

# LILLIAN NEELY

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## Research Interests

- Women and Gender Studies within Indigenous and Settler Colonial Literatures
  - Gender and Sexuality Studies within African American literature and films
  - Representation in Speculative Fiction
  - Representation of race, gender, and sexuality within banned books
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## Education

*MA in Literature and Literature Theory from the University of Kansas (Expected May 2027)*

*B.A. in English from Southeast Missouri State University (May 2024)*

- Completed a conference paper for the McNair program entitled “A Lack of Sovereignty: Understanding How Treaty Rights Work Against Indigenous Women Through Depictions in Fiction”

RELEVANT COURSES: Gender & Sexuality in Literary Studies, Studies in Later British & Postcolonial Literature, African American Literature since 1900, Mythic Dimensions of Literature, Masculinities in the 19th Century

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## Publications

Neely, Lillian. “A Critique of Neoliberalism: How an Emphasis on Individuality Leads to Catastrophe.” *Literati, Student Research Journal*, Southeast Missouri State University Press, 2024.

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## Conference Presentations

Neely, Lillian. “The Futurity of Historically Marginalized Groups in *The Fifth Season* and *The Only Good Indians*.” *Popular Culture Association National Conference, New Orleans, LA, April 16-19, 2025*.

Neely, Lillian. “‘Once Too Often’: Trauma and Feminism in Toni Morrison’s *Paradise*.” *GEG Research Symposium, Seattle, WA, April 21-24, 2024*.

Neely, Lillian. “A Lack of Sovereignty: Understanding How Treaty Rights Work Against Indigenous Women Through Depictions in Fiction.” Poster Presentation. *SEMO 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Research Conference, Cape Girardeau, MO, April 16-17, 2024*.

Neely, Lillian. “‘I Ain’t Soft’: An Analysis of How Black Masculinity is Portrayed in *Moonlight* and How It Affects Black LGBTQ+ Boys.” *Popular Culture Association National Conference, Chicago, IL, March 27-30, 2024*.

Neely, Lillian. “Understanding Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer Experiences within *Wildhood*.” *Indigenous Peoples’ Day: Meeting & Discussion, Cape Girardeau, MO, October 9, 2023*.

Neely, Lillian. "A Lack of Sovereignty: Understanding How Treaty Rights Work Against Indigenous Women Through Depictions in Fiction." *MKN Heartland McNair Research Conference, Kansas City, MO, September 22–September 24, 2023*.

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## Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant. ENGL 101: Topics-Based Composition, 2 Sections. *University of Kansas*, Fall 2025.

Graduate Teaching Assistant. ENGL 102: Critical Reading and Writing, 2 Sections. *University of Kansas*, Spring 2025.

Graduate Teaching Assistant. ENGL 101: Composition, 2 Sections. *University of Kansas*, Fall 2024.

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## Work Experience

Southeast Missouri State University, August 2023 – May 2024

*Department of English / Student Worker*

- Responded to/forwarded emails
- Entrusted keyholder for the department office
- Word processing
- Assisted the chair of the department during a time when there was no Administrative Assistant
- Time management

Southeast Missouri State University, January 2023 – May 2023

*Kent Library / Access Services*

- Shifted sections of books
  - Relabeled books from Dewey call numbers to Library of Congress call numbers
  - Assisted in setting up displays
  - Assisted patrons in checking out projectors, books, etc.
  - Library database research
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## Academic Involvement

*Southeast Missouri State University*

- Vice President on the board of *Literati*, the student-ran research essay journal published at the university
- Member of the *Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program*
  - Awarded with the McNair Scholar of the Year Award
- Vice President of Southeast Missouri State University's *Sigma Tau Delta* chapter, the English Honor Society
- Member of Dean Eric Bain-Selbo's Advisory Group