

Amy Dunn Billings

PROFILE

Motivated, natural leader possessing strong organizational and creative skills with a passion for education in both academic and private sectors.

EXPERIENCE

Lecturer / Graduate Teaching Assistant Lawrence, KS August 2019 - present

Department of English, University of Kansas

- Instructor of record for English 101: Rhetoric and Composition and English 102: Critical Reading & Writing.
- Responsible for creating all course content and for evaluating student performance.
- Emphasis on developing students' confidence with expressing their ideas effectively in both written and live presentation formats.

Graduate Research Assistant Lawrence, KS January 2021 - May 2021

History of Black Writing, University of Kansas

- Coordinator of the Collaborative Resource Index (CRI), a Black collections online database funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
- Developed the strategic plan for the creation and implementation of CRI, collaborating with IT, archivists, researchers, and end users.
- Designed archival collections registration form in line with national standards to collate multiple points of data for the database.

Owner, The Penny Buffalo Co. dba Buffalo Ridge Kingsville, MO 2011 - 2023

- Managed 100+ head of grass-fed and finished bison on 330 acres utilizing a rotational grazing system implemented with the assistance and approval of the Natural Resource Conservation Service.
- Meat sales offered online and in person at the Overland Park and Brookside farmers' markets in the Kansas City area.
- Collaborated with the Biology Department at the University of Central Missouri to offer students and faculty onsite experience and research opportunities with the bison and their grazing lands.

Owner, Buffalo Lodge Kingsville, MO 2012 - 2018

- Full-service award-winning wedding and event center with onsite lodging.
- Responsibilities included sales, administrative duties, bookkeeping, payroll, staffing, scheduling, marketing, event coordination, and customer service as well as interior/exterior direction on design, remodel, new construction, and interior decorating.

Owner, Arborview Stables Kingsville, MO 2008 - 2012

- Certified EAGALA (Equine-Assisted Growth & Learning Association) facilitator

- Provided therapeutic experiential learning activities for children and adults at the individual or group level. Responsible for interpreting equine behavior as well as the safety of horses and clients.
- Responsibilities included administrative duties, bookkeeping, payroll, scheduling, marketing, program development, and customer service.

SERVICE

Founder/Executive Committee Member, Dunn Family Council Kansas City, MO 2015 - present

- Developed and implemented the DFC High School Internship Program, collaborating with J.E. Dunn employees to offer an interactive experience for students to better appreciate and understand all the various roles that, together, constitute a successful construction company.

Member, Dunn Family Foundation Board of Directors Kansas City, MO 2021 - present

Member, Newhouse Board of Directors Kansas City, MO 2024 - present

Jayhawks Give a Flock Lawrence, KS 2022 - present

University of Kansas, Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Center

- Facilitated two-hour, mandatory workshops for incoming students on bystander intervention strategies to prevent sexual assault.

Student Association for Graduates of English (SAGE) Lawrence, KS 2019 - 2024

Graduate Committee

- Negotiated and developed the strategic plan for implementing a new first-year experience for incoming students in the English Graduate Program which resulted in full departmental implementation following a successful pilot program.

Other committees served on: Diversity Recruitment and Retention Committee, Events Committee, Recycling Committee

EDUCATION

PhD Student, English Literature August 2021 - July 2024

University of Kansas

MA, English Literature and Literary Theory May 2021

University of Kansas

BA, English; Minor, Creative Writing *cum laude* December 2018

University of Central Missouri

AAS, Veterinary Technology December 2000

Bel-Rea Institute of Veterinary Technology

THESIS

Committee: Dr. Anna Neill (Chair), Dr. Dorice Elliott, Dr. Ann Wierda Rowland

“When Form Meets Desire: The Transformation of the Early Nineteenth-Century Gallows Broadside”

My master's thesis explores the transformation of the gallows broadside in the early half of the nineteenth century, considering the impact of external forces inclusive of the taxation of newspapers to the influence of sensationalist literature to the displacement of the agrarian workforce into industrial centers.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate Student Research Travel Grant, Hall Center for the Humanities 2022

Graduate Travel Award, English Department 2022

University Outstanding Master's Thesis Award, English Department Nominee 2021

Outstanding Instructor Award, English Department 2021

Rashleigh Recruitment Award, English Department 2021

Alice F. Holmes Summer Institute Scholarship, English Department 2020, 2021

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow 2021

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Lawrence Public Library's Retirement Bootcamp Series, December 2021

- Guest Speaker on Charles Dickens and the story behind *A Christmas Carol*