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Academic Appointments

Concordia College	
Professor of English	2022-present
Associate Professor of English	2015-2022
Director, Women's and Gender Studies Program	2020-2021
Co-Director, Women's and Gender Studies Program	2015-2020
Assistant Professor of English	2009-present
Instructor	2008-2009

Education

University of Kansas, Lawrence	Ph.D. in English	May 2009
	Dissertation defended with Honors, April 17, 2009	
	Comprehensive examination awarded Honors, December 11, 2007	
University of Kansas, Lawrence	M.A. in English	May 2005
	Oral examination awarded Honors	
Concordia College, Moorhead, MN	B.A. in English Literature	May 2003
	<i>Magna cum laude</i>	
	Honors in the English Department and the CREDO Honors Program	

Publications

Invited reprinting. "The Misogyny of Lactivism: Why Breastfeeding is Central to the Discourse of Normative Motherhood." *Understanding Reproduction in Social Contexts*. Edited by Caitlin Killian, Rowman & Littlefield, 2025. Forthcoming.

"Vintage Dishes." Column appears the first Sunday of every month. *The Fargo Forum*. Forum Communications, 2024.

"The Misogyny of Lactivism: Why Breastfeeding is Central to the Discourse of Normative Motherhood." *Normative Motherhood: Regulations, Representations, and Reclamations*. Edited by Andrea O'Reilly, Demeter, 2023, pp. 111-127.

“‘Yes, My First and Only’: Dealing with Assumptions of Regret about Family Size.” *Maternal Regret*. Edited by Andrea O’Reilly, Demeter, 2022, pp. 111-126.

“A Mother and a Professor: Balancing Home and Academic Life.” “*Off Time*” in *Academe: Career and Lifecourse in Personal Narratives of Mothers and Non-Mothers*. Edited by Kristin Marsh and Elena Neiterman, Demeter, Forthcoming.

“The Ethnographic Research Paper: Helping First-Year Students Develop Authority and Rhetorical Understanding of Sources.” *Minnesota English Journal*, vol. 50, 2015, <https://minnesotaenglishjournalonline.org/2015/04/30/the-ethnographic-research-paper/>.

“Lessons Fairer than Flowers’: Mary Eliza Haweis’s *Chaucer for Children* and Models of Friendship.” *Studies in Medievalism*, vol. 20, 2011, pp. 79-97.

“Reflections on Studying the Middle Ages Abroad: A Former Student’s Thoughts and Suggestions.” *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching*, vol. 16, no. 1, 2009, pp. 63-70.

Recent Conference Presentations and Lectures

“The Misogyny of Lactivism: Why Breastfeeding is Central to the Discourse of Normative Motherhood.” 2024 International Association of Maternal Action + Scholarship Annual Conference, Boston University, Massachusetts, 20-23 June 2024.

“Reading Community Cookbooks to Uncover Women’s Lives.” 2024 Popular Culture Association National Conference, Chicago, IL. 27-30 March, 2024.

“Food, Gender, and Culture in Central North Dakota: Church Cookbooks and Women’s Lives in the Mid-Twentieth Century.” 2023-24 Centennial Scholars Lecture, Frida Nilsen Lounge, 7 p.m., 30 January 2024.

“‘Yes, My First and Only’: Dealing with Assumptions of Regret about Family Size.” 2023 International Association of Maternal Action + Scholarship Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 11-13 March 2023.

“Local Lives: Questioning Commonplaces through Public Rhetoric Partnerships.” 2020 Conference on College Composition and Communication, Milwaukee, WI. 25-28 March 2020. (Conference cancelled).

“Mothering While Teaching Abroad.” Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement 2019 Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, 12-14 April 2019.

“The Breastfeeding Professor: Balancing Home and Academic Life.” Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement 2017 Annual Conference, Galway, Ireland, 6-9 July 2017.

“Ethnographic Remix: Cultivating Transfer for First-Year Writers.” 2017 Conference on College Composition and Communication, Portland, OR. 15-18 March 2017.

“The Rhetoric of Breastmilk Supply.” Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement 2016 Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, 14-16 October 2016.

“Chuck Klosterman’s Essays as Models for Student Writing.” 2016 Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference, Seattle, Washington, 21-25 March 2016.

“The Risks and Rewards of a First-Year Composition Learning Community.” 2015 Conference on College Composition and Communication, Tampa, Florida, 18-21 March 2015.

“Ethnography as Immersive Travel Pedagogy.” 2014 Popular Cultural Association/American Culture Association National Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 16-19 April 2014. With Andrew Lindner.

Awards and Grants

Faculty Sabbatical Leave, Concordia College, 2024-2025.

Grant for Sabbatical Leave Expenses, Concordia College, 2024-2025.

Centennial Scholars Individual Research Grant Award, 2023-2024.

Elected Faculty Representative of Omicron Delta Kappa by Students, 2019-2023.

Faculty Sabbatical Leave, Concordia College, 2017-2018.

Grant for Sabbatical Leave Expenses, Concordia College, 2017-2018.

International Program Grants, Office of Global Education, Concordia College, 2011 and 2016.

Goldie L. Case Award for Excellence in the Study of Literature, University of Kansas English D Department, May 2008.

Carlin Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, University of Kansas Graduate School, April 2007.

Teaching Experience

Concordia College

English 150: Literature, Self, and Society

English 160: Global Literature and Human Experience

English 267/PEAK: The Ethnographic Essay

English 315: The English Language: History & Analysis

English 365: Writing of Women

English 371: Grammar and Editing for Professionals

English 380: The Ethnographic Essay: Cultural Immersion in Scotland, Summer School Abroad

English 401: Shakespeare and the English Renaissance

English 439: Film and Literature

English 480: Independent Study

Global Studies 350/PEAK: Family, Community, & Identity in Contemporary Scotland

INQ 100: i) Local Lives and ii) Children and Childhood in English Literature”

IWC 100: Inquiry Written Communication

WGS 201: Women’s and Gender Studies: Frameworks and Issues

Academic Service

Faculty Executive Committee, 2023-present.

Search Committee Chair, English Department, 2023-2024.

Outside Faculty Member, Department of Education Search Committee, 2023-2024.

Co-facilitator, Humanities Programs Review Process, Spring 2022 – Spring 2023.

Pre-law Steering Committee, 2020-present.

Common Curriculum Steering Committee, 2019-2020.

Core Committee, 2018-2021. Chair, 2019-2021.

Faculty Senator, 2018-present.

Faculty Representative to Minnesota Private College Council and United International College
(Zhuhai, China) Faculty Development Institute, 2013-2014.

Co-Editor of *New Voices*, Concordia College publication of academic essays, 2011-2014.

Professional Affiliations

The Conference on College Composition and Communication

International Association of Maternal Action + Scholarship (IAMAS)

National Council of Teachers of English

Omicron Delta Kappa

Popular Culture Association