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**Education**

**Ph.D. in English**, **University of Tennessee**, Knoxville, 2006-2011

 Dissertation: *This We Call Many Things: A Collection of Poems*

 Committee: Marilyn Kallet (director), Arthur Smith, Amy Billone

 Comprehensive Exams: Poetry, 19th Century British Literature, and Specialized:

“An Inquiry into the Lyrical ‘I’: From the Romantics to the Contemporaries”

**M.F.A. in Creative Writing**, **Emerson College**, Boston, 1996-1998

 Thesis: *Folding and Faulting: A Collection of Poems*

 Committee: Gail Mazur (director), John Skoyles, David Daniel

 Graduate Dean’s Award for Best Thesis

**B.A. in College Scholars**, **University of Tennessee**, Knoxville, 1992-1996

Honors interdisciplinary program with focus on English, Latin American Literature, and International Relations

**Research and Teaching Interests**

Poetry Writing, Poetics and Form, Creative Nonfiction, 19th and 20th Century American Poetry, 19th Century British Literature, Song Poetics, Science in Literature, Eco-Writing

**Teaching**

**Texas State University, 2025-to present**

MFA Program Director

Associate Professor of English

**University of South Alabama,** 2017-2025

Director of the Stokes Center for Creative Writing

Director of Creative Writing

Associate Professor of English

Responsible for managing the Stokes Center for Creative Writing, directing the BA and MA programs in creative writing, teaching, mentoring students, directing theses, and other service work.

**Courses Taught:** Poetry Writing: Spoken Words and Other Forms; Advanced Poetry Writing: The Contemporary Lyric; Undergraduate and Graduate Creative Nonfiction; Graduate Poetry Workshop; World Literature II; Graduate Special Topics in Creative Writing (Creating Your Ecosystem; Explorations into First-Person Point of View; The Lyrical “I”)

**Eastern Illinois University**, 2013-2017

Director of Creative Writing 2015-2017

Assistant Professor of English

**Courses Taught:** Introductory Poetry Writing; Advanced Poetry Writing; Graduate Poetry Workshop; Introductory Creative Nonfiction; Advanced Creative Nonfiction; Literature and Human Values; Multi-Genre Creative Writing, Composition I; Composition II; Biological Evolution in the Humanities; Literature of Jane Austen

**University of Tennessee**, 2006-2012

Ph.D. Candidate/Teaching Assistant

 **Courses Taught:** Introduction to Poetry Writing; Poetry Literature Survey;

Composition I; Composition II

**Belmont University**, 1998-2006

Lecturer

**Courses Taught:** Multi-Genre Creative Writing; Voices of the Modern South: Fiction and Poetry Survey; Poetics of Country Music; Immigration and Identity in Contemporary Literature; Poetry Writing; Advanced Poetry Writing; Writing About Music; Writing About Biology; Writing About Photography; Writing and Literature; Composition I; Composition II; First Year Writing: The Memoir

 **Writing Center Tutor** , 1998-2006

 **Advisor** for Liberal Studies students, 2004-2006: Assisted 30-40 non-traditional

students in scheduling classes and developing college success strategies

**Emerson College**, 1997-1998

MFA Candidate/Teaching Assistant

 **Courses Taught:** Expository Writing; Writing About Literature

 **Writing Center Tutor**, 1996-1998

**Publications**

**Books and Poetry Chapbooks**

*Code: A Collection of Poems.* Black Lawrence Press, July 2020

 Awards and Honors:

 Alabama State Poetry Society Book of the Year 2020

 *The Millions*, Must-Read Poetry for July 2020

 Vassar Miller Prize (Finalist)

 Foreword Reviews’ IndieFab Book of the Year for 2020 (Finalist)

Autumn House Prize (Semi-Finalist)

Perugia Prize (Semi-Finalist)

 *Many Small Fires*. Black Lawrence Press, February 2015

 Awards and Honors:

 Foreword Reviews’ IndieFab Book of the Year for 2015 (Silver Medal Winner)

 The Eric Hoffer 2016 Book Award (Finalist)

Perugia Prize (Semi-Finalist)

 *The Branches*, *the Axe, the Missing*. Black Lawrence Press, division of Dzanc Books,

May 2012

 Award:

Black River Chapbook competition winner

 *The Poetics of American Song Lyrics*, editor. University Press of Mississippi, January 2012

 *Weaves a Clear Night*. Flying Trout Press, September 2011

 Award:

Flying Trout Chapbook competition winner

 *The Writer’s Path: Creative Exercises for Meaningful Essays.* Kendall Hunt, August 2004

 Award:

National Books Program selection

**Selected Poetry Publications**

Over 300 poems published in *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Asheville Poetry Review*, *Denver Quarterly*, *Epoch,* *Harvard Review, Greensboro Poetry Review, Iron Horse Literary Review*, *Kenyon Review* *Online*, *Ninth Letter*, *North American Review*, *Poetry,* *Prairie Schooner*, *Seattle Review, The Southern Review,* *Southern Poetry Review, The Southern Poetry Anthology: Appalachia, Vol. III*, and many others.

Pence, Charlotte. Ode to Iron. Aquifer: The Florida Review Online, forthcoming 2026.

Pence, Charlotte. Misjudgments. Aquifer: The Florida Review Online, forthcoming 2026.

Pence, Charlotte. Translation into Croatian of “As a Child, You Worried You Would Be an Orphan” by Lara Radović. Tema, forthcoming 2026.

Pence, Charlotte. Asphalt Bobbling like Apples. Academy of American Poets Magazine, forthcoming 2025.

Pence, Charlotte. At Woodlands Swim Club. Appalachian Review, forthcoming 2025.

Pence, Charlotte. “Funnel Cake on the Sidewalk and Other Thoughts on Love.” Appalachian Review, forthcoming 2025.

Pence, Charlotte. “Pastoral of Her Last House.” Appalachian Review, forthcoming 2025.

Pence, Charlotte. “Thoughts on Striving while Kayaking.” Appalachian Review, forthcoming 2025.

Pence, Charlotte. “Character Questionnaire for a Stranger (You) Who Enters a Poem.” SWWIM, June 2025.

Pence, Charlotte. “Ode to the Underwater.” We Did It First: Poems from Poets of Mobile Alabama, April 2025.

Pence, Charlotte. “The Forest Has Decided.” We Did It First: Poems from Poets of Mobile Alabama, April 2025.

Pence, Charlotte. Reprint of “If It Ever Leaves, Where Does It Go.” University of West Florida Art and Poetry Trail, April 2025.

Pence, Charlotte. “Primordial.” Alaska Quarterly Review, vol. 41, no. 1–2, Feb. 2025, p. 219.

Pence, Charlotte. “Gift the Newly Married Couple.” Nelle, no. 7, 2024, p. 39.

Pence, Charlotte. “Brushing My Daughter’s Hair.” Nelle, no. 7, 2024, p. 40.

Pence, Charlotte. “Sunday Night Echolocation.” StorySouth, Jan. 2024.

Pence, Charlotte. “Alabama Backyard Haikus.” The Southern Poetry Anthology, vol. X: Alabama, edited by William Wright, J. Bruce Fuller, Taylor Byas, and Adam Vines, Texas Review Press, Dec. 2023.

Pence, Charlotte. “Sting Ray Valentine.” The Southern Poetry Anthology, vol. X: Alabama, edited by William Wright, J. Bruce Fuller, Taylor Byas, and Adam Vines, Texas Review Press, Dec. 2023. Originally published 2022.

Pence, Charlotte. “Anniversary Celebration: An Attempt in 2021.” SWWIM, 25 Sept. 2023.

Pence, Charlotte. “Georgia Poetry in the Parks Poetry Feature for ‘Black Silhouettes against a Pink Sunset.’” Summer 2023.

Pence, Charlotte. “Some Madness There.” Featured by Major Jackson on The Slowdown, 31 Mar. 2023, https://www.slowdownshow.org/episode/2023/03/31/846-some-madness-there.

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Pence, Charlotte. “Grief.” Epoch, vol. 69, no. 2, Spring 2022, p. 13.

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Pence, Charlotte. Reprint of Joy Is Earned. Verse Daily, Spring 2021, http://www.versedaily.org/2021/joyisearned.shtml.

Pence, Charlotte. “An Attempt at a Love Poem.” Good River Review, Spring 2021, https://www.goodriverreview.com/issue-one.

Pence, Charlotte. “Rosalind Franklin: The ‘Dark Lady’ of DNA.” Good River Review, Spring 2021, https://www.goodriverreview.com/issue-one.

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*Corduroy Books*, reviewed by Westin Cutter, October 20, 2012

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*Art Today*, reviewed by Gino d’Artali, fall 2012

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**Keynotes and Conference Presentations**

**Keynotes**

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Speaker. Annual Phi Beta Kappa Spring Banquet. April 2016.

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Atlantic Modern Language Association. 2007.

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Council of Teachers of English. 2005.

**Readings, Workshops, and Speaking Engagements**

**Anthology Release Event** for *By the Bay*, Issue #4, to honor poems written by students at Strickland Youth Detention Center. Mobile, Alabama. May 22, 2025.

**Faculty Member.** Longleaf Writers Conference. Seaside, Florida. May 10-17, 2025.

**Volunteer Creative Writing Teacher at Strickland Detention Center.** Mobile, AL. September 2024-May 2025.

**Public Workshop** to write ekphrastic poetry. Mobile, AL. May 3, 2025.

**Release Party** for *We Did If First: Poems from Poets of Mobile, Alabama* edited by Charlotte Pence. Mobile, AL. April 17, 2025.

**Panelist at** Speak Poetry Conference. Mobile, AL April 5, 2025.

**Tedx Speaker.** Mobile, AL. March 7, 2025.

**Reading** at Orange Beach Festival of Art. Orange Beach, AL. March 9, 2025.

**High School Guest Speaker** at Rains High School. Mobile, AL. January 15, 2025.

**Poetry Out Loud Coach and Judge.** Mobile, AL. January 2025.

**Reading.** National Book Festival. Washington, D.C. August 24, 2024.

**Civic Center Dedication** with Mobile’s Mayor Stimpson. Mobile, AL. August 23, 2024.

**Visiting Scholar.** Convivio Conference. Umbria, Italy.June 10-19, 2024.

**Panelist on “After-Life in Poetry.”** New Orleans Poetry Festival. New Orleans, LA. April 20, 2024.

**Reading and Workshop Leader for Poetry Month.** Suny Polytechnic University. Utica, NY. April 10, 2024.

**Inaugural Poet Reading.** Mobile, AL. March 8, 2024.

**Faculty member.** Bayberry Writing Conference. Savannah, GA. February 15-18, 2024.

**On-line Reading of STEM Poetry.** Hosted by Farmingdale State College. Farmingdale, MA. March 28, 2023.

**Panelist and Speaker** at Alabama Writers’ Cooperative Annual Conference. Orange Beach, AL. September 8-10, 2023.

**Reading and Guest Lecturer.** University of Southern Mississippi. Hattiesburg, MS. October 26, 2022.

**Reading and Workshop Leader** for Third Thursday Reading Series. Auburn University. Auburn, AL. September 15, 2022.

**Reading** with Lauren Slaughter and Liz Hughey.Disco (Desert Island Supply Company: A Creative Writing and Arts Center) Reading Series with Liz Hughey and Lauren Slaughter. Birmingham, AL. June 4, 2022.

**Guest** on the JoJo Show, an online interview. May 12, 2022.

**Guest Lecturer and Reading.** The Porch. Nashville, TN. April 2, 2022.

**Guest Writer and Reader.** Oxford Conference for the Book. Oxford, MS. March 30-April 1, 2022.

**Workshop Leader.** Online. Black Lawrence Press Series. February 8, 2022.

**Reading and Class Speaker.** Nebraska Wesleyan University. Lincoln, NE. February 1, 2022.

**Reading. Online.** Flying Out Loud Series. January 10, 2022.

**Reading.** Mobile Medical Museum. Mobile, AL. November 6, 2021.

**Reading and Class Speaker.** Mercer University. Macon, GA. October 28, 2021.

**Reading.** Springhill College. Mobile, AL. October 25, 2021.

**Chapel Speaker and Class Visitor.** Tennessee Wesleyan University. Athens, TN. October 12, 2021.

**Reading.** University of South Alabama. Mobile, AL. September 28, 2021.

**Faculty Leader.** Alabama Writers Cooperative Conference. Panel titles are: "What's Your Itinerary: Deciding the Structure For Your Memoir" and "Breaking Up: How to End our Poems and Prose.” Virtual. August 20-21, 2021.

**Organizer and Teacher.** Writing Workshop for Covid-19 Healthcare Workers. Virtual. April 24, 2021

**Reading.** Black Lawrence Press Reading Series. Virtual. April 27, 2021.

**Reading.** Monroeville Literary Festival. Monroeville, AL. March 5, 2021.

**Union Avenue Books Reading.** Online. November 18, 2020.

**Sewanee Conference Alumni Reading**. Online. October 22, 2020.

**Southern Festival of Books.** Virtual conference. October 1-11, 2020.

**Messiah College Class Visit.** Online. October 5, 2020.

**University of Florida Class Visit.** Online. October 1, 2020.

**Sundress Reading Series.** Online. September 30, 2020.

**East Tennessee University Class Visit and Reading.** Online. September 14, 2020.

**USA Medical Group Book Club.** Online. Mobile AL. September 9, 2020.

**Virtual Event.** Wednesday Night Poetry Series. Online. September 2, 2020.

**Virtual Reading** with John Skoyles and Gail Mazur. Brookline Booksmith series. Online.

July 6, 2020.

**Virtual Reading** with Dan Albergotti. Read It Again bookstore series. Online. July 3, 2020.

**Facebook Live Event**, over 1,000 views for pre-sale of *Code*. May 20, 2020.

**Workshop Leader.** “Creating persona in poetry.”Alabama Writers Conclave. Orange

 Beach, AL. November 1-3, 2019.

**Writers Round Table Forum.** “Palaemon press exhibit opening: Celebrating southern

 literary and book arts traditions.” University of South Alabama Library. Mobile,

AL. September 6, 2019.

**Visiting Faculty.** Convivio Conference. Umbria, Italy.June 10-19, 2019.

**Main Speaker.** Alabama State Poetry Society. Orange Beach, AL. April 13, 2019.

**Community Speaking Engagement.** Artwalk talk on “How to read poetry.” The

 Haunted Bookshop. Mobile, AL. April 12, 2019.

**Panelist.** “Understanding Josh Ritter.” University of South Alabama Honors College.

 Mobile, AL. February 25, 2019.

**Workshop Leader.** “Re-imagining the image.” Pensters. Fairhope, AL. January 12, 2019.

**Chair and Reader.** “SAMLA poets: Writers from the margins.” SAMLA Conference.

 Birmingham, AL. November 4, 2018.

**Panelist.** “Diving into the wreck: A conversation with poets and scientists.” ArtSeaLab

Festival. Dauphin Island, AL. October 28, 2018.

**Reading.** Montevallo University Reading Series. Montevallo, AL. April 19, 2018.

**Reading.** Sewanee Writers’ Conference. Sewanee, TN. July 19, 2018.

**Panelist.** “Taking risk in writing.” Mobile Literary Festival. Mobile, AL. March 3, 2018.

**Reading.** Under the Moon Poetry Reading. Mobile Botanical Gardens. Mobile, AL.

October 4, 2017.

**Reading.** Hamner Lecturer for Graduate Studies. University of South Alabama. Mobile, AL.

September 14, 2017.

**Reading.** River Styx Reading Series. St. Louis, MO. April 17, 2017.

**Reading.** Virginia Peck Reading Series. Middle Tennessee State University. Murfreesboro,

TN. March 13, 2017.

**Master Classes and Reading.** University of Lincoln. Lincoln, England. December 2, 2016.

**Narrator** with Douglas Hollick. “The genesis of the modern piano: John Broadwood,

science, technology, and the Industrial Revolution.” The Gravity Fields Festival.

Grantham, England. September 25, 2016.

**Reading.** Gold Room Lecture Series. Harlaxton, England. September 12, 2016.

**Reading.** Towson University. Baltimore, MD. February 23, 2016.

**Master Class and Reading.** U.S. Naval Academy. Annapolis, MD. February 22, 2016.

**Reading.** “Seeing visions/Hearing voices: Orr Street Studios series.” Columbia, MO.

February 16, 2016.

**Speaker.** “What’s wrong with abstraction?.” Admitted Student Day Open House. EIU.

Charleston, IL. February 15, 2016.

**Reading.** Seminary Co-op Bookstore. Chicago, IL. November 5, 2015.

**Reading.** Southern Festival of Books. Nashville, TN. October 9, 2015.

**Reading.** Berry College. Rome, GA. October 8, 2015.

**Speaker.** “On obsessions” for Sandra Meeks’ classes. Berry College. Rome, GA. October 8,

2015.

**Reading.** Pygmalion Literary Festival Lit Crawl. Champaign, IL. September 26, 2015.

**Living Room Reading.** Home of Carol Stevens. Charleston, IL. September 22, 2015.

**Reading.** Decatur Festival of Books. Decatur, GA. September 5, 2015.

**Reading.** Reading with Maggie Smith. Columbus, OH. July 12, 2015.

**Reading.** Vouched Books. Indianapolis, IN. June 6, 2015.

**Reading.** The Poetry Foundation. Chicago, IL. May 17, 2015.

**Reading.** The Burning Chair Series. Fayetteville, AS. May 2, 2015.

**Reading.** University of Arkansas - Fort Smith. Fort Smith, AS. May 1, 2015.

**Reading.** The Bastet Quartet Series. Memphis, TN. April 30, 2015.

**Living Room Reading.** Home of Paula McNitt. Charleston, IL. April 24, 2015.

**Reading.** Saint Mary’s College. Notre Dame, IN. April 16, 2015.

**Reading.** AWP Off-Site Reading with Black Lawrence Press. Minneapolis, MN. April 9,

2015.

**Book Signing** at AWP’s Book Fair. Black Lawrence Press Booth. Minneapolis, MN. April

10, 2015.

**Reading.** Belmont University. Nashville, TN. April 2, 2015.

**Reading.** University of Tennessee. Knoxville, TN. March 30, 2015.

**Radio Show.** WUTK. Knoxville, TN. March 30, 2015.

**Reading.** Austin Peay State University. Clarksville, TN. March 26, 2015.

**Reading.** Black Lawrence Press Reading and Reception. Pittsburgh, PA. March 21, 2015.

**Reading.** Featured Reader at West Virginia Wesleyan MFA Creative Writing Students’

Celebration. Poetry and Provisions at Starlings. Charleston, WV. March 20, 2015.

**Living Room Reading.** Home of Anita Hull. Hardy, VA. March 17, 2015.

**Living Room Reading.** Home of Cate Strain. Johnson City, TN. March 14, 2015.

**Reading.** Featured Poet at Asheville Poetry Review’s 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Asheville, NC. March 18, 2015.

**Living Room Reading.** Home of Lynnell Edwards. Louisville, KY. March 12, 2015.

**Reading.** Book Launch with Caleb Curtiss. Champaign, IL. February 28, 2015.

**Reading.** Eastern Illinois University. Charleston, IL. February 19, 2015.

**Reading.** Woman Made Gallery. Chicago, IL. February 15, 2015.

**Speaker.** “The story behind the poems: Preview of *Many Small Fires*” for Dr. Ames’s class,

Eastern Illinois University. Charleston, IL. February 2015.

**Speaker.** “Finding inspiration” for Dr. Quesada’s class, Eastern Illinois University.

Charleston, IL. January 2015.

**Reading.** Friends of the Library. Charleston, IL. November 9, 2014.

**Speaker.** “Form and function” for Dr. Caldwell’s class, Eastern Illinois University.

Charleston, IL. October 2014.

**Speaker.** “How to use song lyrics in an English classroom” for Dr. Ames’s class, Eastern

Illinois University. Charleston, IL. October 2014.

**Reading.** EIU’s English Forum. Charleston, IL. November 2014.

**Reading.** Pygmalion Literary Festival. Urbana-Champaign, IL. September 25-28, 2014.

**Reading.** “The lyric and its love triangle.” PCA/ACA Conference. Chicago, IL. April 2014.

**Reading.** Arkansas Literary Festival. April 2014.

**Reading.** Young Harris College. Skype visit. March 2014.

**Reading.** University of Illinois at Springfield. October 2013.

**Master Class.** University of Illinois at Springfield. October 2013.

**Workshop.** Ph.D. Workshop for EIU’s graduate students. November 2013.

**Reading.** EIU’s Biology Senior Seminar. November 2013.

**Reading.** EIU’s English Forum. November 2013.

**Reading.** “The lyric and its love triangle.” EIU. November 2013.

**Reading.** “Poetry reading by David Kirby and Charlotte Pence.” The Nantucket Book

Festival. Dreamland Harborview Room. Nantucket, MA. June 22, 2013.

**Lecture.** “At the crossroads: Intersection with poetry and song.” The Nantucket Book

Festival. Dreamland Harborview Room. Nantucket, MA. June 22, 2013.

**Reading.** “Black Lawrence Press and Devil’s Lake present an AWP 2013 off-site reading.”

The Nite Cap Lounge. Boston, MA. March 7, 2013.

**Reading and Master Class.** “Poetry reading with Adam Prince.” Visiting Writers Series.

Nebraska Wesleyan University. February 6, 2013.

**Reading.** “Poetry reading with Adam Vines.” The Southern Festival of Books. Nashville

Public Library. October 12, 2012.

**Speaker.** “The job search: Applying from UT.” University of Tennessee. Knoxville, TN.

October 2012.

**Lecture.** “Twin muses: The similarities and differences between poems and songs.”

Decatur Book Festival. City Hall Stage. September 1, 2012.

**Reading.** “Black Lawrence Press off-site reading at Brooklyn Book Festival.” September

2012.

**Reading.** Southern Festival of Books. October 2012.

**Reading.** Pilgrim’s Way Bookstore signing. Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. June 2012.

**Reading.** Writers on Stage. San Luis Obispo, California. June 2012.

**Reading.** Lido Books. Newport Beach, California. June 2012.

**Reading.** Inky Poetry Series. Louisville, Kentucky. May 2012.

**Reading.** Knoxville Writers Guild. May 2012.

**Reading.** South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference. Atlanta, GA.

November 2011.

**Reading.** New South’s reading series. Atlanta, Georgia. April 2011.

**Reading.** Grail Reading Series. Knoxville, Tennessee. April 2011.

**Speaker.** “How to apply to M.F.A. programs.” University of Tennessee. Knoxville, TN.

October 2011.

**Reading.** “Weaves a clear night.” The Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture.

Louisville, Kentucky. February 2010.

**Reading.** “Interplay with text and image.” South Atlantic Modern Language Association

Conference. Atlanta, GA. November 2010.

**Speaker.** “How to apply to M.F.A. programs.” University of Tennessee. Knoxville, TN.

October 2010.

**Reading.** “Zeus is not a god.” The Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture.

Louisville, Kentucky. February 2009.

**Reading.** “Myth and the contemporary poem.” The Louisville Conference on Literature

and Culture. Louisville, Kentucky. February 2008.

**Reading.** Grail Reading Series. Knoxville, Tennessee. April 2009.

**Reading.** “Merging sound and sense.” South Atlantic Modern Language Association

Conference. Atlanta, GA. November 2009.

**Reading.** Women’s Law Association Benefit for Save the Children and the Mary Parrish

Center for Women of Domestic Violence. Vanderbilt University. November 2005.

**Reading.** Writers in the Library Series. University of Tennessee. October 2005.

 **Reading.** Bongo Java Series: Poetry and Songs in the Round. Nashville, Tennessee. October

 & November 2005.

**Reading.** Belmont University. Nashville, Tennessee. 1999, 2001, 2005.

**Reading.** Emerson College. Boston, Massachusetts. 1998.

**Reading.** Graduate Students Poetry Circle. South Atlantic Modern Language Association

Conference. Atlanta, GA. November 2008.

**Lecture.** “Finding one’s voice in poems and songs.” ASCAP. Nashville, Tennessee. 2005.

**Workshop.** “Incorporating poetry into high school English courses.” Vanderbilt.

Nashville, Tennessee. 2005.

**Lecture.** “The poetics of country music.” Belmont University’s community lecture series.

Nashville, Tennessee. 2004.

**Awards, Fellowships, and Honors**

**Writing Awards (in addition to book awards cited on page two)**

Academy of American Poets Laureate Fellowship, 2024-2025

MacDowell Fellow, March 2024.

Inaugural Poet Laureate for Mobile, Alabama, January 2024-December 2025.

Finalist for Sustainable Arts Foundation Grant, summer 2022.

Writer-in-Residence at Newnan Artist Residency, summer 2022.

Pushcart Prize Nomination for “Rosalind Franklin: The ‘Dark Lady’ of DNA”, December 2021.

Patterson Fellow at Vanderbilt University, November 10-November 17, 2021.

Phi Kappa Phi Artist of the Year. University of South Alabama. October 2021.

Best of the Net Nomination for hybrid poem “Found Poems: Emails Intended for the

Vice President’s Daughter” 2021.

Notable Essay of the Year for “Stubby Horses and Why We Paint Them” in *Best American Essays 2020*.

Individual Artist Fellowship from the Alabama State Council on the Arts in poetry, 2020.

Grant Recipient from the Arts Abroad, Community Foundation West Georgia, summer

2019.

Notable Story of the Year for “So far”, co-written with Adam Prince, in *Best American Short Stories 2018*.

Fellow at the Sewanee Writers’ Conference, 2018.

Best of the Net Nomination for creative non-fiction hybrid essay “A swim stroke in verse: Seventeen giant manta rays and one hut,” 2017.

Scholar at the Sewanee Writers’ Conference, 2016.

Research and Creativity Award, Eastern Illinois University, 2016.

The Perugia Prize, second place for *Many Small Fires*

Salt Award from the UK, short-list, for *Many Small Fires*

Research and Creativity Award, Eastern Illinois University, 2014.

Semi-Finalist of The Rattle Prize for “Among the Yellows, the Faces Slack,” 2013.

Pushcart Prize nominee, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016 (two).

Virginia Center for the Creative Arts Fellow, 2008, 2010, 2011.

Discovered Voices Award, which is given to one poet and one fiction writer who compete

among nominated graduate students from each program in the nation, 2009.

Scholar at the Community of Writers conference, 2008.

Libba Moore Gray Poetry Prize, 2007.

New Millennium Writing Award for Poetry, 2004.

State of Tennessee Individual Artist Fellowship in Poetry, 2002-2003.

**Teaching Awards**

Nominated for University of South Alabama’s College of Arts and Sciences Teaching

 Excellence Award, January 2022.

Achievement and Contribution Award for Teaching, Service, and Research, Eastern Illinois

University, 2016-2017.

Recipient of a Redden Grant for Undergraduate Instruction and Research, Eastern Illinois

University, 2016-2017.

Visiting Faculty Appointment at Harlaxton College in England, fall 2016.

Graduate Students’ Distinguished Professor Nomination, 2015-2016.

Recipient of four Redden Grants for Undergraduate Instruction and Research, Eastern

Illinois University, 2015-2016.

Achievement and Contribution Award for Teaching, Eastern Illinois University, 2013-2014.

Redden Grant for Undergraduate Instruction and Research, Eastern Illinois University, fall

2014.

John C. Hodges Excellence in Teaching Finalist, 2006, 2011.

Grant Recipient for “Developing the first-year writing seminar: Redesigning English 110

curricula” at Belmont University.

Faculty Appreciation Award for involvement with student life at Emerson College, 1998.

**Graduate Awards**

John B. Emperor Fellowship recipient, 2011.

Chancellor’s Award for Professional Promise, a university-wide competition, 2010.

John C. Hodges Graduate Award in Poetry, first place, 2010.

John C. Hodges Graduate Award in Poetry, first place, 2008.

John C. Hodges Graduate Award in fiction, second place in 2010 and third place in 2011.

John C. Hodges Research Assistantship, 2008-2010.

Chancellor’s Fellowship for New Graduate Students, 2006-2007.

Graduate Dean’s Award for Best Thesis at Emerson College, 1998.

Administrative Assistantship at Emerson College, 1996-1998.

**Undergraduate Awards**

Alvin H. Nielson Scholarship recipient, University of Tennessee, 1995-1996.

**Professional Activities and Service**

***Literary Citizenship and Community Outreach***

**Executive Editor, *Porter House Review***

**ArtWalk Poetry Reading Series**

**Founder and Curator, January 2024-Decemeber 2025.**

A monthly reading series that showcases the diversity of local poets in Mobile, Alabama.

**Editorial Board Member, Negative Capability Press,** 2017 to present.

**Editor of *We Did It First: Poems from Poets of Mobile, Alabama***

Over 50 poets were selected for this anthology given free of charge to the residents of Mobile, Alabama as part of the laureateship.

**Stokes Center for Creative Writing at University of South Alabama**

**Director,** 2017-2025.

The Stokes Center for Creative Writing enhances the English department by

sponsoring readings, lectures, community projects, and other events that are free and

open to the public. It also supports students through its undergraduate and graduate

awards in poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction. The Stokes Center is committed to

fostering a vibrant, diverse, and inclusive writers’ community along the Gulf Coast.

**Creative Writing Program at University of South Alabama**

**Director,** 2017-2025.

Responsible for curriculum development, program building, recruitment, assessment, and scholarships.

**Alabama Writers’ Forum Board of Directors** and Secretary, 2021-2025.

**Alabama Writers’ Cooperative Board of Directors** and Long-Term Planning Secretary,

2024-2025.

**Book Contest Judge** for Madville Publishing, Arthur Smith Prize, 2022.

**Reader Report written for the University Press of Mississippi**

 **May 2020:** *Poetic Song Verse: Blues Based Popular Music and Poetry* by Mike Mattison and

Ernest Suarez

**Chair of Poet Laureate Search Committee for Alabama**, 2020-2024.

**Supervisor for Community Outreach at Taylor Park Recreation Center, 2021.**

Established a new outreach program with a local recreation center that cares for underserved children. I directed two graduate students in course planning and course management for a free, eight-week creative writing course taught to children ages 9-13 on a weekly basis.

**Contributor on Grant from the John Templeton Foundation,** 2019-2021. “Development of Virtue-Promotive Interventions for Adolescents Through Participatory Action Research”: The aim of the proposed project is to develop and evaluate a multilevel virtue-promotive intervention program for adolescents designed to be implemented in the context of afterschool, drop-in programs in urban, under- resourced areas. This intervention will promote the virtues of wisdom, hope, peace, and forgiveness. The grant amount is $205,011.00 Pence’s role is to design creative writing exercises for this grant.

**Chair SAMLA Poets Panel,** 2018 Conference.

**Judge,** Paul Rice Poetry Contest at Coastal Carolina University, fall 2018.

**Director,** Lions in Winter Literary Festival, 2014-2017. This two-day festival features

readings and craft talks by five writers, a book fair, a community story hour, an

editor’s panel, and an undergraduate reading with students from five different

universities.

**Director,** Nancy Hennings Memorial Poetry Reading Series, 2014-2017.

**Interim Editor,** *Bluestem Magazine*, 2015-2016 and **Poetry Editor**, 2012-2014.

**Coordinator** for the James K. Johnson Creative Writing Award, 2015-2016.

**Co-Faculty Advisor** for *The Vehicle*, EIU’s student-run literary magazine, 2015-2016.

**Southern Literary Festival undergraduate writing contest judge** in creative nonfiction,

2016.

**Graham Lewis Poetry Slam judge**, EIU, 2016.

**Contributor** to*Chapter 16*, an online journal dedicated to promoting contemporary literature to a diverse readership outside of academia, 2011 to present.

**Permanent Rotating Judge** for Black Lawrence Press chapbook spring contest, 2014 and

2015.

**Poetry Editor,** *Bluestem Magazine*, 2013-2015.

**Interim Faculty Advisor,** *The Vehicle*, EIU’s student-run literary magazine, fall 2014.

**Volunteer Reader** for *Linebreak*,fall 2015.

**The Mockingbird Poetry Contest Judge,** East Tennessee University, 2014.

**National Poetry Month Digital Initiative Coordinator** at EIU, 2014 and 2015.

**Travel Coordinator and Workshop Leader**, Lions in Winter Literary Festival, January

2014.

**Creative Writing Contest Judge** for the James K. Johnson Award, spring 2014.

**Judge for Children’s Writing** award, spring 2014.

**Judge for Literary Essay Contest**, award, spring 2014.

**Editor-in-Chief** of *Grist*, the national literary journal funded by the University of Tennessee. Duties included selecting and managing twenty staffers, creating and adhering to the budget, as well as soliciting, selecting, and editing poems, stories, interviews, and craft essays from 2007-2010. The first year of the journal, I served as poetry editor, and the following two years I served as editor-in-chief.

**Workshop Facilitator** at The Greater Nashville Young Writers Workshop, 2004, and

 Tennessee Young Writers’ Institute, 2007-2009 and 2011. Both programs are designed to interest area high school students in creative writing.

**Writing Resident** at the David and Julia White Artist Colony, Costa Rica, June 2007 and July 2011.

**Reading Series Organizer** for Writers in the Round, a reading series bringing together poets and songwriters in Nashville, 2005-2006.

**Research Participant** in two separate studies to identify best teaching practices merging creative writing and composition pedagogy: “The use of workshop in composition,” 2010 to present, and “New methods in composition workshopping,” 2008.

**Poet-in-Residence** at Oak Ridge High School, 2007.

**Contest Judge** for the Bain-Swiggert Poetry Prize, University of Tennessee, 2006.

**Curriculum Developer** for TIP, a program that identified at-risk elementary students with an interest in writing. Funded by a non-profit arts agency, the program created year-long mentoring relationships where volunteers would meet weekly with students to provide creative writing classes.

**Exchange Student** with International Student Exchange Program to study Latin American literature and politics. Universidad del Belgrano. Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1994.

**Marketing Intern** at The University of Tennessee Press, 1994. Wrote press releases, prepared press packets, and organized readings for authors.

**Poetry Reader** for *Ploughshares* literary journal, 1997-1998.

**Member** of The Association of Writers and Writing Programs; Modern Language Association; APA/ACA; and the Academy of American Poets.

***Committees***

**Chair**, University of South Alabama English department’s Creative Writing Committee,

2017 to present.

**Member**, University of South Alabama Grade Appeals Committee for College of Arts and

Sciences, 2022-2023.

**Member**, University of South Alabama English department’s Policy and Planning

Committee, 2017 to present.

**Member**, University of South Alabama English department’s Graduate Committee, 2017 to

present.

**Chair**, search committee for English department (tenure-track fiction hire), 2021-2022.

**Member**, University of South Alabama Diversity Committee for College of Arts and

Sciences, 2021-2022.

**Member**, University of South Alabama Tenure Committee for College of Arts and

Sciences, 2021-2022.

**Member,** University of South Alabama International Education Committee, 2020-2021.

**Member**, University of South Alabama Convocation Committee, 2019-2021.

**Chair**, search committee for English department (visiting fiction hire), 2020-2021.

**Member**, University of South Alabama Diversity Committee for College of Arts and

Sciences, 2018-2020.

**Member**, chair search committee for English department, fall 2019.

**Member**, professor search committee for Department of Theatre and Dance, 2018-2019.

**Member**, University of South Alabama English department’s Technology Committee, 2017-

2019.

**Member**, University of South Alabama English department’s Scholarship Committee, 2017-

2019.

**Chair**, Eastern Illinois University English Department Creative Writing Committee, 2014-

2017, and chair from 2014-2016.

**English Studies Conference Committee**, EIU, 2015-2017.

**Study Abroad Committee**, EIU, 2015-2017.

**Affiliate Member** of Digital Humanities, EIU, 2014-2017.

**Affiliate Member** of the Medical Humanities, EIU 2015-2017.

**Affiliate Member** of the Graduate School, EIU, 2013-2017.

**Affiliate Faculty Member** of The Center for the Humanities, EIU, 2013-2017.

**Affiliate Faculty Member** of Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies, EIU, 2013-2017.

**SPC Member**, which reviews the retention and promotion portfolios, 2015-2017.

**Member**, EIU Mary Jane Coartney Memorial Creative Writing Scholarship Committee,

2015-2016.

**Sub-Committee Member**, Literary History Course Development, 2013-2014.

**Member**, EIU English Department Creative Writing Committee, 2013-2014.

**Co-Advisor of the English Club**. Helped facilitate community outreach by teaching at the monthly creative writing night at Mattoon Public Library. Campus events included hosting writing nights in the student center and a scary storytelling event for Halloween, 2013-2016.

**Creative Committee Member**,theAssociation of the Arts of the Present Conference, Knoxville, 2008.

**Creative Event Chair** for Nexus: An Interdisciplinary Conference, Knoxville, 2007.

**Graduate Student Senate Representative**, 2006-2007.

***Undergraduate and Graduate Thesis Committees***

**Director,** Daron Rey, Hybrid MA Capstone, 2025.

**Director,** Mariah Conrey, Nonfiction MA Thesis, 2025.

**Reader,** Stuart McNair, Literature MA Thesis, 2024.

**Reader,** Gracie Coburn, Fiction MA Thesis, 2023.

**Director,** Jacobie Lewis, Poetry MA Thesis, 2023.

**Director,** Abby Plowman, Nonfiction MA Thesis, 2023.

**Director,** Dylan Gibson, Hybrid Poetry and Prose MA Thesis, 2023.

**Director,** Bee Baldwin, Hybrid Poetry and Prose MA Thesis, 2023.

**Director,** Raven McShan, Hybrid Poetry and Prose MA Thesis, 2023.

**Director,** Alicia Myrick, Poetry MA Thesis, 2023.

**Director,** Sierra Daugherty, Fiction MA Thesis, 2023.

**Director**, Amy Patterson, Nonfiction MA Thesis, 2022.

**Director,** Isabella Jetten, Fiction MA Thesis, 2022.

**Director**, Franklin Bogle, Fiction MA Thesis, 2022.

**Director**, Bradford Nolen, Poetry MA Thesis, 2021.

**Director**, Stephanie Balmori, Poetry MA Thesis, 2021.

**Director**, James Craig, Fiction MA Thesis, 2020.

**Director**, Raven McShan, Undergraduate Honors Poetry Thesis, 2019.

**Reader**, Kimberly Lovvorn, Art MA Thesis, 2019.

**Reader**, Zachary Davis, Fiction MA Thesis, 2019.

**Reader**, Matthew Glaser, Undergraduate Honors Fiction Thesis, 2018.

**Director**, McKenzie Dial, Nonfiction MA Thesis, 2017.

**Reader**, Ty Noel, Fiction MA Thesis, 2017.

**Director**, Gabby Knock, Fiction MA Thesis, 2016.

**Director**, John Brown, Poetry Undergraduate Thesis, 2016.

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