

CURRICULUM VITAE
SARA M. DYE

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in English, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2013-2020

Major Field: Rhetoric and Composition: Religious Rhetoric, Politics, and Civic Life

Dissertation Title: Investigating the Relationship between Religious Motives and Rhetorical Activism: an Ethnographic Study of the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty

Dissertation Committee: Michael-John DePalma (Director), Kara Poe Alexander, T J Geiger II, Edward C. Polson, Coretta Pittman

B.A., highest honors and thesis, University of Mobile, Mobile, AL, 2013

Major Fields: English and Humanities

Minor Fields: Philosophy and Psychology

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Lecturer, Professional Writing and Rhetoric, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2024-present

Affiliate Faculty, Environmental Humanities Minor, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2024-present

Lecturer (Temporary Full-Time), Professional Writing and Rhetoric, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2022-2024

Faculty Support Staff, Baylor in Maastricht, Bears Abroad, Baylor University Center for Global Engagement, Maastricht, Netherlands, May 29-July 8, 2023

Program Manager, Carceral Systems Initiatives, Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2021-2022

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2020-2021

Graduate Assistant to the Associate Dean of Engaged Learning, College of Arts and Sciences, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2019-2020

Academic Mentor, Academic Support Programs, Paul L. Foster Success Center, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2019-2020

Assistant Director of First-Year Writing, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2017-2019

Teacher of Record, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2014-2018

Assistant Grant Editor, Office of the Vice Provost for Research, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2016-2017

Writing Consultant, Athletic Writing Center, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2013-2014

PUBLICATIONS

Dye, Sara M. "Walking in COVID Times: Practicing *Flânerie*, Practicing Politics." *South Atlantic Review*, vol. 87, no. 2, 2022, pp. 38-59

Dye, Sara M. and Michael-John DePalma. "Social Christian Theology Animating Civic Rhetorical Activism." *New Directions in Rhetoric and Religion*, edited by James W. Vining, Lexington Books, 2021, pp. 49-72

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Reinvigorating Rhetorical Genre Studies,” Rhetoric Society of America, May 23-26, 2024
- “...having to work and [having] to take care of home responsibilities and having to help them with their schoolwork; yeah, it’s a lot’: COVID-19, Women’s Labor, Food Insecurity, and Possibilities for a New Normal,” Rhetoric Society of America, May 29, 2022
- “A New Kind of Service-Learning: Preparing for the Think-Tank, the Research Institute, and the Halls of Congress,” Conference on College Composition and Communication, March 9, 2022
- “‘The politics we must practice’: Practicing *Flânerie* in the Time of COVID,” South Atlantic Modern Language Association, October 29, 2021
- “‘With your resources, we were healthy’: Rhetorics of Food, Location, and Health in Interviews with Emergency-Meals-to-You (eMTY) Participants,” with Courtney LK Haworth, Rhetoric of Health and Medicine Symposium, September 10, 2021
- “...because summers are a struggle for me...’: Emergency Meals-to-You Participant Narratives,” Just Food Conference (ASFS, AFHVS, CAFS, and SAFN), June 9, 2021
- “Hospitable Spaces in Inhospitable Environments: The Possibilities and Limitations of Hospitality in the Writing Classroom,” Student Success in Writing Conference, Georgia Southern University, April 16, 2021
- “‘What is Our Discipline? Who Are We?’: Exploration at the Intersections of Identity, Community, and Disciplinarity,” Conference on College Composition and Communication, accepted, April 2021 (session cancelled due to COVID-19)
- “The Paradox of the Hospitable Classroom: Writing and Sharing Diverse Identities at Religiously-Affiliated Institutions of Higher Education,” Rhetoric Society of America, accepted, May 2020 (conference cancelled due to COVID-19)
- “Articulating Religious Motives in Civic Activism: A Case Study of the Texas Hunger Initiative,” Religious Rhetorics in the Twenty-first Century, October 5, 2018
- “Listening and Story-Telling: Creatively, Theoretically, and Pragmatically Reimagining Community-Based Writing,” Conference on College Composition and Communication, March 16, 2018
- “What We Say Matters: Responsible Rhetoric and Community Engagement,” No Need Among You: Texas Christian Community Development Network Conference, October 6, 2016
- “The Place of the Incarnation: Wendell Berry’s Vision of Man’s Heavenly, Earthly Home,” South Atlantic Modern Language Association, November 8, 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Baylor University

Lecturer, Professional Writing and Rhetoric (2022-present)

Affiliate Faculty, Environmental Humanities Minor (2024-present)

PWR 3300: Technical Writing

PWR 3303: Argumentative and Persuasive Writing

PWR 3318: Professional and Workplace Writing

PWR 3381: Food Writing and Foodways (course code approval pending)

PWR 4309: Undergraduate Research and Publication

PWR 4311: Writing for Social Change

Teacher of Record (2014-2018)

ENG 3303: Advanced Argumentative and Persuasive Writing

ENG 1302: Thinking and Writing

ENG 1304: Thinking, Writing, and Research

FAS 1302: Special Topics—Thinking and Writing about Poverty and Social Justice
Instructor, Baylor Lifelong Learning course: “Foodways: Exploring Food, Culture, and Memory,”
March 13, 20, 27, and April 3, 2022
Instructor, Baylor Lifelong Learning course: “A Literary Introduction to Social Justice,” November
7, 14, and 21, 2019
Instructor, Baylor Lifelong Learning course: “Shakespeare’s Comedies,” October 8, 15, and 22, 2018
Instructor, Baylor Lifelong Learning course: “Story-based Advocacy,” October 3, 10, 17, and 24,
2017
Instructor, Baylor Honors Colloquium: “For Those Seeking Sanity: Calmly and Intelligently
Navigating the Turbulence of Breaking News,” September 30, 2019
Instructor, Baylor Honors Colloquium: “(Re)Learning How to Play: An Exploration of Why We
Should All Play More,” upcoming, April 8, 2019
Instructor, Baylor Honors Colloquium: “On Trails,” September 10, 2018
Instructor, Baylor Honors Colloquium: “*Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close*: Trauma Theory &
Postmodern Experimentation,” January 29, 2018
Instructor, Baylor Honors Colloquium: “*The New Jim Crow*: The Role of Race and Racism in Mass
Incarceration in the United States,” November 6, 2017
Instructor, Baylor Honors Colloquium: “*Out of Sorts*: Wrestling with Faith, Doubt, and Spiritual
Writing,” October 24, 2016
Assistant, Dr. Michael-John DePalma’s ENG 4375: Rhetoric, Religion, and Spiritual Composition
course, Spring 2016

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

Recipient, Charles G. Smith Award for Outstanding Graduate Student, Baylor University English
Department, Waco, TX, 2020
Recipient, James E. Barcus Dissertation Fellowship, Baylor University English Department, Waco,
TX, 2018-2019
Recipient, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Baylor University Graduate School,
Waco, TX, 2018
Recipient, Baylor Athletics Outstanding Professor Award, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2016
Nominee, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Baylor University Graduate School,
Waco, TX, 2016
Recipient, Annie Boyd Parker Weaver Award, University of Mobile, Mobile, AL, 2013

WORKSHOP AND TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, Baylor First-Year Writing Program’s New Teacher of Record Orientation, August 21-22,
2024—upcoming
Presenter, “Handling Teaching Failures,” workshop with Baylor English Department 1310
instructors, October 27, 2023
Presenter, “Best Practices in Dissertation Writing,” Baylor Graduate School Dissertation Lab, May
16, 2023
Presenter, “Negotiating the Post-Pandemic Market and Pursuing Alt-Ac Positions,” British Women
Writers Conference, May 19, 2022
Presenter, “Addressing Incarceration and Recidivism: Prison Entrepreneurship Program,”
Envisioning Equity Series, Baylor External Affairs, April 21, 2022
Presenter, “Writing Assignments for the Literature Classroom,” Baylor English Department
Teaching Literature Colloquium Series, September 26, 2019

Presenter, “Preparing for Your Prelims and Prospectus,” English Graduate Student Association Professional Development, April 9, 2019

Presenter, “Tutoring the Undergraduate Research Project,” Baylor University Writing Center, February 25, 2019

Presenter, “Laying Our Stories Side by Side: Using Personal Narrative to Promote Cross-Cultural Communication,” Baylor Public Deliberation Initiative Civic Life Summit, October 12, 2018

Planner and co-leader, Baylor First-Year Writing Program’s New Teacher of Record Orientation, August 13-17, 2018

Planner and co-leader, Baylor First-Year Writing Program’s New Teacher of Record Orientation, August 14-18, 2017

Presenter, “Unit Planning,” Baylor First-Year Writing Program’s New Teacher of Record Orientation, August 16, 2016

Presenter, “Religious Rhetoric and Service,” Baylor Urban Missions Student Leader Training, January 2016

Presenter, “Classroom Strategies and Activities,” Baylor First-Year Writing Program’s New Teacher of Record Orientation, August 19, 2015

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE, BAYLOR ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Faculty Advisor, Professional Writing & Rhetoric Undergraduate Organization, August 2024-present

Member, English Department DEIB Committee, August 2024-present

Member, English Department First-Year Writing Committee, August 2024-present

Invited panelist, Job Market and Alt-Ac Q&A facilitated by EGSA, March 31, 2022

Co-organizer and committee member, Teaching Literature Colloquium Series, 2018-2020

Peer Advisor, English Graduate Student Association (EGSA), 2018-2019

Mentor to Teacher of Record Daniel Smith, 2018-2019

President, English Graduate Student Association (EGSA), 2017-2018

Mentor to Teacher of Record Jonathan Canary, 2017-2018

Member, English Department First-Year Writing Committee, 2015-2019

Vice-President, English Graduate Student Association (EGSA), 2016-2017

Member, English Graduate Student Association (EGSA) Fundraising Committee, 2015, 2016, 2017

Mentor to Teacher of Record Luke Mitchell, 2016-2017

Professional Development Coordinator, English Graduate Student Association (EGSA), 2015-2016

Mentor to Teacher of Record Alicia Constant, 2015-2016

Member, English Department Social Committee, 2014-2015

Member, Beall Poetry Committee, 2014

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE, BAYLOR COLLABORATIVE ON HUNGER AND POVERTY

Member, DEI working group, Fall 2021

Planner and facilitator, staff book discussion, May 14, 2021

UNIVERSITY SERVICE, BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Search Committee Member, BIC Rhetoric Search, Fall 2024

Graduate Fellow, Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty Research Fellows, 2017-2020

Graduate Student Associate, Baylor Public Deliberation Initiative, 2017-2020

Selection Committee Member, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Spring 2019

Graduate Student Counseling Center Focus Group Participant, August 2017

Leader, Story-Based Advocacy trip to Lubbock, TX, sponsored by Baylor Missions, March 2017

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT, WACO, TX

Member, Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, TX, 2013-present
Deacon, 2015-2018, 2022-present (co-chair, August 2023-August 2024)
Teacher, adult Sunday School, 2022-present
Volunteer, nursery, 2013-2019, 2022-present
Teacher, 4th-6th grade Sunday School, August 2016-August 2020
Elected member of Pastor Search Committee, September 2016-May 2017
Guest discussion facilitator, Live Oak Classical School, Waco, TX, September 30 and October 1, 2021
Teacher, Afterschool Program Creative Writing Workshop, Brook Avenue Elementary School, Waco ISD, Waco, TX, 2018-2019

REFERENCES

Dr. Michael-John DePalma, Professor and Interim Department Chair, English Department, Baylor University, Waco, TX, office ph. (254) 710-6899, E-mail: Michael-John_DePalma@baylor.edu
Dr. Coretta Pittman, Associate Dean for Diversity and Belonging and Associate Professor, College of Arts and Sciences, Baylor University, Waco, TX, office ph. (254) 710-6980, E-mail: Coretta_Pittman@baylor.edu
Dr. Kara Poe Alexander, Professor and Director of the University Writing Center, Baylor University, Waco, TX, office ph. (254) 710-7400, E-mail: Kara_Alexander@baylor.edu
Dr. Jon Singletary, Dean and Professor, Diana R. Garland School of Social Work, Baylor University, Waco, TX, office ph. (254) 710-4819, E-mail: Jon_Singletary@baylor.edu
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