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EDUCATION

Master of Liberal Arts Quarter theses: Hegel, Thoreau, de Tocqueville, Freud	St. John's College	2006
Bachelor of Arts American History, antebellum period	University of Maryland – College Park	2003
Bachelor of Arts French Language and Literature	(Universite de Nice, Sophia Antipolis, France)	2002
Teaching Licensure 9 th - 12 th grade English and Mathematics	University of North Carolina - Asheville	2010

EMPLOYMENT

Mars Hill University	Mars Hill, North Carolina	2011 - present
Director of First Year Advising		2019-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinating with offices of admissions and registrar and academic departments to enroll and academically advise incoming new and transfer students thru the first year at MHU		
Director of First Year Academic Success		2013-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruiting and directing instructors of First Year Seminar I (FYS111)• Partnering with offices of student life, athletics and academic departments to increase student retention and persistence to graduation• Implementing strategic curricular and co-curricular initiatives (e.g. “First Year Connections” program), early alert reporting software (Pharos 360) and survey instruments and analysis• Recruiting, training, scheduling and managing peer academic support personnel (First Year Mentors, Supplemental Instruction and other tutors)		
Instructor of General Studies		2012-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honors First Year Seminar I (HONORS FYS 111): 3hrs.• First Year Seminar I (FYS 111): 3hrs.• First Year Mentor Internship (FYS 261): 1hr.• Ethical Reasoning (GE 112): 3hrs.• Ethics Bowl (GE 327 / PHI 105): 1hr.• *Arguing with Euclid (HONORS 227): 1hr.• First Year Seminar II (FYS 112): 3hrs.• *The Utopian Enterprise (GE 322): 3hrs.• Liberal Arts in Action: Creativity (LAA 321): 3hrs.• Liberal Arts in Action: Critique of Faith & Reason (LAA 231): 3hrs.• Liberal Arts in Action: Civic Life (LAA 221): 3hrs.• Liberal Arts in Action: Character (LAA 121): 3hrs.• Basic Math (MTH 101): 3hrs.		

**indicates self-designed courses*

Academic Coordinator, Upward Bound (TRIO)

2011-2012

- Designed and coordinated college preparation and support model for low-income and intended first-generation college students in Madison, Yancey, Buncombe and Avery counties.
- Taught summer courses in Theatre and Outdoor Adventure

Committees:

- Equity, Inclusion and Diversity
- Academic Advising
- Honors Council
- Student Liberal Arts Mosaic (www.springSLAM.com)
- Academic Integrity board
- Staff Personnel
- Liston B Ramsey Center for Appalachian Studies Steering
- Hiring search committees (various)

Other:

- Coach / Advisor, Ethics Bowl team 2017, present
- Co-advisor, Chess club 2019-present
- Coordinator of First-Years' ascent of Bailey Mtn since 2018
- Leader of MLK Jr. Day hike and reading of "I have been to the mountaintop..." speech since 2014
- Coach / Advisor, Ultimate frisbee club team "Passive Fist" 2013-present
- Advisor, Bailey Mountain Rangers 2015-present

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation to faculty and campus partners "First-Year Students' Self-Reported Data Points" - LINK	Mars Hill University, NC	December 2019
42 nd Appalachian Studies Conference "Utopia Yet Beckons: Intentional Communities in Southern Appalachia Then and Now"	Asheville, NC	March 2019
20 th Appalachian College Association Summit Workshop on Student Success and First Year Experience	Johnson City, TN	September 2017
36 th Conference on the First-Year Experience "First Year Connections: Incentivizing 'Belonging' for all First-Years"	Atlanta, GA	February 2017
17 th Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum "Learner-Centered Ethics: Consideration of 3 Experimental Assignments in the Ethics Classroom"	Greenville, SC	October 2015
38 th Appalachian Studies Conference Geography and Community Roundtable, Case Study: Bailey Mountain of Mars Hill, NC	Johnson City, TN	March 2015

SERVICE

- Chair, Friends of Bailey Mountain 2019-present
- Quarterly meetings of community stakeholders to advise preservation of and access to Bailey Mtn
 - www.baileymtnpark.org
- Chair, Town of Mars Hill Recreation Committee 2019-present
- Coordinated and contributed to two public grant applications
 - <https://townofmarshill.org/recpark.php>
- Leader, St. John's College Alumni Chapter of Asheville, NC 2018-present
- Monthly seminars on literature from classical western literary canon
- Board of Directors, Asheville Ultimate Club 2011-present
- Fostering the sport of Ultimate (Frisbee) by providing opportunities to learn, play, and teach spirited Ultimate in the greater Asheville area.
 - Achieved 501c3 status as President, 2013-2016
 - 5 year league statistical gender analysis - [LINK](#)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Wilderness First Aid and CPR
- Safe Zone training
- Implicit Bias training
- USAUltimate Level 1 Coach

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Conferences on the First Year Experience Washington, D.C. 2020
San Antonio, TX 2018
Atlanta, GA 2017
- Appalachian College Association Teaching and Leadership Institute Emory & Henry College, VA 2019
- Student Success Symposium Eastern Tennessee State University, TN 2019
- Appalachian Studies Conferences University of North Carolina-Asheville 2019
Eastern Tennessee State University, TN 2015
- Appalachian Higher Education Network Conference Asheville, NC 2018
- Holistic Admissions Review in Academic Nursing Mars Hill University, NC 2018
- Meeting of the Society for Utopian Studies Memphis, TN 2017
- Meetings of the Society for Ethics Salt Lake City, UT 2016
Across the Curriculum Greenville, SC 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Mars Hill, the Magazine

Spring 2019

“Point of Inspiration: Smith Farm Purchase will Ensure Continued Access to Bailey [Mountain]”

INTERESTS

- Shared inquiry and literature discussions
- Ultimate frisbee and self-officiated competitive sports
- Long distance hiking, literature and contemporary pilgrimage
- Trail design and foot travel access to recreational commons
- Appalachian Trail thru-hiker, 2004

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

School of Inquiry and Life Sciences HS Mathematics teacher	Asheville, NC	2011-2012
Community High School HS Mathematics teacher and co-counselor of alternative to suspension program	Swannanoa, NC	2011
Blue Ridge Community College Instructor of Mathematics and High School equivalency (GED) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Essential Mathematics (MAT 060): 3hrs.• Introductory Algebra (MAT 070): 3hrs.• Intermediate Algebra (MAT 080): 3hrs.	Flat Rock, NC	2009-2011
Carolina Day School Mathematics and History tutor	Asheville, NC	2009-2011
South College Adjunct Instructor of History <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American History 1492-1865 (GS 271): 3hrs.	Asheville, NC	2009-2010
Trilogy School 9 th – 12 th English teacher, 6 th -12 th Drama teacher	Gainesville, FL	2006-2008