

## Matthew C. Hawk

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### Education

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- **Baylor University** Waco, TX  
*Doctorate of Philosophy*, English, anticipated May 2027
- **University of Memphis** Memphis, TN  
*Master of Fine Arts*, Creative Writing, December 2021
- **University of Notre Dame** Notre Dame, IN  
*Master of Education*, May 2014  
*Bachelor of Arts*, English, May 2012

### Publications

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#### *Creative:*

- “*Pasce oves meas.*” Original poem in *Iron Horse Literary Review*. Photofinish 2021 issue
- “I, Icarus,” “Apollo’s Archaic Torso” & “Dreaming of Drowning.” Original poems in *Rio Grande Review*. Spring 2021
- “Drive-in Movie During a Pandemic” & “Self-Portrait in a Dirty Mirror with the Lights Off.” Original poems in *Appalachian Review*, vol. 49, issue 1. Winter 2021
- *Poems from the Heart*. Desert Willow Press, 2018. Chapbook of original poems

#### *Scholarly:*

##### Articles:

- “Elma Stuckey: The Historian’s Poet Laureate.” *Mississippi Quarterly*. vol. 50, issue 2. Spring 2021
- “Kenneth Lawrence Beaudoin: Poet-Laureate of the Mid-South.” *Arkansas Review*, vol. 51, issue 3. December 2020

##### Reviews/Interviews

- “A Review of *Life on the Mississippi* by Rinker Buck.” *Mark Twain Journal*. Volume 61, No. 1. Spring 2023
- “Eudora Welty Interviewed by Dick Cavett, 1979.” *Eudora Welty Review*. Volume 15, Spring 2023
- “The Saddest Words: A Review of Michael Gorra’s New Book on William Faulkner.” *The Southern Quarterly*, issue 57.4. Summer 2020

### Conference Presentations

“Everything You Never Knew About Whaling, and More! Freakonomics Podcast on Whaling and *Moby-Dick*.” Delivered at 45th Southwest Popular/American Culture Association (SWPACA) Conference Spring 2024 in Albuquerque, NM

““Something Tart and Ironic”: The Blues as Sensual Gospel in James Baldwin’s *The Fire Next Time*.” Delivered at 80th South Central Modern Language Association Conference Fall 2023 in Corpus Christi, TX

“In the Hands of Young Men’: The Ecology of Youth in *Mrs. Dalloway*.” Delivered at 32nd Annual International Conference on Virginia Woolf, Summer 2023, in Fort Myers, FL

“Grief Beyond Belief: The Elegy in Contemporary American Spiritual Poetry.” Delivered at Spring 2023 Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture in Louisville, KY

“‘The Truth Will Be There Yet’: *No Country for Old Men* and The Search for Truth.” Delivered at Fall 2022 Cormac McCarthy Society Conference in Savannah, GA

### Professional Experience

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**Baylor University** Waco, TX August 2022-present

*Teacher of Record & Graduate Assistant, Department of English*

- Teach American literature & English composition courses to students from broad range of majors
- Proof & edit articles for *T.S. Eliot Studies Annual*

- Research undergraduate English major at other universities for Baylor curriculum redesign & development

**Baylor University** Waco, TX August 2021-May 2022

*Lecturer, Department of English*

- Teach American literature & English composition courses to students from broad range of majors

**University of Memphis** Memphis, TN January 2019-July 2021

*Teacher of Record & Graduate Assistant, Department of English*

- Instruct English composition courses for students of diverse backgrounds & learning styles
- Read, screen, & discuss submissions for *The Pinch* student-run literary magazine as Lead Poetry Editor
- Proof & edit articles as Editorial Assistant for *Studies in American Culture*

**Southwest Tennessee Community College** Memphis, TN August 2019-May 2020

*Adjunct Faculty, Department of Languages & Literature*

- Teach English composition to students with nontraditional learning backgrounds & career trajectories

**Everspring Partners** Chicago, IL November 2017-November 2018

*Admissions Advisor*

- Respond to prospective online graduate students' requests for information over the phone & via email

**Mount Carmel High School** Chicago, IL July 2015-July 2017

*Admissions Specialist & Teacher*

- Teach freshmen college prep English & assess accuracy of student placement within tracked English program
- Analyze reports on student demographics to promote neighborhood-oriented student recruitment

**Perspectives High School of Technology** Chicago, IL August 2014-June 2015

*Teacher*

- Improve reading & writing abilities in students with initially below grade-level abilities
- Provide counseling for social-emotional development & career guidance in college prep advisory course

**St. John Catholic High School** Plaquemine, LA August 2012-May 2014

*Teacher*

- Develop keener critical reading & reasoning skills in British & American literature students
- Promote cultural sensitivity & inclusivity amongst widely homogeneous church & school community

### **Awards & Accolades**

2023 Saguaro Poetry Book Prize Honorable Mention from Kallisto Gaia Press

2023 Dorothy Scarborough Graduate Prize in Fiction from Beall Poetry Festival

2021 Denny C. Plattner Award in Poetry from *Appalachian Review*

2021 Photofinish Poetry Contest - Semifinalist from *Iron Horse Literary Review*