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EDUCATION

PhD, Humanities-Literature, University of Texas at Dallas, May 2016, Dissertation

Title: [“The Law Shall Bruise Her: Discrimination Against Women in Shakespeare, Webster, and U.S. Law.”](#)

MA, Humanities-Literature, University of Texas at Dallas, December 2004

MA Thesis: *“The Taming of the Shrew and The Woman’s Prize or The Tamer Tamed: Shrews of Every Sex and the Gender Debate.”*

JD, Texas Tech University School of Law, May 2000, Focus: Criminal Law

BA, English & Pre-Medicine (Magna Cum Laude), Texas Tech University, May 1997

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Book:

[Law, Literature, and Violence Against Women: Ending the Victim Blame Game](#)

(Routledge, 2024); Nominated for the Scribes Book Award, 2025.

Journal Articles:

“In the *Twilight Zone*: Ever-Lasting Romance and the Borderline Personality.” *Popular Culture Review* 20.3 (Summer 2009).

Journal Articles, Co-Authored:

“A Case For Delivering Supplemental Oxygen to Postoperative Patients During Transport to the PACU.” *Journal of Perianesthesia Nursing*. 11.4 (1996): 295-97. Badgwell, J. Michael, M.D., Grant Savage, Ph.D., and Erin L. Kelley.

Creative Writing-Poetry:

“Floating on an Inner Tube On the Guadalupe River,” *Word River Literary Review* 1.1 (Spring 2009).

“For Show,” *Word River Literary Review* 1.1 (Spring 2009).

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Stalking Portrayed in Law and Literature: Gendered Violence and Victim Blame.” The Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities. “Senses of Law.” Panel: “The Limits of Testimony, Narrative, and Gendered Violence.” University of British Columbia School of Law, Vancouver British Columbia, Canada. May 17- 18, 2024.

“Law, Literature, & Domestic Violence: Victim Blame Through DARVO.” The

- Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities. "Absence, the Present and the Past." Panel: "Domestic Violence: Juridical Insight and Blindness." University of Toronto School of Law, Toronto, Ontario Canada. June 22-23, 2023.
- "Acquaintance Rape: A Victim's 'Freeze Response' Mistaken for Consent in American Law & *Thirteen Reasons Why* (2007)." The Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities. "Unsettling Law." Panel: "Addressing Systemic Discrimination in Law." Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia. June 16-17, 2022.
- "Transformative Justice Through Innovative Inventions: Pedagogy and Support at Community Colleges." National Women's Studies Association. "Protest, Justice, and Transnational Organizing." Panel Member. San Francisco, California. Nov. 14-19, 2019.
- "The Female Prostitute: Bearing All Sins of Society in *Measure for Measure*." Southern Central Modern Language Association. Dallas, Texas. Nov. 3-5, 2016.
- "'Rape, I Fear, Was Root of Thy Annoy': Early Modern and Current-Day Legal and Societal Reinforcements of Victim Blame." Critical Voices Conference. University of North Texas. Mar. 27-28, 2015.
- "Isabella Whitney's 'Will and Testament': Patriarchal Marginalization & the Mock Testament Genre." Digital Utopias: Literary Space(s) in the Digital Age. University of Texas at Arlington. April 5, 2014.
- "'Black Lust...Which Forfeit All a Wretched Man's Estate': Women Falsely Accused of Murder in *The White Devil* (1612) and *Sommer v. U.S.* (2009)." RAW: Research, Art, and Writing. University of Texas at Dallas. Mar. 21-22, 2014.
- "Ethics as Evolution." Human Enhancement Symposium, April 2011, Richardson, Texas. Unpublished Poster Presentation. Center for Values in Science, Technology, and Medicine, Richardson, TX, 2011.
- "Renaissance Meets the 20th Century: Petrarchan & Ovidian Discursive Tradition Imagery in Baz Luhrmann's *Romeo + Juliet*." Far West Popular and American Culture Association, 22nd Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, Mar. 14, 2010.
- "Juicy Lucy: Female Subjugation in Las Vegas Advertising." Panel Member. Far West Popular and American Culture Association, 22nd Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada Mar. 14, 2010.
- In the *Twilight* Zone: Ever-Lasting Romance and the Borderline Personality." Far West Popular and American Culture Association, 21st Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, Mar. 13, 2009.

INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation. "IRAC: Applying Law to Facts." Communication & Media Law Course. The University of Texas at Dallas. April 9, 2026.

Presentation. "How to Craft the Best Personal Statement for Law School." The University of Texas at Dallas. February 18, 2026.

Presentation. "Legal Research and Writing for the Undergraduate Student." UTD Pre-Law Kickoff. The University of Texas at Dallas. September 2, 2025.

Presentation. "Author Talk: *Law, Literature, and Violence Against Women: Ending the Victim Blame Game*." UTD Pre-Law Conference. The University of Texas at Dallas. May 2, 2025.

Presentation. "Secret, Silent, and Sinister: Understanding Dating and Domestic Violence." Dallas College Mental Health Symposium. Brookhaven Campus. April 4, 2025.

Panel Presentation. "Women Authors' Talk: Women's History Month." Dallas College, Eastfield Campus. March 26, 2025.

Presentation. "Lunch and Learn: *Law, Literature, and Violence Against Women* with Dr. Erin Kelley." Professional Development Credit Session with Counselors. Dallas College. December 11, 2024.

Keynote Speech, "Domestic Violence in a Culture of Complicity," Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Dallas College. Oct. 16, 2024.

Keynote Speech. "Teaching, Learning, and Growing with CARE." Kappa Delta Phi Teacher's Honors Society, Dallas College. Oct. 11, 2024.

Keynote Speech. "Service Leadership and the Next Generation." Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Dallas College, Richland Campus. Mar. 24, 2023.

Presentation. "DARVO: How Rapists, Stalkers, Harassers, and Abusers Keep Getting Away With It." CAASA (Campus Alliance Against Sexual Assault). Nov. 30, 2022.

Co-Presentation. ["Just a Joke? The Realities and Legalities of Rape Culture."](#) Co-Presenter with Dr. Kendra Unruh. Presentation for Women's History Month. Dallas College. March 24, 2021.

Presentation. "Essay Writing 101: Making Research Work for You." Dallas College—Richland Campus. English Corner. November 5, 2019.

Presentation. "Invention and the Writing Process." Dallas College--Richland Campus. English Corner. September 17, 2019.

Presentation. "Law and Literature in a Culture of Writing." Presenter. Culture of Writing Festival. Dallas College—Mountain View Campus. Dallas, TX. March 20, 2019.

Presentation. "Essay Writing 101: Effective Introduction & Conclusion Paragraphs." Dallas College--Richland Campus. English Corner. February 26, 2019.

Presentation. "Integrating Sources in Your Writing." Dallas College—Richland Campus.

English Corner. November 8, 2017.

Co-Presentation. “Shakespeare and Inspiration.” Co-Presented with Dr. Jessica Oxendine.
Dallas College--Richland Campus Honors Academy. September 28, 2016.

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP & PUBLIC DISCOURSE

TEDx Talk. [“How Law Stigmatizes Rape Victims.”](#) TEDx Mountain View College.
Dallas, TX. Feb. 5, 2019.

Presentation. “It’s All the Same: Victim Blame in Different Forms of Violence Against Women.”
The Conference on Crimes Against Women. Dallas, Texas. May 19, 2026.

Podcast Interview, [“The Link Between Sexual Harassment & Patriarchal Social Conditioning.”](#) Genesis: The Podcast, Host: Maria MacMullin. October 7, 2024.

Podcast Interview, [“Unraveling Gender Bias in Society, Law and Media.”](#) Genesis: The Podcast, Host: Maria MacMullin. March 25, 2024.

Public Speech. [“Student Success and Faculty Engagement.”](#) (Begins at 9:23-14:40).
Dallas College Board of Trustees Meeting. Oct. 5, 2021. Written by Dr.
Jessica Oxendine, Dr. Kendra Unruh, and Prof. Mary Wood.

Podcast Interview. [“Self-Discovery Through Difficulty.”](#) “Stand Up and Speak Up”
Podcast. Host: Walt Grassl. March 26, 2020.

Podcast Interview. [“What We Were, What We Are, And What We Might Be.”](#) Interview.
“An Unconventional Life.” Host: Dr. Russell Strickland. February 26, 2021.

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Institutional Service Leadership Roles

Debate and Public Speaking Judge, DFW Swing Tournament, The University of Texas at
Dallas. Oct. 26, 2025; Oct. 6, 2024.

Co-Chair, Edgar Allan “Poe”-try Show, Dallas College, Richland Campus, October 22,
2025.

Texas Community College Teachers Association Richland Campus Representative,
Fall 2024-present.

Faculty Sponsor, PSYCHED Student Club for Mental Health and Wellness, Fall 2024-
Spring 2025.

Co-Author, “Faculty Climate Survey 2024,” Survey, Dallas College, Welfare &
Benefits Committee (Chair), March 2024.

Panel Co-Presenter, “Title IX and Texas Law for Faculty,” Professional Development
Session, Dallas College, October 24, 2023.

President, Dallas College, Richland Campus Faculty Association. June 2022-May 2024.

Secretary, Dallas College Faculty Association. June 2022-May 2024.

Chair, Welfare and Benefits Committee, Dallas College Faculty Association. June 2022-May 2024.

Faculty Representative, Campus Leadership Advisory Team, Dallas College—Richland Campus. August 2022-May 2024.

Faculty Advocate, CAASA (College Alliance Against Sexual Assault), Dallas College, Fall 2022-present.

Mentor, Women's Employee Resource Group. Dallas College—Richland Campus, Fall 2020-2021.

Faculty Champion Mentor During COVID-19 Pandemic. Dallas College--Richland Campus, Spring 2020.

Chair, English Faculty Search Committee. Dallas College--Richland Campus, Fall 2019.

Faculty Student Mentor, Dallas College--Richland Campus, 2018-2019.

Lead Faculty, Study Abroad Program to British Isles, Dallas College--Richland Campus, 2018-2019.

Co-Presenter, Professional Development, "Developing Learning Power Best Practices," Dallas College--Richland Campus, March 1, 2018.

Faculty Mentor, Dallas College--Richland Campus Athletic Department, 2017-2018.

Title IX Investigator Trainee, Dallas College--Richland Campus, 2016-2017.

Faculty Fellow, The 13th Institute on Quality and Enhancement and Accreditation. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Austin, Texas. July 16-19, 2017.

Academic Writing Coach, English Corner, Dallas College--Richland Campus, 2015-2018.

English Broadside Ballad Transcriptionist, University of Texas at Dallas, Fall-2010-Spring 2011, Advisor: Dr. Jessica C. Murphy.

Professional Service Leadership Roles

Peer Reviewer, [*Law, Culture, and the Humanities*](#), Amherst College, Spring 2025-present.

Chair, The Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference, "Absence, the Present and the Past." Panel: "Children and the Law." University of Toronto School of Law, Toronto, Ontario Canada. June 22-23, 2023.

Chair, The Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Conference,
“Unsettling Law.” Panel: “Interpreting Law.” Emory University School of Law,
Atlanta, Georgia. June 16-17, 2022.

Textbook Reviewer, 2014. W.W. Norton & Company. *The Norton Field Guide to
Writing With Readings* (4e). (Acknowledgement on p. xii).

Poetry Editor, *WordRiver Literary Review*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2009-2010.

Professional Service Publication

“Teaching Collaboration Across the Disciplines.” *World Languages,
Cultures, and Communications News From the English Department*.
Dallas College--Richland Campus. 1.9 (February 2017).

HONORS

Awards

The Victor Worsfold Award for Teaching Excellence
Category: Excellence in Creating a New Innovative Course
Course: Legal Research and Writing for the Undergraduate
The University of Texas at Dallas, Fall 2025.

“Outstanding Woman of Today, Builder of Tomorrow” Award, Education Sector, Altrusa
International, October 18, 2024.

Inspirational Leader Award, LinkedIn, December 6, 2022.

Faculty Fellow Award. Dallas College. [Global Citizenship Alliance Seminar](#), Salzburg,
Austria, July 6-14, 2022.

Developing Learning Power Teaching Award, Dallas College--Richland Campus,
January 2017.

University of Texas at Dallas Betty and Gifford Harris Travel Grant, 2015.

Amjurisprudence Award, Advanced Criminal Law, Texas Tech University School of Law, May
2000.

President’s List, Texas Tech University, 1994, 1996, 1997.

Dean’s List, Texas Tech University, 1993-1997.

Award Nominations

The President’s Teaching Excellence Award in Part-Time Instruction Nomination, The
University of Texas at Dallas, Fall 2025. (Student-Nomination).

The Scribes Book Award Nomination (2025) for *Law, Literature, and Violence Against*

Women: Ending the Victim Blame Game.

Documentary Series Nomination Candidate. Arras Sisters Project: Equip, Engage, Educate, and Empower Women. "104 Documentaries," January 2019.

Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) International Doctoral Scholar Award Nominee, 2013.

Scholarships

University of Texas at Dallas, Program in Humanities Graduate Student Scholarship, 2003-2004, 2011-2014.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX, Lecturer, 2024-present, 2011-2016,
2004-2005, Instructor of Record
Legal Research and Writing for the Undergraduate Student
Composition II
World Literature I: The Hero's Journey
Literary Analysis

Dallas College--Richland Campus, Dallas, TX 2011-present, Professor
Composition I
Composition II
American Literature I & II
World Literature I & II
British Literature I
Composition I: Law and Social Justice
Composition II: Race, Gender, & Identity
Composition II: Exploring Literature
Composition II: The Flipped Classroom
Tragic Heroes in World Literature I
Rebel Characters in World Literature II
Connecting Our Modern Day Society With British Literature
Shakespeare & Representations of Humanity
Race & Identity in World Literature
Gender & Justice in American Literature
Decision-Making in the Age of Social Media
COVID-19 Crisis Composition II

Tarrant County College, Ft. Worth, TX 2014-2018, Adjunct Professor
Composition II: Exploring Literature
British Literature I to 1800
World Literature II from 1650
World Literature I to 1650
British Literature II from 1650
Federal Government: Federal Constitution & Topics
Texas Government

The College of Southern Nevada, Henderson, NV, 2008-2016, Adjunct Professor

Composition 100 Combined-Credit Developmental Writing and Composition I
Composition I
Composition II

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV, 2008-2010, Adjunct Professor
Composition II

MICROCREDENTIALS & CERTIFICATES

“PerusALL Social Learning Platform,” Certificate, Dallas, Texas, Aug. 25, 2024.

“Trauma-Informed Coaching and Counseling,” Certificate, Dallas, Texas, June 15, 2024.

“Trauma and Recovery Practitioner,” Certificate, Dallas, Texas, June 10, 2023.

“Sexual Violence Prevention for Students,” Certificate, Dallas, Texas, October 23, 2023.

“Resolving Conflict in My Department.” Certificate, Starlink Professional Development,
Dallas Texas, August 22, 2022.

“Promoting Active Learning,” Microcredential, Association of College and University
Excellent (ACUE). Dallas, Texas, July 23, 2022.

“Global Citizenship,” Microcredential, Global Citizenship Alliance: Engaging
Institutions & Individuals, Mondsee, Austria, July 14, 2022.

PARTICIPANT ROLES

Institutional Service Participant Roles

Faculty Representative, Dallas College. “Workday Rising” Conference, San Francisco,
California, September 26-29, 2023.

Workshop Participant, “The Anti-Racist Writing Workshop: A Call to Create Healthy,
Sustainable, and Empowering Classroom Communities.” Dallas College,
Microsoft Teams, August 17, 2023.

Focus Group Participant, “Workday Phase One Lessons Learned Focus Group—End
Users,” Dallas College, May 3, 2023.

Co-Author, “Service to the College and Faculty Accolades” Document, Dallas College,
Welfare & Benefits Committee (Chair), February 2023.

Faculty Representative, “Evolving: Accreditation in the Credentialing Landscape,” by Dr.
Barbara Gellman-Delany, President of Higher Learning Commission Accrediting
Agency. With Dallas College Chancellor Dr. Justin Lonon, Chair of the Board of
Trustees, Ms. Monica Lira Bravo, and Vice Provost Dr. Shawda Floyd. Chicago,
IL. Jan. 11, 2023.

Member, Instructional Goals and Academic Freedom Committee. Dallas College—
Dallas College Faculty Association, Fall 2021-Spring 2022.

Conference Participant, AAC&U Diversity, Equity, and Student Success. “Engaged Inclusivity: Perceptions, Realities, and Aspirations.” Pittsburg, PA. Mar. 28-30, 2019.

Member, Achieving the Dream. Dallas College—Richland Campus, Fall 2019- Spring 2021.

Member, Composition I & II Textbook Committee, Dallas College--Richland Campus, 2018-2019.

Member, Adjunct Faculty Credentialing Committee for English Department, Dallas College—Richland Campus, 2018-2019.

Conference Participant, Texas Course Redesign Workshop. Irving, Texas. Sept. 21, 2018.

Member, Faculty Association Document Review Committee, Dallas College--Richland Campus, 2018-2019.

Member, Equity Richland. Dallas College—Richland Campus, Fall 2019-Spring 2021.

Member, Composition II Adjunct Handbook Committee, Dallas College--Richland Campus, 2016.

Participant, Composition II Literature Pilot Program, Dallas College--Richland Campus, 2014-2017.

Member, Composition I Grammar Diagnostic Committee, Dallas College--Richland Campus, 2014.

Professional Service Participant Roles

Presentation Participant, “The State of Masculinity: Insights and Pathway’s for Prevention.” The Conference on Crimes Against Women. Dallas, Texas. May 18, 2026.

Conference Participant, “Conference on Crimes Against Women.” Dallas, Texas. May 22-25, 2023.

Cyberstalking Awareness Program Participant, “Digital Abuse & Cyberstalking: How It Works & How We Can Help,” by Andie Woodard, Hope’s Door New Beginning Center. Jan. 31, 2023.

Presentation Participant, “Vulnerability, Justice, and the Human Condition,” by Prof. Martha A. Fineman. Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. Online. Nov. 22, 2022.

Conference Participant, “Faculty Leaders Conference.” Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA), “Faculty Leaders Conference.” Online. Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2022.

Workshop Participant. “Creating Belonging for All Students: An In-Person Practice of Community Experience.” Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training by Lumen Learning. Texas Community College Teacher’s Association 75th Annual

Convention. Frisco, TX. March 3, 2022.

Workshop Participant. “*Ms. Magazine* Writing for a Popular Press Workshop.” National Women’s Studies Association. “Protest, Justice, and Transnational Organizing.” San Francisco, California. Nov. 14, 2019.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Board of Directors, [Legacy Cares Non-Profit Organization](#), Dallas, Texas,
November 2023-September 2025.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Dallas College Faculty Association
Texas Community College Teachers Association
Texas Association Against Sexual Assault
Campus Alliance Against Sexual Assault
The Association for Law, Culture, and the Humanities
National Women’s Studies Association
Fulbright Association, Dallas Chapter
South Central Modern Language Association
The Renaissance Society of America
Phi Theta Kappa

TEACHING PLATFORMS

Brightspace
Blackboard
WebCT
Angel
Canvas
E-College
Online Learning System
New Classroom

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST