



BOARD REPORT

3 Year Contract for Lisa A. Kirby Professor of English Full-time Faculty at Collin since 2009

Education

Institution	Degree	Major
Texas Christian University	Doctor of Philosophy	English
University of Nebraska--Lincoln	Master of Arts	English
Texas Christian University	Bachelor of Arts	English/Political Science

Prior Work Experience

Job Title	Organization Name	Date of Employment
Graduate Instructor	Texas Christian University	1999-2003
Professor of English	Collin College	2003-2004
Assistant Professor of English	North Carolina Wesleyan College	2004-2009

Professional Development, Activities, and Publications

- Presented paper, "Writing from the Margins: Analyzing Meridel Le Sueur's Nonfiction," Faculty Development Day, Collin College, Fall 2012.
- Presented paper, "Creating and Sustaining a Common Reading Program," Community College Humanities Association Conference, Dallas, TX, Fall 2012.
- Presented paper, "A Witness to the Masses: The Power of Meridel Le Sueur's Nonfiction," Society for the Study of American Women Writers Conference, Denver, CO, Fall 2012.
- Published article, "Cowboys of the High Seas: Representations of Working-Class Masculinity on 'Deadliest Catch,'" The Journal of Popular Culture, Spring 2013.
- Presented paper, "An American Tragedy: Post-Katrina Popular Culture and the Rhetoric of Disaster," 5th Annual Louisiana Studies Conference, Natchitoches, LA, Fall 2013.
- Presented paper, "'You are all a lost generation': Post-War Consciousness in Hemingway's 'The Sun Also Rises' and Fitzgerald's 'The Great Gatsby,'" American Literature Association Symposium on War and American Literature, New Orleans, LA, Fall 2013.
- Presented paper, "Establishing a Class Consciousness at Collin College: The Lebrecht Endowed Chair Project," Faculty Development Day, Lebrecht Speaker Series, Spring 2014.
- Presented paper, "Coming to Class: Establishing a Working-Class Consciousness at the Two-Year College," How Class Works Conference, State University of New York--Stony Brook, NY Summer 2014.
- Presented paper, "Truth, Justice, and an American Tragedy: Hurricane Katrina Documentaries and the Construction of Reality," 6th Annual Louisiana Studies Conference, Natchitoches, LA, Fall 2014.
- Presented paper, "The Perfect Storm: Weather and Modernity in Post-Hurricane Katrina Writing," South Central Modern Language Association Conference, Austin, TX, Fall 2014.

- Served, Reader and Judge, Society for the Study of American Women Writers Graduate Student Paper Contest, Spring 2013.

College Service and College-Related Community Service

- Serve, Faculty Advisor, Writers' Bloc: The Collin Literary Society, Fall 2012-present.
- Coordinated, Writers' Bloc Webb Elementary School Book Drive, Spring 2013.
- Serve, Book-in-Common Committee, Central Park Campus Lead, Fall 2012-Spring 2013; Spring Creek Campus Lead, Fall 2013-present.
- Chaired, English Search Committee, Spring 2013.
- Served, Outstanding Professor Award Committee, Spring 2014.
- Served, Study Grant Review Committee, Spring 2014.
- Serve, Core Objectives Assessment Team, Fall 2014-present.
- Serve, The Texas Center for Working-Class Studies Steering Committee, Fall 2014-present.
- Serve, Collin Composition Academy Development Committee, Spring 2013-present.
- Organize, Collin College Trends in Teaching Composition Conference, Spring 2013-present.
- Volunteered, Mentor, Collin Mentoring Program, Fall 2012-Spring 2013.
- Serve, English Curriculum Review Committee, Fall 2012-present.
- Organized and moderated, Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Student Research Conference panels, "The High-Tide Twenties: The Party Decade that Overhauled Centuries of Tradition and Revolutionized Minds, Giving Life to a New, Modern America" and "The Book in Common: Philip Schultz's 'My Dyslexia,'" Spring 2013.
- Organized and moderated, Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Student Research Conference panels, "The Complexity of American Literature: Writers, Themes, and Ideas," "A 'Classless' Society: Exploring Representations of Social Class in Popular Culture," and "Exploring Global Health Issues: HIV/AIDS, Immunizations, and Antibiotic Resistance," Spring 2014.
- Facilitated, "Teaching Freshman Composition: Review, Rethink, Renew," Associate Faculty Conference, Spring 2013.
- Facilitated, "English Roundtable: Sharing Assignments," Faculty Development Day, Fall 2012.
- Organized and moderated, "Composition Pedagogy Workshop," Fall 2013.
- Moderated, "Evaluating Student Writing: An Interdisciplinary Conversation" and "Critical Thinking in the Composition Classroom," Faculty Development Day, Fall 2013, Spring 2014.
- Organized and moderated, "Understanding Class in American Politics and Culture," Lebrecht Speaker Series, Spring 2014, Fall 2014.
- Presented, "Writing an Argumentative Essay," Writing Center Workshop, Fall 2012, Spring 2013.
- Presented, "Reread, Review, Rewrite: The Art of Revision," Writing Center Workshop, Fall 2014.
- Served, Guest Judge, McKinney Public Library Teen Poetry Contest, Spring 2013, Spring 2014.
- Presented, "Writing Successful College Admissions Essays: A Workshop," McKinney Public Library, Fall 2014.

Leadership and Awards

- Awarded, Lebrecht Endowed Chair for Scholarly and Civic Engagement, "The Working-Class Studies Project: Establishing a Class Consciousness at Collin College," Fall 2013-present.
- Selected, Finalist, Collin College Outstanding Professor Award, 2014.
- Awarded, Engaged Faculty Award, The Professor Lisa Kirby Honorary Scholarship, Spring 2013, Spring 2014.
- Awarded, Study Grant, "Exploring the Rhetoric of Disaster: The Literature and Popular Culture of Post-Katrina New Orleans," Summer 2014.