**EDUCATION**

**Masters of Linguistic Theory and Typology August 2015-Present**

The University of Kentucky – Lexington, Kentucky Current G.P.A. 4.0

Masters Thesis (in progress) – Committee members: Dr. Kevin McGowan (chair), Dr. Mark Richard Lauersdorf, Dr. Edward Barrett, Dr. Sasha Johnson-Coleman (Norfolk State University)

**Bachelor of Arts** - English Literature **December 2014**

Maryville College - Maryville, Tennessee G.P.A. 3.99

Senior Thesis - No Ordinary Wind: Ghanaian Linguistic Identity in the Modern English Superstructure

**Associate of Science** **December 2012**

Pellissippi State Community College - Knoxville, Tennessee G.P.A. 3.98

**PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

* Presenting “SWOLE” master thesis research at the 38th Annual Southwest Popular/ American Culture Association Conference February 15th-18th in Albuquerque, NM
* Presented “Adjusting the Cost-Benefit Model of Language Planning by Incorporating Network Analysis in the Ghanaian Context” at the 2nd International Conference on English Language, Literature, Teaching and Translation Studies, Sarajevo September 30th – October 1st 2016
* Invited to give “Adjusting the Cost-Benefit Model of Language Planning by Incorporating Network Analysis in the Ghanaian Context” talk at the UK Linguistics Incubator for Collaborative Digital Research (September 2016)
* Invited by Dr. Sasha Johnson Coleman to lecture on the undergraduate thesis process and its long-term benefits to her ENG 405 English Thesis Capstone course at Norfolk State University, September 27, 2016
* Presented “The Serena Williams Opprobrious Language Experiment” at The 2016 Central Kentucky Linguistics Conference and the UK English Department Casual Colloquium April 2016 Session
* Taught a day-long children’s workshop, *Learning Phonology through the World’s Animal Sounds*, for Kentucky Educational Linguistics Outreach (KLEO) atLingoFest 2015
* Requested by Associate Professor Allison Stein to guest lecture for Modern World History in Fall 2014
* Displayed award-winning poster of senior thesis work at Lincoln Memorial University’s 21st Annual Blue Ridge Undergraduate Research Conference
* Presented “The Feminine Underground” and a selection of poetry at Lee University Literary Symposium 2013
* Selected as Fall 2012’s Student Recipient Speaker at the Donors and Scholars Reception
* Nominated by faculty as 2012’s student invitee to the Gnosis Faculty Lecture Series to present “What the Frack?!” a hydraulic fracturing information project; video available on PSCC blogs
* Selected by Dr. Robert Lloyd to appear in Faculty Lecture Series Staged Reading of *Ajax* as Techmessa

**PUBLICATIONS**

* Review of Cacchiani, Mazzi, Bondi (2015) *Discourse In and Through the Media: Recontextualizing and Reconceptualizing Expert Discourse*” published on LinguistList
* “Accounting for Vox Populi: Adjusting the Cost-Benefit Model of Language Planning by Incorporating Network Analysis in the Ghanaian Context” *African Transitions* (November 2016)
* “Scapegoat” published in *Imaginary Gardens* Spring 2015 edition
* Published “Ophidia”, “Soma”, and “AKP” in *Impressions* 40th Anniversary print edition
* Several poems selected by faculty and peers for 2013 *Imaginary Gardens* Literary Magazine

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

*University of South Carolina* **June 2015**

* International Student Services Graduate Assistantship (declined)

*University of Kentucky*  **March 2015**

* Granted the Royster Excellence Award by College Executive Committee
* Teaching Assistantship for Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies

*University of Georgia* **March 2015**

* Awarded Linguistics Graduate Program’s only Research Assistantship (declined)

*Lincoln Memorial University* **March 2014**

* Outstanding Poster Award for 21st Annual Blue Ridge Undergraduate Research Conference

*Maryville College* **January 2013-August 2014**

* Achieved Latin Honors, Summa Cum Laude, upon degree completion
* Awarded one of two Competitive Summer Internship Grants from MC Center for Calling and Career
* Inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honors Society for Adults Continuing Higher Education and Sigma Tau Delta International English Honors Society
* Ragsdale Study Abroad Scholarship for Ghana Study and Service 2014
* Phi Theta Kappa Merit Scholarship for 2012-13 and 2013-14 academic years

*Pellissippi State Community College* **August-December 2012**

* Sole recipient of 2012 English Department Outstanding Graduate Award, chosen by English Faculty
* Females Continuing Education Scholarship (declined)

**OTHER EDUCATION**

* Invited to and attended the 2016 UK Graduate Student Leadership Conference
* Attended R Minicourse with Dr. Bodo Winter at the LSA 2016 Annual Meeting
* Received certification of Intermediate Turkish proficiency from the Knoxville Turkish Cultural Center

**EXPERIENCE**

**University of Kentucky August 2015-Present**

*Lead Instructor* **May 2016-May 2017**

* Linguistics 211
* Taught a 4-week intensive online summer session, which incorporated interactive videoed lectures presented on LectureTools
* Oversaw transition of course shell, including all materials and templates, to new digital instruction platform, Canvas, for future TA and faculty use
* Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies 110 and 111
* Teaching two sections per semester of a multimodal writing and communications course in which students create digital, oral, and written projects exploring their place in the broader community
* Participated in year-long pedagogy development and TA mentorship program

*Teaching Assistant* **August 2015-May 2016**

* Robert E. Hemenway Writing Center Professional Consultant
* Fielded questions on content development, analysis, and organization structure, providing composition and presentation guidance from start to finish on graduate and undergraduate projects
* International Conversation Hour Moderator

**University of South Carolina—Columbia**

*Internship with Professor Emeritus Dr. Michael Montgomery* **June-August 2014**

* Built digital corpus of Irish immigrant letters (1675-1900; 748 letters)
* Inventoried and digitized manuscripts and typescripts from archival collections
* Identified and catalogued new additions from digital repositories
* Prepared an analysis of Hiberno-English speech markers in naïve writing
* Completed entries of the *Dictionary of Appalachian English*
* Updated OED citations to reflect digital edition additions and filled DARE queries providing usage examples for 300+ entries
* Utilized ExpressScribe to transcribe Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike oral histories
* Attended Children’s Literature Association 41st Annual Conference with Drs. Tracey Weldon and Elaine Chun

**Pellissippi State Community College (PSCC)** – Hardin Valley **August 2010-July 2015**

*Academic Advisor* **August 2011-July 2015**

* Facilitated student registration, graduation applications, and career counseling at all campuses
* Coordinated project development, grant writing, institutional objectives, student success tracking, and management of temporary staff for the Ben Atchley Veteran’s Center—Appointed Advising Liaison
* Developed an entirely new initiative, the Transfer Workshop, to be implemented Spring 2016
* Crafted front desk and new advisor training guides, orientation syllabi, and resource repository

*Supplemental Instruction (SI) Coordinator Assistant* **May 2012-July 2013**

* Collected, recorded, and evaluated SI program statistics (2011-2013) for Tennessee Board of Regents
* Designed and monitored SI resource depository on D2L (Blackboard) site
* Facilitated and led on-campus training weekend including creation and editing of training video
* Directed as student success interim coordinator mentor scheduling, on-campus resource management, and bi-weekly campus newsletter editing/writing, scheduled Faculty Senate, Fee Board, and Distance-learning meetings

*English 1010/1020 Supplemental Instructor (SI)* **January-May 2011**

* Communicated bi-weekly with professors regarding student problem areas and target skills
* Formulated lesson plans and led weekly supplemental sessions for approximately 60 students

**ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP**

*University of Kentucky*  **August 2015-Present**

* Appointed Linguistics Club President
* This graduate and undergraduate organization aims to advance ourselves in the field at large, and to augment the surrounding community’s understanding of Linguistics as the scientific study of language.
* Designated Sociolinguistics Reading Group topic curator and session leader
* 2015: Language in The City; 2016: Language in Social Institutions

*Project South*  **May 2015-September 2015**

* Volunteered as a transcriber during summer 2015 on the Civil Rights oral history documentation initiative with Dr. Daniel Hartwig at Stanford Special Collections

*Maryville College* **August 2014-May 2015**

* Sigma Tau Delta Vice President Alpha Rho Kappa Chapter

*PSCC Hardin Valley Campus* **January 2012-May 2013**

* Student Government Parliamentarian
* Service Learning on-campus representative
* Sustainable Campus Initiative Assistant
* Student Life Fee Board representative

*References Available Upon Request*