



College of Arts and Applied Sciences

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EDUCATION:

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| 1996 | Ph.D. - English Literature and Education
University of North Dakota |
| 1990 | M.Ed. - Foreign Language and Social Studies Education
University of Maryland - College Park |
| 1988 | B.A. German Literature and Political Science
University of Wisconsin-Madison |

EXPERIENCE:

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| 2005-present | Assistant Professor, Languages and Translation Department,
College of Arts and Applied Sciences, Dhofar University, Sultanate of
Oman. |
| 2003-2005 | Volunteer Instructor, American Red Cross, Massachusetts Bay
Chapter, English as a Second Language, Citizenship and
American History (part-time). |
| 1999 | Instructor, Communications Department, Community College
of Vermont; Montpelier, Vermont. |
| 1997-1999 | Assistant Professor, Department of Languages, American
University of Sharjah, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. |
| 1997 | Visiting Professor, English Department, University of Sharjah,
Women's College, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. |
| 1997 | Adjunct Faculty, Department of Communications, University
of Minnesota-Crookston, 1997. Working in a computer-assisted,
interactive television classroom. |

TEACHING

Frequently taught courses:

Dhofar University

- English 160 - Understanding Literature
- English 203 - Academic English
- English 204 - Advanced Academic English
- English 230 - Prose and Fiction
- English 250 - Creative Writing
- English 290 - Poetry
- English 351 - British Literature 1730s-1830s
- English 352 - British Literature 1830s-1930s
- English 354 - Medieval English Literature
- English 365 - Advanced Creative Writing
- English 415 - Romantic and Victorian Poetry
- English 419 - Language and Politics

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- English 118 - World Literature
- English 110 - British Literature to 1770
- English 207 - Special Topics in Ancient Literature-Myths
- Communications 202 - Research Writing
- Communications 203 - Introduction to Genres
- Communications 204 - Advanced Essay

RESEARCH

Research Interest:

I am predominantly interested in the ways in which travellers interact and describe places new to them. Most of my research is in the area of examining primary texts, but I have also done work on, for example, the impact of tourism and how college students approach and assimilate foreign texts.

I am currently taking a course in beginning Arabic. I have a working knowledge of French and German, including spending the summer of 1985 at Middlebury College's German Language Program and the 1985-1986 academic year at Friedrich Wilhelms Universität; Bonn, Germany. I have also studied Ancient and Modern Greece, including spending a semester at Frederick Institute; Nicosia, Cyprus in 1995.

PUBLICATIONS

I. Articles in Refereed Professional Journals:

1. Review of *Improbable Journeys*, Robin Magowan. Evanston, IL: Northwestern UP, 2002. *North Dakota Quarterly*. Vol. 70 (2003): 156-159.
2. Review of *Saddlebag*, Bahiyiyh Nakhjavani. Boston: Beacon Press, 2002. *Edebiyat: The Journal of Middle Eastern Literatures*. Vol. 13.1 (2002): 131-32.
3. Review of *Crossing Borders: An American Woman in the Middle East*, Judith Caesar. Syracuse: Syracuse UP, 1997. *North Dakota Quarterly*. Vol. 66 (1999): 145-146.

II. Chapters in Academic Books:

"White Knee Socks vs. Photojournalist Vests: Distinguishing between Travellers and Tourists." *Travel Culture*. Ed. Carol Williams. Westport, CT: Praeger, 1997.

III. Articles and Abstracts in International Conferences:

"One of the Critters is Missing: The Disappearance of Nancy Durrell from *My Family and Other Animals*." *Selected Papers Presented to the Linguistic Circle of Manitoba and North Dakota: 1989-1993*. Ed. Harold Smith and Gaby Divay. Fargo, ND: NDSU Press, 1996.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

I. Academic Committees and Organizations:

Dhofar University:

- University Council
- University Research Board
- Self-Study Committee on Student Coursework
- Learning Resources Committee

American University of Sharjah:

- Chair - Library Committee
- Faculty advisor of *The Leopard* (student newspaper) and *Realms* (student literary magazine)
- Co-founder of the AUS Literary Society (established book club, sponsored poetry readings, organized field trips)

Organizations:

- Elected Fellow, Royal Geographical Society
- Fellow, American Geographical Society
- Member, Hakulyt Society
- Member, Boston Athenaeum

II. Training Workshops:

- Artist in Residence - Thief River Falls Community College and Challenger Elementary School, 1997
- "Where Do You Want To Go?: Reading, Geography and Maps," Graduate Class for Secondary English and Geography Teachers; North Dakota Geographic Alliance, 1996

III. Lectures and Presentations:

- "Treachery in the Kitchen': Travelling Foreign, Eating Familiar," College English Association Annual Conference; St. Louis, MO. March 28th, 2008. Co-authored with Dr. Traci Kelly, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- "Marlowe in Salalah: Making English Poetry Relevant," TESOL Arabia 2008 Conference; Dubai. March 14th, 2008.
- "Where are the cute tap-dancing Penguins?: Illustrations in Arctic/ Antarctic Travel Books," Modern Language Association Annual Conference; Chicago. December 28th, 2007.
- "Waiting for the Barbarians': Teaching Literature as a Cultural Bridge in Salalah," April 9th, 2007. CAAS Seminar Series, Dhofar University.
- "What to do After You Have the Right Answer: Introducing Uncertainty while Teaching Literature in the Middle East," 2007 Conference of the National Association of Humanities Education; San Francisco. February, 2007.
- "Acting Your Way to Better Spoken English," TESOL Arabia Conference; Dubai. March, 2007.
- "Do You Have Anything on Cowboys?: Creating a University Library in the Middle East," Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association Conference; Albuquerque. February, 2000. with Chris Sugnet.
- "Athena in the Desert: Using Myths to Teach Writing Skills," TESOL Arabia Conference; Al Ain, United Arab Emirates, 1999.
- "Dragon-spotting: Travellers Making Myths and Myths Making Travellers," British Comparative Literature Association Annual Conference; University of Lancaster, 1998.
- "Flying Banknotes and Shuttlecocks: Ford Maddox Ford's Post-modern Travels," Conrad Society Annual Conference; London, 1998.
- "The Norton Anthology in Arabia: Teaching Literature in the EFL Classroom," TESOL Arabia Conference; Al Ain, United Arab Emirates, 1998.

- “Zu Golde Gehn: John Marston’s *The Wonder of Women* or *The Tragedie of Sophonisba* (1606) and von Lohenstein’s *Sophonisbe* (1666),” Modern Language Association Conference; Toronto, 1997.
- “Misplacing the Map: Post World War II Travellers Lost and Found” Snapshots from Abroad: A Conference on American and British Travel Writers and Writing; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1997.
- “White Knee Socks vs. Photojournalist Vests: Distinguishing between Travellers and Tourists,” Popular Culture Association Conference; San Antonio, 1997.
- “Seat in a Saddle, Nose in a Book: What Travellers Read,” Linguistic Circle of Manitoba and North Dakota; Winnipeg, 1996.