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Academic Positions

Professor, University of Kansas, 2019
Director of Graduate Creative Writing, 2015
Associate Professor, University of Kansas, 2014-present
Assistant Professor, University of Kansas, 2008-2014
Writer-in-Residence, Phillips Exeter Academy, 2000-2001

Education

M.A., Creative Writing, University of Kansas, 1999
B.S.W., University of Kansas, 1993

Areas of Specialization

Fiction, advising/teaching non-fiction

RESEARCH

Publications

American Heart, a novel, HarperTeen, 2018
The Chaperone, a novel, Riverhead Books, 2012
While I'm Falling, a novel, Hyperion, 2009
The Rest of Her Life, a novel, Hyperion, 2007
The Center of Everything, Hyperion, 2003

Invited Talks

Young Lions Panel after *The Chaperone* screening, New York Public Library, March 26, 2019
Keynote Speaker, Arvada Book Festival, Arvada, CO. May 19, 2018
Visiting Writer, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. Jan. 27, 2017
Invited Talk. White Oak Library, Romeoville, IL. Aug. 6, 2014
Invited Talk. Tulsa Public Library. June 24, 2014
Invited Talk. Tuckahoe Women's Society, Richmond, VA. Feb. 19, 2014
Keynote Speaker. The Red Earth MFA, Winter Residency, Oklahoma City University. Jan. 4, 2014
Invited Panelist. Las Vegas Festival of Books, Tucson, AZ. Nov. 2, 2013
Twenty-city author tour to promote *The Chaperone* in paperback. June 2013
Invited Talk. Books in Bloom, Avon, CO. May 18, 2013
Author of Featured Book (*The Chaperone*), Read St. Louis, June 2013
Guest Author, Groton Public Library, Groton, MA. March 26, 2013
Featured Author, Tuscon Literary Festival, Tuscon, AZ. March 9, 2013
Featured Author, The Writers Forum, The College at Brockport, State University of New York,
Feb 13, 2013
"Louise Brooks Book Author On How She Wrote It." *CBS This Morning*, June 29, 2012
Featured Author, Iowa City Book Festival, July 13-15, 2012
National book tour to promote *The Chaperone*, with readings in New York City, St. Louis,

Chicago, Omaha, St. Louis, Kansas City, Lawrence, Wichita, La Jolla, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, June, 2012

Featured Author, *New Letters on the Air*, University of Missouri-Kansas City, November 13, 2009

Featured Author, *The Big Read*, St. Louis, Missouri, October 10, 2009

Featured Author, *California Women's Conference*, Long Beach, California, October 21, 2008

Featured Speaker, *Amelia Island Book Festival*, Amelia Island, Florida, October 4, 2008

Keynote speaker, "A Moveable Feast" Luncheon, *Midwestern Booksellers Association Tradeshow*, Minneapolis, October 7, 2007

Speaker at independent bookstores in twenty-three cities during tour to promote *The Rest of Her Life*

Guest Author, PEN/Faulkner Writers in our Schools. Kansas City, May 3rd, 2007; Independence, Missouri, May 7th, 2007; Kansas City, May 15, 2007

Speaker at independent bookstores in fifteen cities during tour to promote *The Center of Everything*, July 2003

Research Awards

_____ Kansas Notable Book Award, 2019

_____ Hall Center Resident Fellowship, 2019

_____ University Scholarly Achievement Award, 2018

The Center of Everything chosen as KU Common Book, 2014

The Chaperone selected for *St. Louis Reads 2013*

Craig Anthony Arnold Faculty Innovation Award, given to "a faculty member who submits an outstanding General Research Fund proposal," 2013

"Best 150 Kansas Books." Kansas State Library, 2011 (Authored two books selected)

The Rest of Her Life, *Elle Magazine's Readers' Choice for Fiction*, September, 2009

TEACHING

Classes Taught

ENGL 751 Graduate Fiction Workshop

ENGL 756 Forms: The Novel

ENGL 756 Forms: Nonfiction

ENGL 551 Fiction Writing II

ENGL 351 Fiction Writing I

ENGL 205 Freshman/Sophomore Honors Proseminar

Advising

Creative Dissertation Committee Chair:

Kate E Russell, Spring 2018

Rebekah G Taussig, Spring 2017

Joshua Canipe, Spring 2016

Margaret Kramer, Fall 2011

Dissertation Committee Member:

Adam Mills, in progress

Alyse Benschel, Spring 2018

Kris Coffey, Spring 2017
Jennifer Colatosti, Summer 2015
Callista Buchen, Spring 2014

Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Chair:

Mercedes Lucero, Spring 2018
Kate E. Russell, Fall 2016

Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Committee Member:

Alyse Bensel, Spring 2017
Adam Mills, Fall 2016
Rebekah Taussig, Fall 2015
Jennifer Colatosti, Fall 2013

MFA Committee Chair:

Lien, Tracey, 2021
Despain, Keri, 2020
Maria Dones, 2019
Wil Kenney, 2019
Kim Gronniger, 2019
Vince Omni, in progress
Jason Goodvin, December 2017
Stefanie Torres, Spring 2013
Caitlin Thornburgh, Spring 2013
Mark Petterson, Spring 2012
Ben Pfeiffer, Spring 2012
Joe Miller, Spring 2011
Lance Turner, Spring 2011
Josh Hart, Spring 2010
Natalie McAllister, Spring 2010

MFA Committee Member:

Jason Baltazar, Spring 2018
Jacqueline Holland, Spring 2017
Cam Lay, Spring 2016
Satarah Wheeler, Spring 2016
Jennifer Pacioanu, Fall 2014
Iris Moulton, Spring 2012
Danya Goodman, Spring 2012
Anna Gonzales, Spring 2011
Nick Barbarick, Spring 2011
Maria Polonchek, Spring 2011
Katie Savage, Spring 2011
Allison Lopez, Spring 2010

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor

Katelyn Shirley, Spring 2018
Erin Woods, Fall 2017
Becky Mandelbaum, Spring 2012
Lindsey Campion, Spring 2010

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Reader

Brooklyn Kiosow, in progress
Emma Bean, Spring 2016

Undergraduate Research Advisor

Sean T. Lowery, Fall 2015

Mentor for University Scholars Program

Cherae Clark, Spring 2013

Teaching Awards

Nominated for a H.O.P.E. Award, 2017
Nominated for the Byron A. Alexander and John C. Wright Graduate Mentor Award, 2012

SERVICE**National**

External reviewer for creative writing faculty promotion. University of Missouri, 2017
Keynote Address. Two-Year College English Association's Midwest Annual Conference,
Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS. Oct. 9, 2015
Invited Talk. Kauai Writers Conference, Kauai, HA. May 2, 2015
Invited Talk. Santa Barbara Writers Conference, Santa Barbara, CA. June 12, 2014

University

Interviewed George Saunders for "Coffee and Conversation" event at the request of KU
Libraries. Oct. 10, 2017
External Reviewer, Qualifying Paper Review for School of Social Welfare doctoral student Aly
Romero, February 23, 2017
Guest Speaker "Celebrating our Supporters" for KU Libraries' Far Above Campaign." August 9,
2016 (KU Libraries and Endowment asked me to thank Far Above supporters on behalf
of faculty and explain how I used the library holdings to research my latest novel.)
Author of KU Common Book, 2014 (I gave several talks and interviews about the book, and I
also met with classes reading the book throughout the fall semester.)
Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Committee, 2013
Faculty Senate Research Committee, 2011

College

Faculty Mentor Program, 2016, 2018

Member, Hall Center Creative Works Fellowship Committee, Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

Introduction of Joseph O'Neill at his talk for the Hall Center of the Humanities, November 16, 2010

Reading for KU alumni in Salina, February 5, 2009. (Dean Steinmetz of CLAS invited me to read from *While I'm Falling* at this event for alumni at the Salina Country Club.)

Introduction of author Jeanette Walls for her talk at the Hall Center of the Humanities, November 19, 2008

Department

Director of Graduate Creative Writing, Fall 2015 to present

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2011 to present

Member, English Department Advisory Committee, Fall 2015 to present

Q and A in classes taught by colleagues Mike Valk, Brian Daldorph, Anna Neill, 2008-2015 (average one per year)

Travel Committee, Fall 2011 - Spring 2014

Undergraduate Committee, Fall 2013 - Spring 2014

Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Fiction Writing, 2011 - 2012

M.F.A. Committee, 2009 - 2012

Teaching Mentor for GTA's Kate Russell, Sara Leavens, Josh Canipe, Cam Lay, Caitlin Thornburgh, Divya Bhalla, Mercedes Lucero, and Jen Colatosti.

Outreach: Community/ Regional Invited Talks

Invited Talk, Plymouth Church Book Club, Lawrence, KS, September 15, 2018

"Geraldine Brooks: A Conversation with Laura Moriarty." Liberty Hall, Hosted by the Lawrence Public Library, Lawrence. Oct. 7, 2016

Guest Class Lecture at Shawnee Co. Juvenile Detention Center, Topeka, KS, May 16, 2013

Q and A at bookclub, KS State Prison for Women, Topeka, KS. December 22, 2009

Q and A with students at Wichita East High, Wichita, KS. September 17, 2009

Q and A at Independence Academy, PEN/ Faulkner Writers in Our Schools, Independence, MO. May 7, 2009

Q and A at Kansas State University, Prof. Kara Northway's classes. April 17, 2009

Q and A at Wyandotte High, Kansas City, KS PEN/ Faulkner Writers in Our Schools, Kansas City, KS. March 9, 2009

Q and A at Sumner Academy, Kansas City, KS, PEN/ Faulkner Writers in Our Schools, Kansas City, KS. March 2, 2009

