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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of English The University of Kansas	2022-
Assistant Professor, Department of English Valparaiso University	2019-2022

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Rhetoric, Composition, and Literacy Disability Studies Interdisciplinary Specialization The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH)	2019
M.A., Rhetoric, Composition, and Literacy The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH)	2015
B.A., Rhetoric & Writing and Plan II Honors University of Texas at Austin (Austin, TX)	2011

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

- Professional writing
- Rhetorical theory & pedagogy
- Disability studies
- Critical AI literacy
- Community literacy
- Digital media composition

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journals:

Kamperman, S. & Graff, H. (2026). "On 'AI Literacy': Inside and Beyond the Rhetorical and Historical Fallacies of a Burgeoning Movement and its Marketing." *Change: The Magazine of Higher Learning*, 58(4). Expected summer 2026.

Conrad, K. & Kamperman, S. (2025). "Building Critical AI Literacy: An Approach to Generative AI." *Thresholds in Education*, 48(2).

Kamperman, S. (2024). "Gateways and Anchor Points: The Use of Frames to Amplify

- Marginalized Voices in Disability Policy Deliberations.” *Written Communication*, 41(3).
- Kamperman, S. (2020). “Academic Ableism and Students with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities: Rethinking Self-Advocacy as an Anti-Ableist Practice.” *Critical Education*, 11(7).
- Kamperman, S. (2020). “Recognizing the Métis of Learners with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities in College Composition.” *Disability Studies Quarterly*, 40(1).

Edited collections & scholarly blogs:

- Kamperman, S. (2022). “Reflections on Research as it Unfolds: Inclusive Tactics as a Methodological Intervention.” In C. Molloy and L. Melonçon (Eds.), *Strategic Interventions in Mental Health Rhetoric* (33-50). Routledge.
- Kamperman, S. (2016). “Digital Mapping and Anti-Ableist Urban Planning.” *Gayle Morris Sweetland Digital Rhetoric Collaborative*.
<http://www.digitalrhetoriccollaborative.org/2016/06/02/digital-mapping-and-anti-ableist-urban-planning/>

Public scholarship:

- Graff, H. & Kamperman, S. (July 2025). “Contradictions without Dialectics: Debating Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education.” *Against the Current*.

In press:

- Kamperman, S., Xin, W., & Adegbenro, S. “Navigating Ambivalence, Rebuilding Trust: GTAs on the Frontlines of Higher Ed’s Generative AI ‘Revolution.’” *Pedagogy: Critical Approaches to Teaching Literature, Language, Composition, and Culture*, 27(1). Expected January 2027.
- Kamperman, S. “Rhetorics of Intellectual Disability.” In L. Melonçon, B. Scott, & C. Molloy (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of the Rhetoric of Health and Medicine*. Expected 2027.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Grants

- “AI and Digital Literacy: Toward an Inclusive and Empowering Teaching Practice” (Teacher Institute). National Endowment for the Humanities Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities, \$218,733. June 2025. Co-applicant with Kathryn Conrad. *Grant terminated in 2025 Department of Government Efficiency cuts.
- “AI and Digital Literacy: Toward an Inclusive and Empowering Teaching Practice” (Teacher Institute). William T. Kemper Foundation, \$19,000. June 2024. Co-applicant with G. Anatol, K. Conrad, A. Rowland, & M. Williams.
- “AI and Digital Literacy: Toward an Inclusive and Empowering Teaching Practice” (Teacher Institute). Hall Family Foundation, \$100,000. June 2024. Co-applicant with G. Anatol, K. Conrad, A. Rowland, & M. Williams.
- “AI and Digital Literacy: Educators’ Summit.” Hall Family Foundation, \$17,459. June 2023. Co-applicant with G. Anatol, K. Conrad, A. Rowland, & M. Williams.

Awards

- Conger-Gabel Professorship for excellence in teaching, 2025-2027 (University of

- Kansas)
- Kitty O. Locker Award for Excellence in Business Communication, 2019 (Ohio State University)
- Susan L. Huntington Dean's Distinguished University Fellowship, 2013-2018 (Ohio State University)
- Eric Walborn Award for Excellence in Digital Media & English Studies Instruction, 2017 (Ohio State University)

PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, & WORKSHOPS

Conference Presentations

- Kamperman, S. (2026). "Debating What Works in Mental Healthcare: Structural Kakoethos in a Community Mental Health Organization." *Rhetoric Society of America Conference*, Portland, OR.
- Kamperman, S. (2025). "Repairing and Redesigning Rhetorical Infrastructures: Re-imagining Community-Engaged Technical & Professional Communication." *Conference on Community Writing*, Detroit, MI.
- Kamperman, S. (2024). "'Wannabe': The Affective Politics of Citation in Technical & Professional Communication." *Conference on College Composition and Communication*, Spokane, WA.
- Kamperman, S. (2022). "Gateways and Anchor Points: Pragmatic Functions of Frames in Disability Policy Deliberations." *Rhetoric Society of America Conference*, Baltimore, MD.
- Kamperman, S. (2022). "From Collaboration to Interdependence: Labor-Based Team Grading as an Anti-Ableist Intervention in Community-Engaged Writing Classrooms." *Conference on College Composition and Communication*, Online.
- Kamperman, S. (2021). "Toward Interdependent Efficiency: What Professional Writing Instructors Can Learn from Disability Activists." *Conference on College Composition and Communication*, Online. *Accepted; did not present due to coronavirus pandemic.*
- Chrisman, A., Kamperman, S., Miller, E. (2019). "Advancing and Sustaining Anti-Ableist Cultures of Care on College Campuses." *Society for Disability Studies Strand @ The Multiple Perspectives on Access, Inclusion, and Disability Conference*, Columbus, OH.
- Kamperman, S. (2019). "When Speaking Out Fails: Students' Performances of Métis as Supplement to Self-Advocacy." *Conference on College Composition and Communication*, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Kamperman, S. (2018). "Self-Advocacy, Self-Invention: Recognizing the Agential Rhetorical Practices of Students with Intellectual Disabilities at a Midwestern University." *Rhetoric Society of America Conference*, Minneapolis, MN.
- Johnson, G., Hudgins, R., Iwertz, C., Kamperman, S. Male, J., & Sheehan, R. (2017). "Feminist Teaching as Advocacy and Action: Disability Studies in the Post-Truth Era." *Feminisms and Rhetorics Conference*, Dayton, OH.
- Kamperman, S. (2016). "Textual Ecologies as Situated Frameworks for Disclosure in a Mental Health Peer Community." *Rhetoric Society of America Conference*, Atlanta, GA.
- Kamperman, S. (2016). "Lessons from Literacy Studies: Reframing Reading and Readers as Interdependent." *Conference on College Composition and Communication*, Houston, TX.

- Kamperman, S. (2016). "Disability Pedagogy in the Age of GIS: Mapping, Access, and 'Critical Wayfinding.'" *Crip Futurities Conference*, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Kamperman, S. (2015). "Silent Reading Comprehension as Technoscientific Discourse: Interpreting the Literate Body." *Association for the Rhetoric of Science and Technology, National Communication Association Preconference*, Las Vegas, NV.
- Kamperman, S. (2015). "The View from Everywhere: A Rhetoric of Google Maps." *Conference on College Composition and Communication*, Tampa, FL.

Conference Workshops

- Blair, M., Bramlett, K., Kamperman, S., Olinger, A., & Popowits, J. (2023). "Designing Access Guides: Enacting Transformative Access." *Conference on College Composition and Communication*, Chicago, IL.
- Jackson, C., Johnson, G., Kamperman, S., Prasad, P., & Sheehan, R. (2020). "Breaking Commonplaces: Social Justice Perspectives on Rematerializing Pedagogy and Assessment." *Conference on College Composition and Communication*, Milwaukee, WI.
*Conference cancelled due to coronavirus pandemic.

Participant

- Kamperman, S. (2020). "Making Disability a Common Place in Professional Self-Advocacy." *Rhetoric of Health & Medicine Symposium* works-in-progress workshop. Online.

Invited Presentations & Workshops

- Conrad, K., & Kamperman, S. (2026). "Critical AI Literacy." National Humanities Center Humanities in Class Webinar Series.
- Conrad, K., & Kamperman, S. (2026). "Critical AI Literacy." Keynote address. *Humans First: Adolescent Education in the Age of AI Conference*, Atlanta, GA.
- Conrad, K., & Kamperman, S. (2025). "AI & Pedagogy: Ethical and Use Considerations." AI & Digital Literacy Institute. National Humanities Center. Tulsa, OK.
- Kamperman, S. (2024) First-Year Writing AI Workshop. KU English Department, Lawrence, KS.
- Conrad, K., & Kamperman, S. (2024). "AI and Our Students: The Current Landscape." KU Department of English. Lawrence, KS.
- Conrad, K., & Kamperman, S. (2024). "AI & Pedagogy: Ethical and Use Considerations." AI & Digital Literacy Educators' Summit. National Humanities Center & Tulsa Office of Consumer Affairs. Tulsa, OK.
- Conrad, K., & Kamperman, S. (2024). "AI & Pedagogy: Ethical and Use Considerations." AI & Digital Literacy Institute. Hall Center for the Humanities. Lawrence, KS.
- Conrad, K., & Kamperman, S. (2024). "AI & K-12 Education." Lawrence Virtual School. Lawrence, KS.
- Kamperman, S. (2023). "Whose Evidence? Toward a Community-Based Epistemology of Mental Health Care." Hall Center for the Humanities Disability Studies Seminar. University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.
- Conrad, K. & Kamperman, S. (2023). "AI, Digital Literacy, & Ethics." AI & Digital Literacy Educators' Summit. Hall Center for the Humanities. Lawrence, KS.
- Blair, M., Kamperman, S., Osorio, R., & Popowits, J. (2022). "Creating a Culture of Access with Digital Access Guides." Digital Media and Composition Institute, Ohio State

- University, Columbus, OH.
- Kamperman, S. (2022). "Putting the Work in Framework: The Labor of Topic Shifts in Disability Politics." English Department Faculty Colloquium. Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN.
- Kamperman, S. & Hanson, C. (2022). Review of *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Books & Coffee lecture series, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN.
- Kamperman, S. (2021). "Creative Approaches to Accessible Design in the Professional Writing Classroom." Digital Media and Composition Institute, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- Bagwell-Chase, A., Kamperman, S., Markle, L., & Schrimpf, K. (2019). "Disability at Work." Invited roundtable sponsored by the Valparaiso University Access & Accommodations Resource Center. Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN.
- DeWitt, S. L., & Kamperman, S. (2019). "Interactive Mapping and Community Literacy." Digital Media and Composition Institute, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

Professional Writing Workshops

Job application materials workshop, facilitator	2023-2026
Self Graduate Fellow Development Program	
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS	

Research writing workshop, facilitator	2024-2026
Self Graduate Fellow Development Program	
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Courses

- Research Methods in Rhetoric & Writing Studies
- Disability Rhetoric

Undergraduate Courses

- Writing for Nonprofits
- Neurorhetorics
- Digital Media Composition
- Foundations of Technical Communication
- Grant Writing
- Writing in the Health Sciences
- Advanced Writing & Rhetoric
- Intro to Business & Professional Writing
- Core 110: The Human Experience
- Intro to Disability Studies
- Second-Year Composition
- First-Year Composition

CURRICULAR DEVELOPMENT

- Redesign of 8-week online Professional Communication and Technical Writing courses. English Department, University of Kansas. Fall, 2023. Summer, 2026.
- Redesign of Intro to Public & Professional Writing and Writing & Rhetoric in the Workplace courses. English Department, Valparaiso University. Spring, 2020.

STUDENT ADVISING

Undergraduate

- Honors thesis advisor, Ellie Davis, University of Kansas, 2024
- Honors thesis advisor, Sarah Hammeke, University of Kansas, 2023.
- Capstone project advisor, Svasia Bakari, Valparaiso University, 2020.
- Capstone project advisor, Megan Jones, Valparaiso University, 2020.

Graduate

- M.A. thesis chair, Cherin Russell, University of Kansas, 2026-.
- Ph.D. exam committee, Alexandra Sweis, University of Kansas, 2026-.
- Ph.D. exam committee, Laura Northup, University of Kansas, 2026-.
- Dissertation chair, Sunday Adegbenro, University of Kansas, 2026-.
- Dissertation committee, Emily Counsil, University of Kansas, 2026-.
- Dissertation chair, Jasmine Holthaus, University of Kansas, 2026-.
- Ph.D. exam chair, Sunday Adegbenro, University of Kansas, 2025-.
- Ph.D. exam committee, Anna Jewell, University of Kansas, 2025-.
- Ph.D. exam committee, Emily Counsil, University of Kansas, 2024-.
- Dissertation committee, Britta Bletscher, University of Kansas, 2024-.
- M.A. thesis committee, Kahill Perkins, University of Kansas, 2024-.
- Ph.D. exam committee, Lydia Benda, University of Kansas, 2024-.
- Ph.D. exam committee, Jasmine Holthaus, University of Kansas, 2024-.
- Ph.D. exam committee, Britta Bletscher, University of Kansas, 2024.
- M.A. thesis committee, Erica Nicholson, University of Kansas, 2024.
- Ph.D. exam committee, Yee-Lum Mak, University of Kansas, 2024.
- Dissertation committee, Abby Breyer, University of Kansas, 2024-.
- Dissertation committee, Zach Smith, University of Kansas, 2024-.
- Dissertation committee, Sarah Kugler, University of Kansas, 2023-.
- M.A. exam committee, Allison Day, University of Kansas, 2023-.
- Ph.D. exam committee, Zach Smith, University of Kansas, 2023.
- Ph.D. exam committee, Abby Breyer, University of Kansas, 2023.
- Dissertation committee, Brynn Fitzsimmons, University of Kansas, 2022-2023.
- Dissertation committee, Faith Scheidemantle, University of Kansas, 2022-2023.
- M.A. practicum project, Brooke Regier, Valparaiso University, 2022.
- M.A. independent study, Brooke Regier, Valparaiso University, 2021.
- M.A. practicum project, Julie Ault, Valparaiso University, 2020.

EDITORIAL SERVICE

- Reviewer, Cornell UP, History of American Education book series. 2026.
- Ad Hoc Reviewer, *AI & Ethics*. 2026.
- Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Composition Forum*. 2026.
- Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Writing Assessment* special issue on Alternative Assessment and Neurodivergence/Disability. 2025.
- Reviewer, *Best of the Journals in Rhetoric and Composition*. 2023. 2024.
- Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Rhetoric of Health and Medicine*. 2020-2022.
- Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Critical Education*. 2019-2022.
- Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Disability Studies Quarterly*. 2019.

OTHER SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Access Guide Committee, Conference on College Composition and Communication 2023. 2022-2023.

Chair, Access Guide Committee, Conference on College Composition and Communication 2022. 2021-2022.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Chair, CUSA Curriculum Changes & Degree Requirements Subcommittee. University of Kansas. Fall 2026-
- Member, English Department Graduate Admissions Committee. University of Kansas. 2026-.
- Member, College of Arts & Sciences Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Advising (CUSA). University of Kansas. 2025-.
- Member, English Department Recruitment & Retention Committee. University of Kansas. 2025-2026.
- Member, English Department Chair Advisory Committee. University of Kansas. 2023-2025.
- Member, English Department First-Year Writing Committee. University of Kansas. 2023-2026.
- Member, English Department Graduate Studies Committee. University of Kansas. 2023-2025, 2026-.
- Member, Hall Center Resident Faculty Fellowship Review Committee. Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas. 2023.
- Member, Scholars on Site Grant Review Committee. Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas. 2023.
- Co-organizer, résumé and cover letter workshop for English majors. Valparaiso University. 2022.
- Member, English Department Pedagogy Committee. Valparaiso University. 2021-2022.
- Member, English Department Books & Coffee Committee. Valparaiso University. 2021-2022.

- Panel chair, Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression (SOURCE). Valparaiso University. 2021.
- Organizer, “Beyond the Internship.” Professional development panel for undergraduate English majors. Valparaiso University. 2020.
- Member, English Department Assessment Committee. Valparaiso University. 2019-2021.
- President, The Graduate Association of Mental Health Action and Advocacy (GAMHAA). The Ohio State University. 2018-2019.
- Co-sponsor and panel organizer, Columbus Area Integrated Health Services 2018 10th Annual Clinical Conference, “Life After Trauma.” The Ohio State University. 2018.
- Treasurer, GAMHAA. The Ohio State University. 2017-2018.
- Member, Corbett Lecture Committee. The Ohio State University. 2017-2018.
- Panel chair, English Graduate Organization Conference. The Ohio State University. 2017.
- Secretary, Disability Studies Graduate Student Association. The Ohio State University. 2016-2017.
- Treasurer, English Graduate Organization Steering Committee. The Ohio State University. 2015-2016.
- Co-organizer, English Graduate Organization Conference. The Ohio State University, 2016.
- Member, Genevieve M. Critel Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Composition Committee. The Ohio State University. 2015.
- Co-chair, Interdisciplinary Seminar in Literacy Studies for Graduate Students. The Ohio State University. 2014-2016.

RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Co-facilitator, AI & Digital Literacy Institute. The National Humanities Center, Tulsa, OK. Summer, 2025.
- Co-facilitator, AI & Digital Literacy Institute. The Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas. Summer, 2025.
- Co-facilitator, AI & Digital Literacy Educators’ Summit. The National Humanities Center, Tulsa, OK. Summer, 2024.
- Co-facilitator, AI & Digital Literacy Institute. The Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas. Summer, 2024.
- Co-facilitator, AI & Digital Literacy Educators’ Summit. The Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas. Summer, 2023.
- University Writing Program assessment. Valparaiso University. Summer, 2021.
- Faculty Consultant, Digital Media and Composition Institute (DMAC). The Ohio State University. Spring, 2021.
- Assistant, University Writing Program assessment. Valparaiso University. Summer, 2019.
- Graduate Administrative Associate, Professional Writing Minor. The Ohio State University. 2018-2019.
- Technology Consultant, Digital Media and Composition Institute (DMAC). The Ohio State University. Spring, 2018.

- Graduate Administrative Associate, The Digital Media Project. The Ohio State University. 2017-2018.
- Studio Consultant, DMAC. The Ohio State University. Spring, 2017.
- Graduate Research Associate, NEH- funded Next Generation Ph.D. Committee. The Ohio State University. Spring, 2017.
- Technical Writing Consultant, Prof. Margaret Price. *Promoting Supportive Environments for Faculty with Mental Illnesses: Resource Guide and Suggestions for Practice*. 2016.
- Graduate Research Associate, Prof. Harvey Graff. Assisted with bibliometrics project measuring impact of major publications in literacy studies. 2014-2015.
- Graduate Research Associate, Prof. Scott Lloyd DeWitt. Assisted with corpus analysis of FYC peer review memos for *Commonplace* project. Summer, 2014.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Fall Break Writing Retreat, University of Kansas (Fall, 2024)
- First Book Workshop, Hall Center for the Humanities (Spring, 2024)
- Opening the Classroom Door Program, University of Kansas Center for Teaching Excellence (Spring, 2023)
- New Faculty Transitions Coaching Circle, University of Kansas (Fall, 2022)
- Friedrich Chair Colloquium, Valparaiso University (Fall, 2021)
- Valparaiso University Faculty Writing Circle, Valparaiso University (Fall, 2019-Fall, 2021)
- Graduate Workshop with Prof. Alyson Patsavas (Fall, 2017)
- Campus Conversation on Graduate Development Focus Group (Spring, 2017)
- Disability Studies Pedagogy Workshop (Fall, 2016)
- Graduate Workshop with Prof. Aimi Hamraie (Fall, 2016)
- Graduate Workshop with Prof. Ellen Samuels (Spring, 2016)
- Corbett Lecture Workshop with Prof. Carmen Kynard (March 2016)
- English 6781: Introduction to Teaching First-Year Composition (2015)
- *I'm Not Racist...Am I?* Critical Pedagogy Workshop (March 2015)
- Digital Media and Composition Institute (May 2014)
- Corbett Lecture Workshop with Prof. Margaret Price (January 2014)

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Grant Writer, Austin Clubhouse, Inc. Austin, TX. 2010-2013.

Development Coordinator, Austin Clubhouse, Inc. Austin, TX. 2012-2013.

Staff Generalist, Austin Clubhouse, Inc. Austin, TX. 2010-2013.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.