

Emily Council | Curriculum Vitae

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Research

Digital Media Studies – Rhetoric and Composition – Digital Literacy
Social Media Rhetorics – Feminist Theory – Queer Theory

Education

Doctor of Philosophy – The University of Kansas, expected May 2027
English, Rhetoric and Composition

Bachelor of Arts – The University of Kansas, May 2022
English with emphasis in Language, Writing, and Rhetoric
Departmental Honors thesis: “TikTok Rhetoric: Stitching, Responding, Recreating”

Associate Degree – Allen Community College, May 2020
Associates of Arts with emphasis in English
Phi Theta Kappa Honors
Dual Graduate of Allen Community College and Neodesha High School

Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant | University of Kansas | August 2022 – Present
Courses: English 101, English 102, English 362
Course development for ENGL 262

Graduate Research Assistant – Institute for Digital Research in the Humanities | University of Kansas | August 2024 – Present
Responsibilities include event coordination, social media and public relations, reporting data and trends, and supporting the public facing digital humanities. THATCamp co-chair.

First-Year-Writing Internship | University of Kansas | May – August 2023, May – Aug 2025
Sorted, collected, and organized hundreds of teaching materials to create a Canvas resource site for graduate student instructors.
Designed circular materials around KU Common Book, *The Anthropocene Reviewed* by John Green.

Summer Fellow – Hall Center of the Humanities | Humanities Kansas | May 2023 – August 2023
Assisted projects with the public humanities including Talk About Literature in Kansas (TALK), the WILD WORDS Poetry Chapbook, and Time.ly calendar of events database transfer. Shadowed database transfer, board meeting, grant review, and daily operations.

Intern - Religion in Kansas Project | University of Kansas | February 2021 – July 2022

Created a project about Black churches' response to COVID-19 and social activism. Curated and digitally archived podcast mini-series. Researched the church's history through local newspapers and archives. Conducted interviews, recorded, and edited podcast episodes.

Intern - Communications | Thrive Allen County | June 2020 – June 2022

Practiced grant writing skills and wrote two award-winning grants. Oversaw social media pages, assisted in projects, wrote blog posts and photographed events to effectively communicate messages beyond the local community.

Presentations and Workshops

“Researching with Social Media” *The Institute for Research in the Digital Humanities (IDRH)*, April 2025. Lawrence, KS.

“The Importance of Digital Testimony: Analyzing #MeToo Testimonies on Twitter” *Popular Culture Association*, April 2023. San Antonio, TX.

“*Sleep Dealer* and the Importance of Digital Testimony: The Role of Testimony in Media” *The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS)*, April 2023. Indianapolis, IN.

Honors and Awards

English Department Teaching Award: Selden Lincoln Whitcomb Fellowship – For excellence in scholastic research and promise in the field of teaching, 2025

Madison and Lila Self Memorial Scholar 2022-2023

Grant: \$10,000, Dr. George Tiller Fund – Funding to provide transportation for women to attend doctors' appointments.

Grant: \$17,667, Health Forward Foundation – Funding to make VFW Willis J. Ross Memorial Post #6324 in La Harpe, Kansas safe, secure, and accessible.

Grant: withdrawn by agency due to Office of Digital Humanities program cancellation: HT-308152 for project "The Public Digital Humanities: An Institute for Academic/Community Collaborations"

Service

Student Association for Graduates of English | University of Kansas

Events and Fundraising Committee (2023-2024)

Professionalization Committee (2022 - 2024)

Accessibility and Sustainability Committee (2022 - 23)

First Year Liaison – Rhetoric and Composition (2022-23)

2C's - Graduate Rhetoric and Composition organization

Co-Chair (2023-present)