

## **VITA**

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## **EDUCATION**

MAT, English, 1980  
Jacksonville University  
BA, Major: English, Minor: Education, 1975  
Jacksonville University  
Secretary, German Club; Secretary, Student Union Board

Fletcher Senior High School  
Jacksonville Beach, FL, 1971  
Member National Honor Society, Joe Berg Humanities  
Florida Teacher Scholarship recipient

## **EXPERIENCE**

January 1990 to present: Full time instructor with Florida Community College, teaching primarily Composition I and II and Literature.

September 1981 to January 1990: Adjunct, Florida Community College at Jacksonville, South Campus. Taught Freshman Composition and from 1982 to 1985, a GED class. From fall 1985 to January 1990 was an adjunct faculty member in the High School Completion Department, teaching English grammar, Reading II, and the language section of the GED. Primarily individualized instruction with students at different levels. Worked with the Curriculum Department, developing materials and activities for the Grammar II course which collated with State objectives.

January 1986 to May 1988: Adjunct, University of North Florida, Language and Literature Department. Taught Composition I and II. Responsible for developing the curriculum of each class. Primary focus of Composition I class was instructor analysis of student writing and revision. Used a reader to encourage students' critical thinking skills and a format which emphasized group discussion and activities. The Composition II classes incorporated The Research Workbook with Elements of Argument. Required two research papers, one done as a process with several workshops, the other as an individual project. All other required papers were argumentative in nature.

August 1977 to November 1980: Lee High School, Jacksonville, Florida. Taught several standard classes; most experience was with college bound and advanced 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. Curriculum included World Literature, essay composition and grammar related to the composition. Also coordinated with the Accreditation Committee in 1980.

June 1975 to August 1977: Florida State Employment Service. Job Corps interviewer. Primary duties included interviewing disadvantaged young people, researching their background for eligibility, and placing them in appropriate centers for training. Also served as needed as interviewer for the state employment service.

### **WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES/ PARTICIPATION**

The Island Experience, April, 1990

National Conference for the Teaching of English, Nov. 16-2, 1990

CLAST Workshop, FCCJ, Feb, 1991

Workshop, "Writing to Learn," Mount Dora, FL July 14-19, 1991.

Chaired round table discussions on Writing Across the Curriculum, FCCJ, and Nov, 1991.

ENC 1102 Workshop, FCCJ, April, 1991.

Paideaia Seminar, 1992.

Presented "Session Two: Cooperative Learning." Duval County Language Arts In-service," August, 1992.

Attended Florida Community College Conference, Daytona Beach, Sept. 1995.

Presented "Introduction to Cooperative learning in the College English Classroom," Southeastern Conference on English in the Two-year College, Feb., 1995.

Presented a Cooperative Learning Awareness session, TYCA, Atlanta, Jan. 1996.

Presented session "Celebration of Language," for National Conference on College Teaching and Learning, Jacksonville, Spring, 1996.

Presented "Celebration of Language Day" in FACC Curriculum and Instruction competition, Jacksonville, Fall 1996.

Presented paper, "Humor in All in the Family," Popular Culture Association of the South, Savannah, Oct. 1996.

Presented "Cooperative Learning Awareness Workshop," Eighth National Conference on College Teaching and Learning, April, 1997.

Presented an introduction to Cooperative Learning, Consortium for Community College Development, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Nov., 1997.

Attended, AAHE Conference on Assessment and Quality, June, 1997.

Presented paper, "Two Hamlets," Popular Culture Association of the South, Columbia, Oct. 1997.

Presented paper, "Images in John Boorman Films," Popular Culture Association of the South, August, Oct. 1998.

Presented session, "Research in the English Classroom," National Conference on College Teaching and Learning, April, 1999.

Presented session, "Teaching Mathers, Edwards and Melville to 20<sup>th</sup> Century Students", Southeast Conference on English in the Two-year College, Feb. 2000.

Attended NISOD conference, May 2000. NISOD Excellence Award recipient.

Presented, "The Significance of Disney's Super Soap Weekend," Popular Culture Conference, Oct. 2001.

Participant, Florida Master Teacher Seminar, June, 2004.

Presented, Popular Culture Conference, Oct. 2004

Attended SLOAN-B Conference: The Power of Online Learning, November, 2004.

Presented, Lilly Conference, November, 2004.

Presented, "Writing Coalition Report," TYCA-SE Conference, Feb. 2004.

Attended Writer's Festival, May 2004

Attended TYCA-SE Conference, Feb. 2005.

Presented, "Articulation between High Schools and Community Colleges." Teaching and Learning Conference, FCCJ, April, 2005

Presented, "On Commercial Christian Radio God is a Woman," Popular Culture Conference, Oct. 2005.

Attended TYCA-SE Conference, Feb. 2005

Presented, SIRIUS presentation, League of Innovations, March, 2006

Presented, Professional Development for Faculty, League of Innovations, March, 2006

Presented workshop, CREOLE, Teaching and Learning Conference, FCCJ, April, 2006

Presented, "Philosophies of Education," Teaching and Learning Conference, FCCJ, April, 2006

Participant, Mammoth Cave: People, Place, and History, NEH Landmark Workshop, July 16-21, 2006.

Presented, Foundations of Cooperative Learning, Guilford Technical Community College, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Presented, "Using Online Tools to Improve Student Writing," SLOAN Conference, Orlando, FL, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 2007

## PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews, "Because it is Bitter, Because it is my Heart," FL Times Union, June, 1990.

"Black Tie Only.": FL Times Union, July, 1990.

"Lost Souls Meet at Bailey's" FL Times Union, August, 1992.

"Nobody's Angel," FL Times Union, August, 1992.

"Remember," FL Times Union, August, 1992.

Article, "Learning is not Static," Nov., 1990. English Journal.

Movie Review: "Hamlet," Folio Magazine, January 15, 1991.

Contributed peer evaluations to second edition, Writing Strategies for Collaboration by Mary Sue Koepfel.

Article, "Assessing Writing Instruction – A Semester's Research Project," TYCA Journal, Nov. 1998...

Article, "The Significance Of Disney's Super Soap Weekend," Studies in Popular Culture, Oct. 2002.

Article, "On Commercial Christian Radio, God is a Woman," Studies in Popular Culture, April, 2005.

## AWARDS

Who's Who in American Education

Semifinalist, Excellence in Curriculum and Instruction Award, FACC

Outstanding Faculty Award, FCCJ, 1999.

#### MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Dccte, Duval County Counsel, Teachers of English, Parliamentarian

Popular Culture Association of the South

TYCA- Southeast, Advertising manager, 1999 – 2005.

#### SERVICE TO COLLEGE

Clast resource Specialist, 1990-1993

Member, Gordon Rule Committee, 1991

Member, Provost Advisory Council, 1991

Member, Committee to decide adjunct textbooks, 1991

Member, South Campus travel committee, 1992-1997

Member, High School Liaison Committee, 1993-1998

Chairperson, Celebration of Language Day, 1997-1999

Member, Letters Council, 1996-1999, President, 1998-2000

Member, Leadership Counsel, Southeastern Center for Cooperative Learning, 1998-2006

Chair, FCCJ-High School Articulation Committee 2003-2006.

Local Arrangements Chair, TYCA-SE conference to be held in Jacksonville Feb, 2007.

Lead Developer, SIRIUS English Composition II online college course, May 2005-Nov. 2007.