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Education

- M. F. A.** **Seattle Pacific University**, Seattle, Washington, August 2007
- M. A.** **Eastern Mennonite Seminary**, Harrisonburg, Virginia, May 1996
Thesis: Building a Context for Buddhist and Christian Peacemaking:
The Kingdom of God, Prativityasamutpada, and Sunyata
- B. S.** **Eastern Mennonite College, May 1993**

Experience

- Associate Professor, Eastern Mennonite University 2007-Present
- Instructor, James Madison University Spring 2011
- Teacher, Academia Menonita, San Juan, Puerto Rico 1993-1994
- Tutor, Southeast Community College, Cumberland, Kentucky Spring, 1992
- Tutor, Harlan County, Kentucky Spring, 1992

Courses Taught

- Argumentative Writing (WRIT 381)
- College Writing (WRIT 130)
- College Writing for Transitions (WRIT 130)
- Creative Writing: Creative Nonfiction Workshop (WRIT 352)
- Creative Writing: Fiction Writing Workshop (WRIT 351)
- Expository Writing (WRIT 380)
- Introduction to Creative Writing (WRIT 200)
- Introductory College Writing for Transitions (WRIT 120)

- News and Feature Writing (COMM 241)
- Rhetoric of the Natural and Social Sciences (WRIT 382)
- Senior Seminar: By the Sweat of our Brow: Work, Calling, and Purpose (CORE 401)
- Senior Seminar: Following Roots, Finding Wings (CORE 401)
- Senior Seminar: Seeing with the Self (CORE 401)
- Transitions (CORE 101)
- Various directed and independent studies
- Weather Vane (student newspaper) Practicum (COMM 342)

Publications

- “St. Flannery Gets Her Wig” (short story) in *Whale Road Review* Spring 2016
- Cited in “Remembering Dirk Willems: Memory and History in the Future of Ecumenical Relationships” by Nancy Heisey in *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* Summer 2012
- “We the Village” (short story) in *The Other Journal* Fall 2012
- “The Nighthawk” (short story) in *Center for Mennonite Writing Journal* March 2012
- “Spanish Moss” (short story) in *Center for Mennonite Writing Journal* April, 2012
- “OMG!!! Geleijn Cornelus is Hott!!!” (short story) in *Tongue Screws and Testimonies*, Herald Press November 2010
- “The Skin of Electric Fish” (short story) in *The Dirty Napkin* Winter 2008
- “Mortise and Tenon” (short story) in *Relief* Fall 2006

Presentations and Guest Lectures

- *The Telephone Show*, Larkin Art Center, Wine-Riner Galleries December 2016
- “Men, Women, and Feminism,” Eastern Mennonite Student Women Association November 2016
- *Fear, Love, and Wanderlust: An Address in Three Parts*, Eastern Mennonite University Baccalaureate Address April 2016
- “We Can’t Talk About Sexual Assault If We Don’t Talk About Sex” panelist for the Coalition on Sexual Violence Prevention, Eastern Mennonite University April 2016
- “Middle Years” panelist for Nursing and the Family in the Community (NURS 426) class, Eastern Mennonite University October 2015
- *Crossing the limen: Co-teaching and student engagement*, Innovation in Pedagogy Summit, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia May 2015

- *Fiction: Tradition and Transformation*: “The Thing She Rode” (short story presentation); Mennonite/s Writing VII, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, California March 2015
- *From Collaboration to Co-Teaching: Is Co-Teaching an Effective Method for Integrating Information Literacy Instruction into First-Year Composition Courses?* Workshop for Instruction in Library Use (WILU), Grant MacEwan University, Edmonton, Alberta May 2012
- *From Collaboration to Co-Teaching: Is Co-Teaching an Effective Method for Integrating Information Literacy Instruction into First-Year Composition?* Information Literacy Summit at Moraine Valley Community College, Chicago, Illinois May 2012
- *From Collaboration to Co-Teaching: Is Co-Teaching an Effective Method for Integrating Information Literacy Instruction into First-Year Composition Courses*, Illinois Center for Information Literacy at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois May 2012
- *Research as Art and Transformation*, Eastern Mennonite University September 2010
- *Video Web Applications: Writing Tips for Web Logs*, Eastern Mennonite University March 2010
- *Seeing and Journeying: Kokoro in the Writings of Annie Dillard and Basho*, Eastern Mennonite University, Honors Colloquium January 2010
- *The City in Literature*, Eastern Mennonite University September 2007
- *The Arts in Education*, James Madison University March 2004
- *Introduction to Philosophy: Aesthetics*, Eastern Mennonite University March 2004

Public Readings

- “Sing in Me, Muse: A Reading and Conversation Celebrating Music and Literature,” Black Swan Books and Music, Staunton, Virginia June 2016
- “Talk, Think, Eat, Drink” JMuse Café, James Madison University April 2016
- “St. Flannery the Anagogical” (short story excerpt), Santa Fe, New Mexico July 2015
- “The Translated Word: A Reading and Discussion on Art and Translation,” Staunton, Virginia April 2014
- “Basho: A Celebration of Haiku,” Harrisonburg, Virginia October 2013

- “Howl and Echo: A Poetic Tribute to Allen Ginsberg and Jack Kerouac,” Harrisonburg, Virginia March 2013
- “What I Assume You Shall Become: A Poetic Tribute to Walt Whitman,” Harrisonburg, Virginia September 2012
- “Dead Feathers: A Public Reading of Prose and Poetry,” Staunton, Virginia August 2011
- “Tongue Screws and Testimonies,” a public reading in Harrisonburg, Virginia, at the Arts Council of the Valley’s Smith House January 2011
- “Tongue Screws and Testimonies,” a public reading at Eastern Mennonite University November 2010
- The Virginia Festival of the Book, Charlottesville, Virginia March 2002

Professional Development

- Festival of Faith and Writing, Calvin College April 2016
- Glen Workshop, Santa Fe, New Mexico July 2015
- Innovation in Pedagogy Summit, University of Virginia May 2015
- Virginia Humanities Conference: *The Humanities and Its Bodies*, Longwood University March 2014
- Virginia Humanities Conference: *The Intertwining of Nature and Culture*, Christopher Newport University March 2013
- Workshop for Instruction in Library Use, Grant MacEwan University, Edmonton, Alberta May 2012
- Information Literacy Summit, Moraine Valley Community College, Illinois May 2012
- Illinois Center for Information Literacy, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois May 2012
- Virginia Humanities Conference: *Children and Childhood in the Humanities*, Roanoke College March 2012

EMU Service

- Assist admissions at MCUSA conferences 2009, 2011, 2013
- Assist department chair in inviting readers to Writer’s Read series
- Baccalaureate address April 2016

- Community Advisor mentor
- EMU representative to the Virginia Humanities Conference 2012-2014
- EMU representative at Wild Goose Festival, Hot Springs, NC July 2014
- Faculty senator 2014-2016
- Honor student mentor
- Kairos place mentor for writing students May 2013 & 2015
- Mentor for writing studies majors attending the Festival of Faith and Writing 2014 & 2016
- Senior class sponsor 2016-2017

Community Service

- Swim coach for Westover Waves Summer 2011—present
- Swim coach for Valley Area Swim Team 2014-2016
- Guest lecture at East Rockingham High School Creative Writing class March 2016

Church Service

- Worship committee at Shalom Mennonite Congregation (SMC)
- Guest preaching at SMC
- Church retreat planning and workshop leader at SMC