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**EDUCATION**

2002: Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison  
1997: M.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison  
1994: B.A., University of Washington

**TEACHING AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS**

Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC: 2003 - Present

*Professor* (2018-Present)  
*Associate Professor* (2008-2018)  
*Assistant Professor* (2003-2008)  
*Co-Coordinator and Program Founder*, African / African American Studies Program (2005-Present)

Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT: 2002-2003

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

University of Wisconsin at Madison, Madison, WI: 1996-2002

*Lecturer* (Faculty position, competition open; create, design and lead course)  
*Instructor* (Graduate student teaching position; create, design and lead course)  
*Teaching Assistant* (Graduate student teaching position; teach sections of lecture course)  
*Instructor/Tutor* UW-Madison Writing Center (competitive position; 9-12 hours/week, drop-in and permanent appointments) (1998-2000, concurrent with other teaching appointments)

**ACADEMIC HONORS AND TEACHING AWARDS**

2018: Faculty Member of the Year, Wofford College  
2017: SoCon Faculty Member of the Year  
2010: Faculty Member of the Year, Wofford College  
2002: 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up, Distinguished Teaching Award, Department of English, UW-Madison  
1998: French-Felton Award for Inspirational Teaching as a Teaching Assistant in the College of Arts and Science

**TEACHING**

New courses developed:  
ENG 102: Black Women Detective Fiction. Spr 2021  
HUM 101: How to be an Antiracist. Fall 2020  
JAN 2020: The Three Autonomies of Spain: Travel project to Spain with Baseball team and other

students.

JAN 2017: The Art and Crafts of Japan: Travel project to Japan

JAN 2016: The Art, Culture and Religion of Italy: Travel project to Italy with Baseball team and other students.

JAN 2013: Experience Japan! Travel project to Japan.

JAN 2011-JAN 2017 (intermittent): Aikido Interim

ENG 427: Queer Black Literature. Spring 2019

ENG 102: Detective Fiction. Spring 2017

HUM 101: Telling the Story of Back of the College and Cumming Street School. CEFF Community Partnership Project. Fall 2017.

HUM 101: Protest and Rebellion in American Culture. Fall 2016.

HUM 101: The Hyperreal of American Violence. Fall 2013.

Courses substantially revised:

ENG 230: Survey of American Literature. Revised 2017-18.

ENG 324: Ethnic American Literature. Revised 2017.

ENG 320: African American Literature. Revised 2010, 2012, 2016.

ENG 330: Black Arts Movement. Revised 2016.

ENG 102: American Literature in the Cold War. Revised 2010, 2013, 2015.

HUM 101: The Hyperreal of American Violence. Revised 2014, 2015.

Participated in CIL Digital Humanities Grant to incorporate digital humanities assignments into:

ENG 102: Detective Fiction. 2016.

ENG 102: American Literature in the Cold War. 2015.

HUM 101: Protest and Rebellion in American Culture. 2016.

HUM 101: The Hyperreal of American Violence. 2015.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE/COMMITTEE WORK**

English Department

Nominated to serve as department chairperson, 2018. Declined to participate -- would conflict with A/AAS and diversity related work.

Served on hiring committees for searches that resulted in hiring Kimberly Hall, Kim Rostan, Julie Sexeny, John Miles, John Ware, Alan Chalmers.

Ad-hoc committee to develop English 260: Introduction to Literary Studies.

Ad-hoc committee to develop Senior Seminar for English Majors (department rejected)

Advisor. Honors Thesis: Tanner Kaplan (2017), Margaret Ann Young (2014), Hallie Kennedy (2010)

Majors/minors advisor.

African/African American Studies Program

Co-coordinator and Program Founder. African / African American Studies Program.

Interdisciplinary course of study. Wofford College, 2005-Present.

Co-organizer. Wofford College's African / African American Studies Program Speaker Series.

2010-Present. Recent speakers include Ingrid LaFleur, Tim Tyson, Daoud Haroon, Queen Quet of the Gullah/Geechee Nation, Beverly Tatum.

Advisor. Capstone Projects for A/AAS students, including Alex Burgess (2019), Monica Branch (2019), Timothy Lindsey (2018), Caitlynn Myer (2018), Arnesha Rector (2018), Essence Buckman (2017), Mary Kathryn Macklen (2015), Regina Fuller (2012), Tramaine Brown (2012).

#### College-wide

Founding member. **Wofford Antiracism Action Team.** Working in conjunction with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, we've developed and implemented multiple academic and student affairs programs and educational initiatives to address racist practices on campus. Initiatives include: ODI Antiracism 101 Teach-in Series (6 events – panelists, live audience, addressing multiple topics – reached about 1000 participants between June-Oct, 2020); ODI Antiracism Challenge (29 student organizations and athletic teams spend the full academic year reading antiracist texts, attending multicultural events, designing antiracist events, participating in 21-day antiracist experience – all mentored/mentored by faculty/staff volunteers).

Co-organizer with Camille Bethea. **Search Advocate Program.** Completed workshop at OSU to become a trained process expert capable of ensuring hiring processes are as free from cognitive and structural bias as possible. Developed and implemented training workshops at Wofford to create a Search Advocate Squad -- a group of trained advocates ready to serve on faculty and staff searches as needed. Currently 35 advocates trained after three workshops. Developed institutional system to assign advocates to all relevant faculty and staff searches beginning 2018-2019 academic year. Developing online resource-sharing site for advocates. Planning refresher workshops to continue training. SA program has served on more than 40 faculty and staff searches.

Founding member. **Presidential Committee on Diversity and Inclusion.** 2016-2020 (disbanded by Pres. Samhat). Responsibilities included researching best-practices for recruiting and retaining faculty and staff of difference and developing recommendations for 2017-2018 Implementation Plan; developing survey questions for student survey of diversity-related experience on campus; drafting Annual Faculty/Staff Diversity/Inclusion Award; drafting committee mission statement and purpose statement; submitting ideas for Focus Groups questions and method.

Founding member. **Bias Incident Response Team.** 2017-present.

Committee member. **IES Abroad Curriculum Committee** -- Wofford representative. Meet twice/year in Chicago, review course proposals for IES curriculum. Three-year term. 2018-2021 (extended to 2022 due to CoVID 19).

Panelist. **Black Alumni Summit.** October 2017, 2019.

Participant. **DIS International Educators Workshop.** Review and evaluate DIS programs in Copenhagen and Stockholm. October 2016.

Meet with recruits for men's basketball, baseball, women's basketball and women's soccer during recruitment seasons. 2010-present.

Co-organizer. Black History Month, Wofford College. Series of events, presentations, invited speakers that constitute the annual celebration of Black culture and history in February. 2005-2012.

Advised Code-Switching and National Anthem Protest panels, 2018.

Chairperson. **Walt Hudgins Award Committee**. 2012-Present.

Symposium Organizer. "Wofford College Symposium on Leadership and Citizenship" Wofford College, April 12-24, 2008.

Conference Co-organizer. "Coming of Age with 9/11." Wofford College, October 4-7, 2004.

Conference Organizer. "From Homer to Homer Simpson: Wofford College's Conference on Postmodernism." Wofford College, March 1-12, 2004.

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Scholar. Summer Student-Faculty Collaborative Research: Back of the College / Cumming Street School Community Partnership Project. Summer 2018

Fellow. Community-Engagement Faculty Fellow, 2017-2018.

Member. Interim Committee, 2013-2016 (Chair, 2015-2016)

Proposed policy change to Interim Committee/administration to allow Wofford athletics teams to travel during Interim. Traveled with Wofford Baseball to Italy. January 2016.

Advisor. Catie Cronister, preparing for 2020 Rhodes Scholarship application. Identified Catie as a potential Rhodes candidate; working with Scholarship Committee to help Catie develop credentials for Rhodes application.

Advising Catie's applications for summer Internships, other scholarships.

Advisor. Adrian Rentz, Truman Scholarship application. 2017.

Advisor. College Democrats. 2017-present.

Sponsor/advisor. "Wofford UNFiltered: Sexual Assault and Consent." -- John Patterson's community discussion. April 2018.

Sponsor/advisor. "Wofford UNFiltered: Microaggressions and Race." -- John Patterson's and Essence Buckman's community discussion. February 2018.

Sponsor/advisor. "Breaking Down Barriers" -- Drew Copeland's three-part response to having been verbally assaulted. February - March, 2017.

Advisor. "African American Contemporary Art." Capstone Project to complete the Humanities major by Reagan Petty. 2017.

Sponsor/advisor. The N-word discussion. Discussion organized by Leah Craft. November 2016.

Sponsor/advisor. Black Lives Matter March. Student organized. October 2016.

Sponsor/advisor. Community Forum on *13th* -- documentary about mass incarceration. Discussion organized by Essence Buckman. October 2016

Advisor. Intramural Soccer Club. 2014-2017.

Advisor. African American Art. Capstone Project for Humanities major by Becky Salami. 2015.

Advisor. Regina Fuller, Fulbright and Marshall Scholarship applications, 2013.

Advisor. Rachel Woodlee, Rhodes Scholarship application, 2012. Substantial advice/revision work on Rachel's letter of application. "Critical part" of Rachel's successful application, according to Dan Maulsby, Chair of committee to support scholarship applicants.

Advisor. Tramaine Brown, Fulbright Scholarship application. 2012.

Committee on Quality Enhancement Program for Humanities Program, 2008 - 2009.

Presidential Advisory Council, 2006-2009.  
Chair, 2008-2009

Faculty representative on Education Committee of Wofford College Board of Trustees, 2008

Curriculum Committee, Wofford College, 2004-2007  
Chair, 2006-2007

Ad-Hoc Task Force on Curriculum Reform, Wofford College, 2004-2005

Faculty Advisor, Wofford College, 2004-Present

Programs and Majors Committee, Eastern Conn. State University. 2002-2003

Budget Committee, Eastern Conn. State University. 2002-2003

Faculty Advisor, Eastern Conn. State University. 2002-2003

Curriculum Committee, UW-Madison. 2001-2002 (elected position)

T.A. Review Committee, UW-Madison. 2000-2001 (elected position)

Graduate Student-Faculty Committee, UW-Madison. 1997-98 (elected position)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE/PRESENTATIONS**

Member. Board of Advisors, Spartanburg Preservation Fund. Three-year term: 2018-2021.

Panelist. Panel on Community Activism, "Dialog Dinner," St. Joseph's Catholic School. 2018.

Panelist. Panel on COINTELPRO and FBI surveillance. Ubuntu Community Organization. 2017.

Speaker. "*The Help* and Domestic Workers in the South. St. Joseph's Catholic School. 2016.

Speaker. Jackie Robinson and the Civil Rights Movement. St. Joseph's Catholic School. 2015.

Participant. "Meet Your Muslim Neighbor." As-Sabeel Muslim School Community Building Event. 2015.

Member, NAACP Spartanburg Chapter, January 2015-present.

Volunteer, Upstate Pride March, 2008-2014

Commissioner, Human Relations Commission, Spartanburg, SC, June 2005-June 2008

## **INTELLECTUAL ACTIVITY**

REMOVED. Full-length film script. 2013.

THE SHOALS. Full-length film script. Semi-finalist, Nichol Fellowship Competition. 2012.