students with Autism
MnCU EW Conference: Connecting Communities: Language, Literacy, and Literature
 Minnesota Colleges & Universities English and Writing
 St. Paul College, St. Paul, Minnesota April 2 – 3, 2010
The Challenges of 'Twice Special' Students: Gifted Students with Autism and Writing Courses
**Computers and Writing 2009: Ubiquitous and Sustainable Computing
 @ school @ work @ play**
 University of California, Davis Jun. 18 – 21, 2009
The Problem of Audience Online: When You Never Know Who the Reader Will Be (or is it "Whom?")
Computers and Writing 2006: Still Making Knowledge on the Frontier(s)
 Texas Tech University May 25 – 28, 2006
Missing Input: How Online Composition Can Reduce Instructor Feedback
CSUF 2005 Arts & Humanities Conference: Disciplining the Disciplines
 CSU, Fresno Apr. 22 – 25, 2005
 Panel: *A Quick Language is Evolving: Cell Phone SMS, Instant Messaging and Composition*
 with Susan McLenithan, Liz Scheid, and Catherine Steele

Technology and Information Systems

RMU Doctor of Science and Alumni Research Group: CISConvergence 2011
 Moon, Pennsylvania Nov. 18, 2011
 Panel: *Getting Your Ideas Out There: Publishing and Technology*

Staff Development Presentations

Robert Morris University

Services for Students with Disabilities

Panel: Autism in Higher Education

Oct. 11, 2011

University of Minnesota

Center for Teaching and Learning

Autistic Students in the University Setting

Apr. 9, Apr. 13, and Nov. 20, 2007

California State University, Fresno

English Department

Using the Blackboard Learning System in English Composition

Jan. 14 and Aug. 18, 2005

Publications, Productions & Other Works

Online Reference Works

- Tameri Guide for Writers (<http://www.tameri.com>)
 The Existential Primer (<http://www.existentialprimer.com>)

Newspaper Articles & Columns

Freelance Contributor

- Visalia Direct* June 2006 – Present
 Technology columnist and reporter; “Virtual Valley”
Visalia Times-Delta 1986 – 1992
Fresno Bee 1987
Visalia Today 1986

Screenplays

Registered with the Writers Guild of America, West (WGAW)

Feature-Length Scripts

- Kat Gregory and the Red Bluff*. WGAW 1459131 2010
A New Death: The St. Peter Principle at Work. WGAW 1448023 2010
Irish Charms. WGAW 1436847 2010
The Gospel Singer, or Religion is a Drag. WGAW 1426597 2010

Theatrical Productions

Productions & Readings

- The Garden* 1997, Produced 2002
 The Visalia Community Players at the Ice House Theatre
 Directed by Sherald Sluka Staged Sept. 27 – 29, 2002
 Featuring Clint Showalter as the Gardener and Debbie Walker as the Widow
 Appearing: Summer Robinson, Chris Lewis, Tom Nance, Molly Lovelady,
 James McCoy, and Melissa Romero
Here Forever 2001, Public Reading 2003
Alone from Myself 2001, 2002, Public Readings 2001, 2002
A New Death 1997, Public Readings 1999, 2004

Unproduced

- Clown and Mime* 2004
The Gospel Singer 2004
Life's a Beach 2000
When Things are Good 2000
Wrapped Up 2000
Roommates 1999
My Best Friend 1997

Poetry

Sea of Tranquility

Stealing Someone's Seconds

A Title

An Inkling of Loneliness

Reality Found in a Dream

Simply More Words

The Requiem: Let Us Lie Together

An Inkling of the Pages Between the Covers

In Progress

Sep. 30, 1998

Jul. 20, 1991

Aug. 12, 1989

Aug. 31, 1988

Nov. 4, 1987

Nov. 30, 1986

Jul. 5, 1985

Scholarships & Fellowships

University of Minnesota

College of Liberal Arts, Diversity of Views and Experiences (DOVE) Summer Fellowship	2009
<i>Different by Design: Online Spaces for Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders</i>	
Department of Writing Studies Research Block Grant	2008
<i>Creating an Autism Portal: Using Drupal to Create a Advocacy and Support Web Site</i>	
College of Liberal Arts, Diversity of Views and Experiences (DOVE) Summer Fellowship	2007
<i>Virtually Different: Rhetorical Strategies of Autistic Students in Virtual Spaces</i>	
University Tuition Grant; full graduate tuition	2007 – 2010
University Diversity of Views and Experiences (DOVE) Fellowship	2006 – 2007

California State University, Fresno

State University Tuition Grant	2005 – 2006
State University Tuition Grant	2004 – 2005

University of Southern California

Dean's Scholarship Award for Excellence	
George H. Mayr Foundation Scholarship	1987, 1988, 1999
USC General Award	1990
USC Outstanding Student Scholarship	1987
Presidential Merit Scholarship	1987, 1988, 1989, 1990
California State Federation Award (Honors Society)	1987, 1988, 1989, 1990
USC Alumni Scholarship	1987
Visalia Association for the Talented & Gifted	1987

Honors & Awards

Academic Honors

Phi Kappa Phi (ΦΚΦ) National Honors Society, CSU Fresno Chapter 062	2006
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Journalism

First Place Mail-in Editorial, San Joaquin Valley Press Association	1987
California Scholastic Press Association Scholarship Award	1987
Honorable Mention, Fresno Bee Writer's Contest	1987
First Place Editorial, Tulare-Kings Counties Journalism Competition	1986
Honorable Mention Editorial, Fresno State Journalism Competition	1986

Computer Programming

Bank of America Achievement Award in Computer Science	1987
Third Place Individual Programming, Bakersfield State University Math Field Day	1986
Fourth Place Computer Team, Fresno State University Computer Competition	1986
Second Place, College of the Sequoias Computer Competition	1985

Public Service & General

Soroptimist International Appreciation Award	1987
Optimist International Citizenship Award	1987
California Scholarship Federation Gold Seal	1987
Academic All-American	1987
Visalia Association for the Talented and Gifted (VATAG) Merit Award	1987
Visalia Unified School District Outstanding Achievement Award in Science	1987
American Legion Boys' State Senator	1986

Organizations

Academic

Phi Kappa Phi (ΦΚΦ) National Honors Society, Chapter 062	2006 – Present
American Mensa, Ltd., of Mensa International	2006 – Present

Stage and Screen

Dramatists Guild of America	1999 – 2003, 2005 – Present
Alliance of Los Angeles Playwrights	2003 – 2004
Visalia Community Players	2003 – 2006
Fourth Wall Theatre Company	1995 – 1998

Writing and Communications

Society for Technical Communication	2007 – Present
Association of Teachers of Technical Writing	2011 – Present
Council for Programs in Technical and Scientific Communication	2011 – Present
Pittsburgh Consortium for Rhetoric and Discourse Studies (PCRDS)	2011 – Present
Public Safety Writers Association	2011

Other Organizations

Autism Society of America	2007 – Present
Autism Society of Minnesota	2007 – 2011

Teaching Certifications & Exams

Certifications

California English Long Term Single Subject Teaching Credential	Oct. 1998 – Nov. 1999
California English Long Term Single Subject Teaching Credential	Aug. 1991 – Jun. 1992
California English Temporary Credential	Apr. 1991 – Jan. 1992
California Certificate of Clearance	Nov. 6, 1990

Exams

Praxis / Multiple Subject Assessment (MSAT): Passed as <i>Above Average</i>	Mar. 1999
California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST): Passed as <i>Above Average</i>	Dec. 1988
National Teachers' Examinations (NTE):	
95 th percentile, Professional Knowledge of Teaching	
94 th percentile, General Knowledge of Lower and Middle Grade Academic Subjects	
85 th percentile Biology and General Science for Grades 9–12	

Technical Certifications & Exams

Brainbench Technology Certifications

Transcript online: <http://www.brainbench.com/transcript.jsp?pid=4364551>.

Computer Forensics; 90 th percentile	Sep. 2007
Computer Fundamentals (Windows XP); 97 th percentile	Sep. 2007
Master Computer Industry Knowledge; 98 th percentile	Mar. 2003
Master ITAA Information Security Awareness; 98 th percentile	Mar. 2003
Master Computer Fundamentals (Win 95/98); 89 th percentile	Mar. 2003
Web Designer, HTML 3.2; 83 rd percentile	Mar. 2003
Computer Technical Support; 93 rd percentile	Mar. 2003

Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP)

Certified Windows 95/98 Specialist	Mar. 1998
Exam 70-063 / 70-064: Implementing and Supporting Windows 95	
Verification Number: 988512; Candidate: BADDTT2445	

Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA)

A+ Service Technician	Oct. 1996
Microsoft DOS and Windows Specialist	
Hardware and Customer Service Certification	
Verification Number: 9A8DTT1881; Candidate: 0B660A	