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SUMMARY

- Two decades of college-level teaching of English, philosophy, and religion with concentrations in:
 - **English:** Contemporary American Literature; Modern American Literature; Southern Literature; British Romanticism; American, British, and World Literature survey courses; Beginning and Advanced Composition; Professional Writing; Speech
 - **Philosophy and Religion:** Theoretical and Applied Ethics, World Religions, Logic and Critical Thinking, Existentialism, Semiotics, Theology in Literature, Philosophy of Science
- Experience teaching in traditional delivery format as well as accelerated hybrid (half online) course format
- Experience in faculty development and chairing committees
- Experience in writing and editing for a variety of purposes: academic and professional, print and digital

EDUCATION

Ph.D. - English with concentration in philosophy – August 11, 2011

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY, Atlanta, GA

Dissertation:

- *Walker Percy and the Magic of Naming: The Semeiotic Fabric of Life*
- *Director: Dr. Thomas McHaney, English Department, Georgia State University*

Comprehensive exams:

- *English Department Exam: Contemporary American Literature: Passed March 2001*
- *Philosophy Department Exam: Epistemology: Passed October 2000*

Master of Arts in Teaching – English - 1985

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, Chapel Hill, NC

Graduate Study - Philosophy and Religion – 1983 to 1984

SOUTHEASTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Wake Forest, NC

Bachelor of Arts - English and Religion - 1981

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, Winston-Salem, NC

APPOINTMENTS

Writer and Editor - 2007 to present

ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY, Atlanta, GA

- Wrote and edited published articles, proceedings, and newsletters for conferences and other functions
- Designed, wrote, and published promotional materials (postcards, brochures, flyers, Web site, programs) for AYSPS conferences and projects

English Instructor – 2011

NORTH GEORGIA COLLEGE AND STATE UNIVERSITY, Dahlonega, GA,

- *Basic and Advanced Composition with Literature*

Senior Professor of English, Philosophy, and Religion - 1992 to 2010

DeVRY UNIVERSITY, Alpharetta, GA

- *Humanities:* Literature; Theoretical and Applied Ethics; World Religions; Social Issues in Technology
- *Rhetoric:* Professional Writing; Beginning Composition; Advanced Composition; Speech

Instructor of English - 1986 to 1996

GEORGIA PERIMETER COLLEGE, Dunwoody, GA

- *Literature:* American Literature I: From beginning to 1864; American Literature II: From 1865 to present; World Literature I: From The Ancient Times to Renaissance; World Literature II: From the Age of Reason to Present

- *Rhetoric*: Beginning and Advanced Composition

Grader for SAT/ACT Writing Test - 2005 to 2006

PEARSON EDUCATIONAL MEASUREMENT, Duluth, GA

- Graded the writing portion of the SAT and ACT tests for college-bound students nationwide

Professional Writing Training Consultant - 2000

CEREUS TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS, Dunwoody, GA

- Wrote, developed, sold, and taught eight-week professional writing course for IT professionals
- Advised and assisted Cereus' Director of Training for more effective teaching of Cereus professionals

PAPERS and CONFERENCES

- "Walker Percy's Search for a Radical Anthropology," *Conference of the International Journal of Arts and Sciences, June 2009. Bad Hofgastein, Austria.*
- "Walker Percy" (Session Chair). *South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Atlanta, GA, November 2007.*
- "An ArithmeCrit: Walker Percy's Cenopythagoreanism and the Semiotic Fabric of Life," *South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Atlanta, GA, November 2007.*
- "Georgia's Aging Population," *Published in Georgia County Government Magazine, October 2007*
- "The Faculty Forum: A Scholarship Mentoring Project" *American Association of Higher Education "Learning to Change" Conference, Washington DC, March 2003*
- "Walker Percy and the Genesis Phenomenon: Towards A Radical Anthropology" *Northeast Conference on Christianity and Literature, "Voices Far and Near: Myth, Legend, Folktale, and Fantasy," Brooklyn Heights, New York, October 2002*
- "The Crisis in Higher Education and Three Approaches," *Modern Language Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, December 2001*
- "Alternative Professional Choices for the Ph.D. candidate: Teaching in a For-Profit Technical School Environment," *South Atlantic Modern Language Association, Atlanta, November 2001*
- "The 'East Coker' Dance in T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets: An Affirmation of Time and Place," *Midwest Conference on Christianity and Literature: "Intersections of the Sacred and Profane," Chicago, March 2000*
- "Ethics and Integrity" Idea Exchange Seminar and "Faculty Forum" Poster Session; *3rd National Faculty Symposium, DeVry, Chicago, July 2000*
- "The Mariner in the Mirror: Irony and Death in Coleridge's Rime," *Doctoral Colloquium, Georgia State University, Atlanta, May 2000; and Faculty Forum, DeVry University, Atlanta, June 2000. Accepted to Coleridge Summer Conference, Somerset, England, July 2002*

SERVICE

Professional Grant Development Training Course - October 2010

GRANT TRAINING CENTER, Duluth, GA <http://www.granttrainingcenter.com>

- *Won award for best grant*

Web Site Developer - 2000 to present

Designed, coded, and wrote content for Web sites using HTML, Fireworks, Dreamweaver, and other web development tools. Sites included The Faculty Forum, a scholarship mentoring project; the Perkins Portals, a teaching Web site with syllabi, assignments, and scholarly interests for student use; an author's site for advertisement; and a Web site for Lincoln School of Land Policy, AYSPS.

Faculty Development Coordinator - 2000 to 2001

- Created a faculty scholarship mentoring program (“The Faculty Forum”) for DeVry faculty development
- Organized and led writing workshops and in-house conference for presentation of faculty papers
- Designed and created promotional materials and the Faculty Forum Web site to support this effort

Curriculum Developer of Philosophy of Science Course – 1999

- Proposed, researched and wrote the DeVry Philosophy of Science curriculum guide for national implementation as an alternative elective course to Ethics.

Georgia Chairperson for National General Education Committee - 1999 to 2000

- Developed assessment plan/methodology for DeVry’s General Education program
- Created system-wide student learning outcomes for Humanities emphasis for department
- Coordinated system-wide discussions on General Education concerns via e-mail and conference call

Chairperson of DeVry/Georgia Humanities Committee - 1998 to 2001

- Facilitated textbook choice for Humanities courses at DeVry/Georgia
- Proposed and led system-wide discussions of Advanced Communications minor
- Facilitated rewriting of national competency exams for student exemption of Humanities courses

DeVry National General Education Curriculum Committee - 1998 to 2000

- Participated in system-wide discussions to improve DeVry’s General Education curriculum
- Participated in development of assessment for General Education

DeVry National Curriculum Guide Revision Committee - 1997 to 1998

- Assisted in improving and updating DeVry’s Beginning Composition Curriculum Guide
- Rewrote Course Description and Course Strategy using committee ideas and suggestions

Chairperson of General Education Textbook Committee - 1996 to 1998

- Improved textbook quality for DeVry’s Humanities courses
- Directed evaluation and selection of textbooks in General Education area
- Acted as liaison with textbook representatives and coordinated text selections

REFERENCES

Dr. Thomas McHaney, Kenneth M. England Professor of Southern Literature Emeritus
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Department of English, Georgia State University, P. O. Box 3970, Atlanta, GA 30302-3970
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DeVry University, 100 Galleria Parkway SE, Suite 100, Atlanta GA 30339
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Dr. Christine Gallant, Professor of English
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